

Crowfoot Open

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The Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association and the Bay Hill Club and Lodge are proud to present the 5th annual Crowfoot Open on Monday, August 31. The open will be hosted and co-sponsored by the Central Florida Chapter.

This year's event is expected to be a special one with the tournament located at Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club in Orlando, home of the Bay Hill Classic.

Bay Hill will be able to accommodate most of the participants at the 72-room lodge and there are many other hotels within two or three miles of the course. DisneyWorld, Sea World, Citrus World and other attractions in Orlando should encourage many participants to make the Open a three-day vacation.

The great success of the Crowfoot Open during the past few years has brought it wide recognition as one of the most exciting tournaments for people in the turf industry.

The Crowfoot Open is a one-day shotgun start tournament. Golf course superintendents and commercial industry associates who are members of qualified chapters are eligible to participate. Each chapter will receive a designated number of entry forms with a detailed format of the tournament day festivities and registration and lodging costs. All entry forms and registration fees must be submitted to chapter presidents or external vice presidents. The chapters must submit forms and fees to the Crowfoot Open Committee no later than August 1.

The festivities will begin with a bass fishing tournament on the beautiful Bay Hill lakes from 5:30 to 7 a.m. A winner's trophy and other prizes will be awarded. Tournament registration and a full course breakfast buffet will be held from 8 to 9:30 a.m. The shotgun start will be at 10 a.m. and refreshments will be served on the course for the duration of the tournament. A luncheon of cold sandwiches will be available at the turn.

Immediately following the tournament at approximately 3 p.m., there will be a cocktail party for all players and guests in the Bay Hill Classic Room. The awards banquet will be in the main dining room from 4 to 6 p.m. There will be a gourmet buffet followed by the announcement of the tournament results and awards presentation.

During the banquet a drawing will be held for a vacation at the Bay Hill Club including golf and lodging. The drawing will also include golf clubs, golf bags, shoes and other prizes.

Much of the Crowfoot's success can be attributed to Suntree's membership. Last year 25 men and women volunteered to assist the Crowfoot Committee, Suntree's executive staff and association volunteers in scoring, marshaling, registration and other activities.

As the 1981 tournament nears, the Crowfoot Committee is quite proud of the accomplishments of the past few years. Last year, in addition to hosting an enjoyable event, the tournament submitted \$500.00 to G.C.S.A.A. to help the national association support professionalism, \$500.00 to F.T.G.A. for continued support and \$500.00 to Lake City Community College to be used for two \$250.00 scholarships to worthy students.

The first Crowfoot Open was held at Poinciana Golf and Racquet Club in 1977 and the second at Suntree Country Club in 1978. The Everglades Chapter won the first and second opens by one stroke over the host Central Florida Chapter. In 1979 the Central Florida Chapter defeated Everglades and five other chapters to capture the title.

The West Coast Chapter won the title for the first time in 1980. Low Gross team honors went to North Florida Chapter and individual honors to Fred Klauk.

Early registration is important because of an expected capacity field. We'll see you in Orlando. ■



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