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Doug Adams and Bill Gloff captured the Putting Contest portion of the G. C. Horn event. Golfer wannabe, Tom Benefield sneaks a peek over the champs' shoulders. Photo by Joel Jackson.

financial planning and management. Taking these tested Etonic seminars can earn CEUs for certified superintendents.

Later that evening after schmoozing with colleagues

by the pool, everyone enjoyed an outdoor luau of fish and suckling pig with lots of side vegetables and sinful desserts. Live entertainment provide music for dining and dancing into the

wee hours for those so inclined.

Saturday morning found 120 golfers making their way a few miles north to the Audubon Country Club to battle with par for the honor of their respective chapters in the Poa Annuia Golf Classic. Superintendent Walt Owisany and the Audubon CC stepped in to volunteer their course for the tournament when the traditional site, the Naples Beach Club course, was unavailable due to construction of a new clubhouse facility which took several holes out of play. Nice job by Walt and his staff. Saturday night, everyone was on their own to attend and enjoy the annual Naples Jazz Festival.

Sunday morning, David Barnes, president of the Florida Turfgrass Association



Tim Orton of Pursell Industries won the "Impossible Chip Shot" contest which was also part of this year's G. C. Horn golf outing. Photo by Joel Jackson.

and Nick Naccarato, superintendent at the Naples Beach Club GC had a surprise for the players in the G. C. Horn Memorial Tournament, which is part of the Poa Annuia weekend. Since parts of the golf course

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In between all the meetings and events, superintendents and suppliers got to swap war stories about the winter that was! And in the soothing atmosphere of the beach, furrowed brows began to relax and smiles began to break out. Nothing quite like a sea breeze.



*Envirotron Classic Cochairman Glenn Oberlander won the putting contest and a chance at a "Super Putt" for \$10,000. Sadly for Glenn his attempt was wide right, but his efforts for the Envirotron were right on target. Photo by Joel Jackson.*

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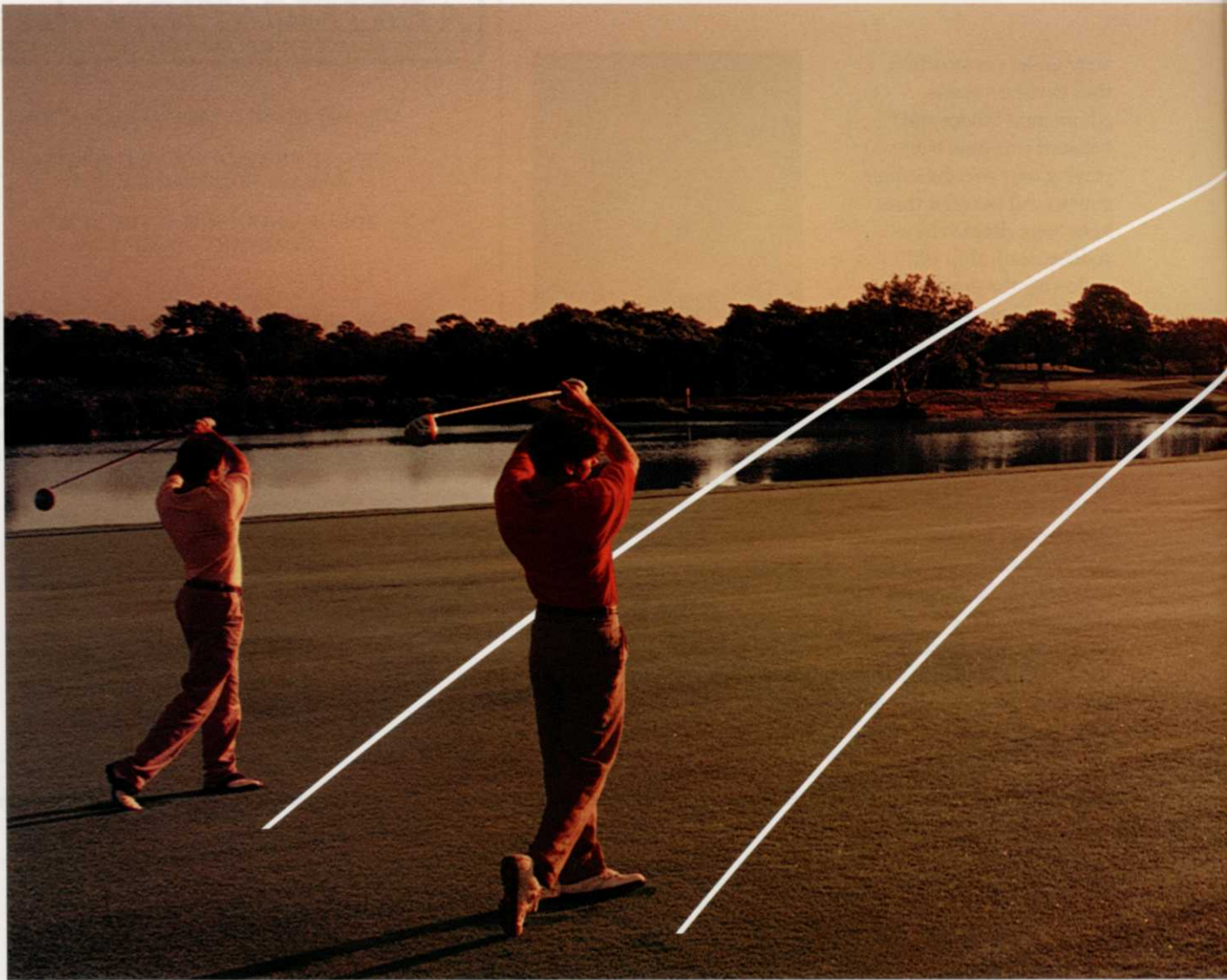
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The guys that made it happen, the 1998 Envirotron Classic Committee. From left seated: Paul Illgen, Bob Roessing, Jeff Hayden and Dave Hoggard. Standing: Brad Granlen, Bob Marrino, Lee Crosby, Quinn Kuite, Mike Swinson, Stuart Bozeman, Earl King and Glenn Oberlander. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Mike Swinson, CGCS, president of the Seven Rivers Chapter, recognizes, from right, Ron Kitchen, Jr., Ron Kitchen, Sr. and Terry Lagree of Barbaron, Inc. for their generous \$12,500 sponsorship of the 6th Annual Envirotron Classic. Photo by Joel Jackson.

