

Golf event raises \$1.2 million for Immokalee foundation

The Third Annual Immokalee Foundation Pro-Am Golf Challenge was sold out this year at Bay Colony Golf Club in Naples on Monday, Nov. 12 at the 9:15 a.m. shotgun for the five-player scramble. The event was presented by Fifth Third Bank and co-sponsored by Naples Luxury Imports and Bigham Jewelers. There were 26 teams of four competing, including one team from the Immokalee High School golf team. Each had a professional on their team including standouts such as Peter Jacobson, Calvin Peete, Esteban Toledo and baseball hall-of-famer Johnny Bench.

This year all of the proceeds from the entry fees went straight to the foundation which benefits the children of Immokalee

with college scholarship programs and vocational programs at their high school.

"We are so excited to raise over \$1.2 million to help The Immokalee Foundation continue its work with scholarships for Immokalee's underprivileged children," said Leo Hertzog, the foundation's 2007 Events

Chairman. "The foundation's work is so important to the community. We thank all of our sponsors for supporting this wonderful event."

The Pro-Am Golf Challenge is one of three events held this year. Additional events included, the "Magical Dreams" ben-

efit dinner at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, which was on Nov. 9, and the Pro-Am Charity Classic held on April 3 of this year which raised over \$75,000.

For information about the Immokalee Foundation or its Pro-Am Golf Challenge, call the Foundation office, (239) 430-9122. ■

Tag a holiday gift to help Florida's wildlife



A unique idea for gift-giving this holiday season can help save Florida's wildlife. The Florida Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles announced recently that gift certificates may be purchased for any specialty tag in Florida.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission offers five different specialty license plates. The purchase of any of these plates helps in the efforts to preserve and conserve Florida's wildlife and natural habitats. Specialty plates currently available through FWC are the Conserve Wildlife plate with the black bear logo (\$15), Go Fishing plate with the largemouth bass logo (\$25), Protect the Panther plate (\$25), Helping Sea Turtles Survive plate (\$23) and Save the Manatee plate (\$20). An additional \$4.50 will be added at the time of purchase for administrative and certificate costs.

To purchase the license plate gift certificates, visit any authorized tax collector's office, and a credit will be issued in the name of the gift recipient. When recipients renew their license plates and pay the regular registration fee, they can use the gift certificate to buy the specialty tag.

Since most tags are renewed on the birth date of the registered vehicle owner, these gift certificates make great birthday presents also.

To learn more about the FWC's specialty plates, visit www.wildlife.foundationsofflorida.com or call 1-800-988-4889. This holiday season, help save Florida's unique and varied fish and wildlife by giving a gift that can be used year-round.

FWC's specialty tag gift certificates may be purchased at any authorized motor vehicle office, such as a state motor vehicle office, local tax collector's office or a licensed tag agent. ■

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Southwest Floridians have seen in the past few years the great damage that hurricanes and storms can cause if windows and doors are not covered. You will pay for hurricane protection, whether you own it or not. Living in sunny Florida carries with it a responsibility to protect houses and property against hurricanes. One of the most significant changes that a homeowner can make in the cost of wind-related insurance premiums is to protect the openings of a home with approved hurricane shutters or impact-resistant glass. If these are rated to withstand at least 110-mph winds and also impact from windborne debris, a homeowner will receive the full scheduled premium credit.

Review insurance policies now to make sure coverage is adequate.

Contact the Florida Department of Financial Services in your city for detailed information on insurance. In addition, this office will review policies for homeowners.

Remember: Insurance companies stop writing policies when a named hurricane moves into the Gulf of Mexico or the Atlantic Ocean off Florida. Obtaining insurance from the state-backed Citizens Property Insurance Corp. may take weeks.

Inc. Magazine Recognizes Storm Smart in Annual 'Inc. 500' List

Fort Myers, Fla. — Storm Smart Industries, the largest hurricane protection company in Southwest Florida, has been included by Inc. Magazine in its annual "Inc. 500" list of the fastest-growing privately held companies in America. Coming in at Number 387, Storm Smart is the highest listed hurricane protection company, as well as the only honoree, based in Fort Myers.

While Storm Smart has been experiencing triple-digit growth for the past several years, the past two years of increased storm activity have brought hurricane preparedness to the forefront of people's minds.

Brian Rist, Owner and CEO of Storm Smart Industries, states "We take great pride in how our team of more than 150 committed professionals have risen to the challenges of such tremendous growth and continue to provide our customers with first-rate products and service. I want to take this time to personally thank every member of the Storm Smart family, especially our wonderful customers who have entrusted us with the protection of their homes, and ultimately, the safety of their family's lives. We do not take that responsibility lightly and will continue to earn that trust, one customer at a time."

While Storm Smart has an extensive advertising program, the majority of sales originate from customer referrals, a fact that employees take with great pride.

Along with this year's "Inc. 500" listing, Storm Smart has also been recognized by the Lee County Economic Development Office as the Ninth Largest Manufacturing Company in Lee County, as well as receiving a "2006 Best" award from The News-Press.

Brian Rist, President of Storm Smart Industries, has been helping residents prepare their homes against wind, rain and heat for nearly a decade. If you have any questions or need information about today's articles, please call Storm Smart Industries at 239-278-9092.