

# The Gator Grows

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## THE GATOR GROWS ABOUT THE POA ANNUA CLASSIC

The Ninth Annual Poa Annu Classic was again held at the Naples Beach Club and Hotel May 23, 1983. Superintendents from all Chapters except the Panhandle participated and enjoyed the facilities of our hosts; Henry Watkins, President, and Stan Norton, Superintendent, of the Beach Club.



The kick-off event was the board meeting of the Florida G.C.S.A., held at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, the 21st at the Beach Club was led by President Kevin Downing, Vice President Dan Delaney and Secretary-Treasurer Bob Sanderson. All Chapters were represented and the four hour meeting was all inclusive with our G.C.S.A.A. Board Member, John Hayden bringing us up on the National affairs.

Past President F.G.C.S.A. Bill Wagner opened the Sunday A.M. Seminar "STRESS in MANAGEMENT and HOW TO COPE", introducing Mr. James Arch of Orlando Florida. There were 26 members and one guest that participated in this very useful Seminar. This 1 credit C.E.U. course is recognized as a part of the G.C.S.A.A. continuing education program and credit towards G.C.S.A.A. Certification is recognized. There were attendees from all State Chapters with host

Chapter, Everglades being the leader with 12 superintendents or assistants in attendance.

From the very favorable comments of this course, especially concerning instructor Arch, the F.G.C.S.A. officers are seriously considering at the least, one and possibly two such meetings each year with Seminars at the POA & CROWFOOT GOLF CLASSICS and possibly at the F.T.G.A. if it can be arranged. F.G.C.S.A. is to be fully complimented on being the instrument of such outstanding educational benefits being made available for its members. When the next seminar is held, let's all support these events and use the efforts of our F.G.C.S.A. education committee Chairman Tom Burrows.

Poa Annu Classic Chairman Hank Maus, and E.G.C.S.A. President Mark Selby and the committee began the official opening of this years Classic by hosting a 7:00 P.M. cocktail party and social hour Sunday evening on the Beach Club's Gulfside lawn. The world famous Beach Club's Hawaiian Luau dinner followed at 8:00 with dining and dancing until midnight.

The highlights of the evening began with Chairman Maus and President Selby of the Everglades presenting plaques of appreciation to Hotel owner Henry Watkins, Jr. and Superintendent Stanley Norton for hosting the Everglades Chapter's Poa Classic the past two years. They also presented Downing with a check for \$1,000.00 from the Poa Classic to be used at the State Chapter's discretion. President Downing stated that half the gift would be assigned to turf research and half to the state chapters treasury. Last but not least, the three day all expenses Naples Beach Club weekend for two was won by Chainman Maus and the winners were newly-weds Jim and Sharon Young. (continued on page 36)



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Boylan Sales Inc. offered a Yamaha Utility Vehicle and EZ Go of Fla. and DeBRA Turf each put up an EZ Go G-7 utility vehicle as hole-in-one prizes. Unfortunately, no one was lucky enough to be a winner but Rocky Bryan came close on the 180 yard 16th with a shot of 3 ft. 6 1/2 in. For his prize of a \$50.00 gift certificate from pro Jim Duffy's shop, Rocky was still a winner.



Tournament Day - 7:30 A.M. the host Everglades presented a continental breakfast while events chairman Randy Vaughn's committee of ladies registered and presented the days packets to the 140 contestants. Chairman Maus had prizes galore, especially for anyone lucky enough to have an ace. The main hole in one prize was a Chevrolet being offered by Bill Branch Chevrolet of Ft. Myers and the Everglades prize to any acer of a spot in the \$100,000 National Hole-In-One Contest in Houston Texas, expenses paid except to and from travel.

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Ken Anderson won a like certificate for a 320 yard poke into the gulf wind on #9. Winners of low gross and low net respectively by chapters were;