once again putting together another stellar event with the 1998 Envirotron Classic. Having raised the bar to such a high level in the past with more than \$177,500 raised since the event began in 1993, the committee reports that they should clear in the neighborhood of \$45,000 again for the third year in a row.

A full field of golfers filled the Pine Barrens and Rolling Oaks golf courses at the World Woods Golf Club in Brooksville for the

sixth consecutive year for scramble and stroke-play events. Low gross winners on the Rolling Oaks course was the team of Scott Wycoff, Stan Cook, Jim Sanders and Darren Carpenter. Meanwhile, a Seven Rivers team of Stuart Bozeman, Vic Conigliaro, Glenn Oberlander and Pat Walker managed to win the Pine Barrens scramble. Oberlander went on to win the special putting contest and a try at a "Super Putt" worth \$10,000. While he

exuded all the confidence in the world, Oberlander's attempt slid by the cup and the insurance company underwriting the event gave a sigh of relief.

After the golfing was over everyone enjoyed a great steak-and-shrimp buffet while the scores were being tallied. During the

awarding of prizes, Seven Rivers President Michael Swinson, CGCS, paid special recognition to the Barbaron corporation. Barbaron, Inc., a specialized golf course construction company, led all sponsors for the second year in a row with a donation of \$12,500. Barbaron's belief and support in what the Envirotron means to turf research and development is an example that others in the golf business should follow.

#### SUNCOAST SCRAMBLE

### Fun in the Sun – For a Good Reason

Raising nearly \$14,000 at this year's Suncoast Scramble Tournament held at Tom Crawford's Misty Creek CC, the Suncoast Chapter ensured financial support for FGCSA Projects, Florida Turfgrass Association research and local charity



Suncoast Chapter President Troy Smith, left, presents FTGA Vice President Scott Wahlin, CGCS, with a check for \$3,500 at the 1998 Suncoast Scramble held at the Misty Creek CC in Sarasota. Photo by Joel Jackson.



and junior golf programs. During the chapter meeting portion of the day's events, Suncoast President Troy Smith presented FTGA Vice President Scott Wahlin, CGCS with a check for \$3,500.

RIDGE INVITATIONAL

**Red Cross Gets Help for Disaster Victims**

Following on the heels of the worst tornado disaster in Central Florida, the Ridge Chapter donated \$1,000 to the Red Cross from the proceeds of the 7th Annual Ridge Invitational held at the Grasslands CC in Lakeland. Host superintendent and chapter president, Roy Wilshire, CGCS thanked everyone for supporting



*Jim Torba, GCS of the U. of South Florida GC won low gross honors at the Ridge Invitational held at the Grasslands CC in Lakeland. Photo by Joel Jackson.*

the primary fund-raiser for the Ridge Chapter. Out on the golf course, the Ridge players had to make way for Jim Torba from the University of South Florida GC in the West Coast Chapter as he won low gross honors.

