Villas of Grand Cypress — situated among the fairways and waterways of the Jack Nicklaus designed golf course.

A Successful 12th Annual Crowfoot Open

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The elegant surroundings of the Grand Cypress Resort helped to make the 12th Annual Crowfoot Open a memorable weekend for all participants and their guests from August 6th through the 8th in Orlando, Florida.

Hospitality plus was shown to all by the host chapter, Central Florida, the Crowfoot Committee, all the resort staff, and volunteers.

The FGCSA held a board meeting Saturday August 6th. An educational seminar was offered Sunday August 7th. The topics were Fungicide Treatment, Tree Selection, and Refurbishing Projects. All three were extremely well presented. Sunday evening festivities included cocktails, buffet dinner, door prizes, entertainment and dancing.

Monday morning, August 8th, a complimentary continental breakfast was served in the club. After breakfast it was check-in time for the golf tournament and warm-up out on the driving range.
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Starting time for the shotgun tournament was 9:00 A.M. While the participants waited in their carts for the start, a hubbub of friendly chatter filled the morning air. Then, they were off anticipating a good round of golf.

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The New Course complements the existing 27 holes, also designed by Jack Nicklaus, but features steeper and more challenging bunkers and slopes. There are 140 bunkers ranging from small pot bunkers to gaping bunkers which have steps for access. The new greens are much larger in square footage with the new 18 encompassing more area than all the existing 27 combined.

Tom Alex, the Golf Course Superintendent, gave a talk during the Buffet Dinner Sunday evening before the tournament. He knew this was the first time the Crowfoot Open was to be played on The New Course at Grand Cypress. His advice to everyone in the tournament was, “Stay out of the pot bunkers, watch out for the deep bunkers, and don’t hit it in the Love Grass mounds. Those of you who have never played it before, GOOD LUCK!”

The New Course at Grand Cypress is both interesting and challenging; a different golfing experience. These 18 holes bring the number of golf holes to 45 at Grand Cypress Resort. The original 18 holes (North and South nines) were recently

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voted into the Golf Digest Top 100 Golf Courses in the United States.

**Everglades Chapter Captures the Crow**

The Central Florida Chapter of FGCSA proved to be a most cordial host for The 1988 Crowfoot Open Golf Tournament. They even went so far as to relinquish their crown for the 2nd year, after 3 successive years as team winner.

The Everglades team of Jerry Redden, Mark Black, Richard Kaiser and Ron Richards won The 1988 Crow Foot Open by 5 shots over The Treasure Coast Chapter.

Scott Zakany won a match of cards over Lee Bennett for Low Gross Super, after both men posted fine scores of 69’s. Scott’s win gives him a spot on The GCSAA Team for Anaheim in 1989.

Jim Ellison of Central Florida was the Low Net Super, by winning a match of cards over Richard (Dick) Lemmel.

In The Suppliers Division Dick Johnson won a match of cards over Dick Bessier for low gross, after both shot 70.

Bill Gordon won the Calloway Division of Suppliers, with Bill Buchanan and Jerry Porter finishing 2nd and 3rd.

Prizes won by contestants were TV’s, VCR’s, phones, Answering machines and $100.00 gift certificates uniquely engraved in metal medallions.

We are thankful for our Diamond and Gold tournament sponsors. They helped make this tournament successful. We urge you to patronize their businesses. Many thanks for the excellent job accomplished by the well organized Crowfoot Committee, the Grand Cypress Resort Staff, Central Chapter Hosts, Tom Alex the Golf course Superintendent and his fine golf course maintenance staff, Paul Celano the Director of Golf, Larry and Vilma Kampfhaus, and many volunteers. The FGCSA members appreciate you all!