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| North Florida   | - John Hayden   | - John Perham    |
| Everglades      | - Dick Bessire  | - Jack Faulk     |
| West Coast      | - Dennis Kustes | - Dan Morgan     |
| South Florida   | - Joe Panteleo  | - Robert Gerhart |
| Treasure Coast  | - Tex Ardoyno   | - Kevin Downing  |
| Palm Beach      | - Fred Klauk    | - Mike Terrill   |
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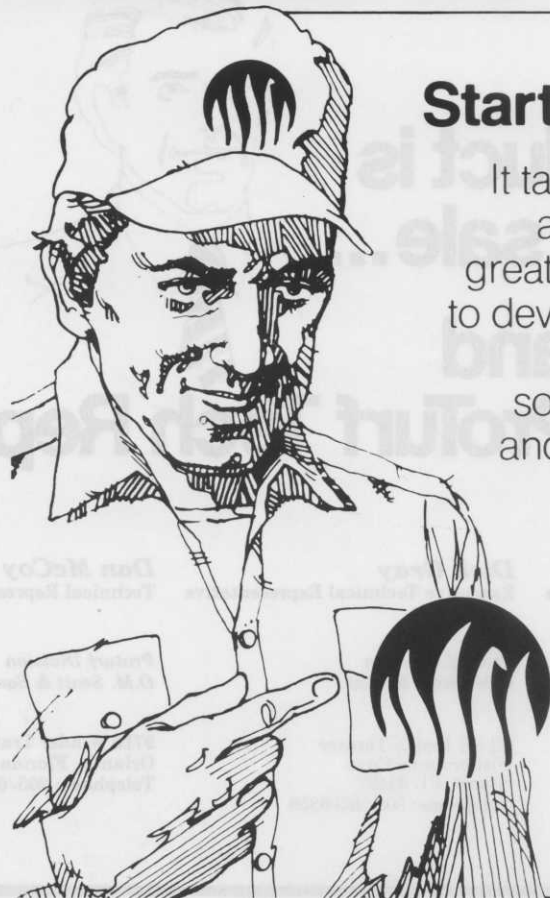
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Overall low gross ended in a tie with Fred Klauk and Joe Ondo both recording fine 71's on the excellently conditioned course. Joe eliminated Fred on the first play off hole one-up in head to head competition. Joe represented the Central Florida Chapter and is Superintendent at Winter Pine C.C. in Winter Park, Florida. As part of his prize in addition to his \$100.00 gift certificate, Joe was also the winner of the Mariner's Corp. all expense three days for two at the South Seas Plantation on Captiva Island. Our congratulations to Joe and Fred for a fine round of golf and we are very sorry there could only be one winner. Joe also qualified on the F.G.C.S.A. team at this years event at Litchfield Park's Wigwam course in Arizona at the G.C.S.A.A. tourney in 1984. Other berths are available for the winners of the Crowfoot and the F.T.G.A. events and for the golfer having the lowest score at all three state tourneys; so sharpen up your game fellows if you want a spot on the feared F.G.C.S.A. golf team.



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Everglades Chapter was fortunate to take the other two top prizes when David Fry of Arcadia's Sunny Breeze Palms won overall low net and the Chapter team brought the overall team trophy back to its rightful home by defeating 1983 team champion South Florida 281-283. Great job men!!



While the men were out testing the golf course, the ladies of the Everglades sponsored a luncheon and fashion show. Chairwoman Dodie Hall lined up one of Naples leading salon's of fashion, Frock and Frills, to display attire for the relaxed casual South Florida style of living as modeled by our Everglades ladies. It is our hope to make this a regular part of the Poa Annuu Classic and our thanks to the ladies who supported this initial event.



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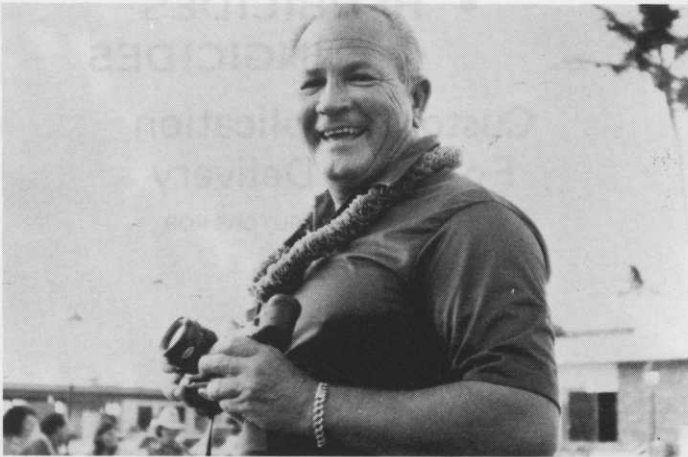
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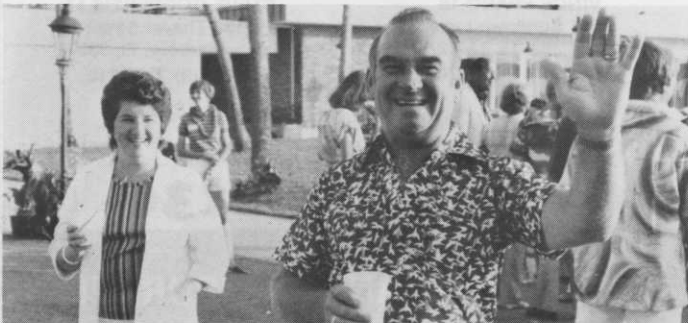
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We would be remiss if we didn't again thank Chairman Maus and his committee as well as the staff of Naples Beach Club for this year's successful event. The committee members were;



Chairman, Everglades V.P. Hank Maus  
Assistant Chairman and Host, Everglades Pres. Mark Selby and committee:  
Registration and Scoreboard; Randy Vaughn chrmn.; Clint Smallridge, Bob Snaderson, Muriel Moote, Barb Stewart, Nancy and Wendy Maus, Marlene Spainhour, and Dodie Hall.  
Golf Course and Sponsor Board; Stanley Norton, Chrmn.; Jim Doty and Dan Hall.  
Fashion Show; Dodie Hall, chrwmmn.; Nancy Maus, Muriel Moote, Hazel McKenzie, Pam Norton, Barb Stewart, Marlene Spainhour, and Marion Sloan.  
Entertainment; Hank and Nancy Maus.



And people too numerous to mention, the entire staff of the Naples Beach Club & Hotel for a wonderful POA ANNUA CLASSIC. ■

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