SOUTH FLORIDA EXPO

**Record Crowd Erases Jitters**

The jitters the South Florida Turf Expo organizers were feeling prior to this year's event evaporated as a record number of participants showed up, answering the call for support of this major fund-raising event. The streamlined and well-organized program included tours of the turf research plots, a one-hour turf equipment expo, a supplier showcase of products, a catered lunch and research presentations by Drs. Monica Elliott and Robin Giblin Davis.

The \$18,000 raised this year was donated directly to the FGCSA Research Green account and will be used for operation and research costs on the Otto Schmeisser Research Green at the

UF-IFAS Research Center in Fort Lauderdale.

MIKE RICHARDS MEMORIAL

**First Coast Goes First Class**

In 1993 the North Florida Chapter established the Mike Richards Memorial Scholarship Tournament in honor of Mike Richards who was a very active commercial member of the chapter. The tournament raises money to provide scholarships to deserving students pursuing degrees in turf management. With the recent passing of PGA Tour Agronomist Allan MacCurrach, also a resident of the North Florida area, a second memorial scholarship has been added to the event.

At this year's tournament held at the Jacksonville G & CC, a \$3,000 Mike Richards scholarship was awarded to



The team of Scott Hudson (left) and Doug Sani from the Pablo Creek GC won the two-man scramble event at the Mike Richards Memorial Tournament. Photo by Joel Jackson.

Mike Fricault, who is attending the University of Florida majoring in Horticulture and Turf Science, and two \$1,500 Allan MacCurrach scholarships

were awarded to Thomas McDonald and Seth Spires, both attending the Turf Equipment Management program at Lake City Community College.

Congratulations to this year's tournament committee: Kim Shine, Jim Shine, Tom Brennan, Steve LaFrance, Kelli Bohn, Steve Richards and Paul Hamrick for running such a first-class event.

Kudos also go to Jacksonville G & CC's host superintendent, Greg Sharp, director of golf Chip Dutton and head golf professional Chris DeLarme for helping to make the tournament such a success.

TELEVISED TOUR EVENTS

Central Florida on the 'Spot' Again

Central Florida Chapter members keep busy working as television spotters for the Bay Hill Invitational, the LPGA

Healthsouth Inaugural at Grand Cypress and most recently the LPGA Mercury Titleholders at the LPGA International GC in Daytona Beach. Gary Morgan of UHS organized a six-man crew that worked the LPGA Mercury Titleholders event.

Gary turned over a \$1,000 check to the chapter at the May meeting at Bay Tree National in Melbourne. The spotters including Morgan were Mike Stone, Spruce Creek CC; Andy McGuire, Matanzas Woods GC; Ron Stockwell, Century Rain Aid; Rod King, Deltona GC and Jim Lawrence, Southridge GC. Thanks, gentlemen, for your contribution to golf and turf research.

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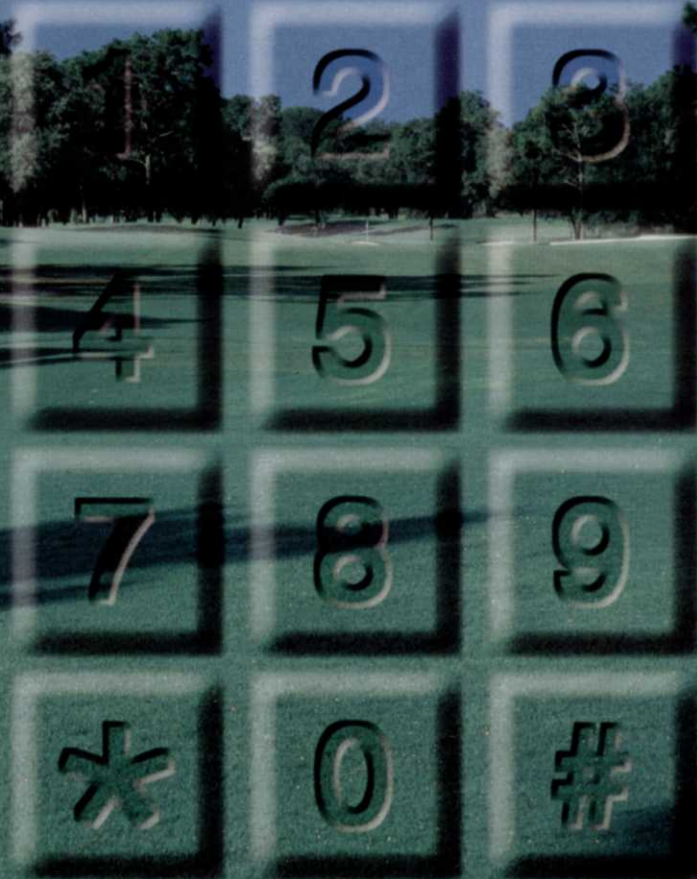


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