

## SCHOLARSHIP & RESEARCH TOURNAMENT AT LONGBOAT KEY CLUB

The Longboat Key Men's Club raised four hundred seventy-six dollars for the FTGA Scholarship & Research Fund. The club sponsored an S&R Tournament on Wednesday, January 19, 1983. Each player was asked to donate one dollar before the round began, which netted \$157.00. On the third hole at Islandside the club featured a closest-to-the-pin and inside the circle contest for \$1.00 per player. Players who hit the ball inside the circle received 6 golf balls and the player closest-to-the-pin at the end of the day received a string trimmer donated by DeBra Enterprises. This contest netted \$119.00. In addition to the tournament the Men's Association had previously agreed to match funds up to \$200.00 which resulted in a grand total of \$476.00 to benefit all persons involved with turf in our state.



Mack Baugh, GCCS (left) receives \$476.00 check from Longboat Key Men's Club President Mr. Charles K. Esler.

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## SUNCOAST CHAPTER PRESENTS *First Annual "Suncoast Scramble"*

Not just another benefit golf tournament but an event of the golf industry of Sarasota and Manatee Counties, the "Suncoast Scramble" included 23 teams representing 18 Golf Clubs. Each team consisted of the superintendent, two members of his club and one special (commercial) member of the Suncoast Chapter. In most cases the club representatives were the golf professional and the club manager. Honored guests participating in the tournament were: Ron Garl (Golf Course Architect), Steve Batten (USGA Green Section), Mike Swanson (FTGA President), Bob Sanderson (Sec-Tres FGCSA) and Tom Stine (FLA. Golfweek). Tournament participants truly represented a cross section of the total golf industry.

The tournament was a great success in its very first year. The day's format consisted of a very informative presentation by Ron Garl, a buffet lunch, a putting contest, the scramble event and awards presentation. Special thanks to Palm Aire Country Club for the excellent facilities made available for our use.

First place was taken by the Gator Creek Team consisting of Larry Livingston, John Kindred, Tom Cook and Q.P. Hudson with a score of 59. Following closely with a 60 was the Capri Isles Team of Gary Dennis, Rob McCoy, Lee Kowalsi and Ron Garl. Taking third place was the Mission Valley Team of Greg Oberlander, Rick Hartman, Frank Evans and Steve Batten with a 62.

In addition to a very enjoyable and valuable experience had by all participants, a great deal of money was raised for the Scholarship & Research Fund. Representing half of the tournament proceeds, a check for \$750 was given to the Greater Sarasota Junior Golf Association. Greatly responsible for the financial success were area businesses that purchased \$50 sponsorships for the tournament. A special thanks to the following firms:

Air Comfort  
Anderson Mowers  
Pelican Ford  
Twin City Distributors  
Thompson Properties  
Lanning Tire  
Coast Federal Savings  
Mader Electric  
Balvanz Land Development

LESCO  
Foxfire Golf Club  
Oneco Paving  
Hibbs Farm & Garden  
Stanley Steemer  
Dorsey Mobile  
Wesco-Zaun  
Glen Oak's Turf  
Stottlemeyer & Shoemaker

Acme Distributing  
Boylan Sales  
J.A. Enterprises  
Tropex Batteries  
Electra-Tronics  
P & R Distributors  
House Of Golf  
Palmetto Pump

Merchandise contributions were also received by Spalding, Wilson, Hogan, and Titleist. ■