

Golden Rule Foundation Week

Beginning with February 4th, 2006, the Golden Rule Foundation initiated a week long flurry of fundraising and fun raising activities. Opening with their "Art of Giving" Gala and Auction at the Rosen Centre patrons were treated to an art presentation and extravaganza with key sponsors of the "Rosen Hotels and Resorts", Art and Mary Neaf, and Avalon Park. The room was decorated superbly and the food was outstanding which made it easier to raise the bid paddles for the foundation.

The next event was a pairings party at Flemings Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar in Winter Park, on Friday evening for all the Celebrities and Amateur Tennis players. A spectacular evening of mingling with several of the outstanding array of Tennis Professionals and other Celebrities were available to discuss the strategies for the Tennis event at Bay Hill on Sunday. Star tennis Celebs such as Mikael Penfors, Karel Novacek, Jimmy Arias, Vaughan Snyman and event chairman Tobias Svantesson of e-tennis of Winter Park shared stories with the attendees.

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Following the tennis event, a luncheon was served in the Palmer ball room. Results and photos of the day were displayed along with Silent auction results. There were 6 Miami Dolphins on hand for the luncheon, including Earl Murrow, Jim Kiick, Marv Fleming and others to

tell their remembrances of the '72 Perfect Season. They shared timeless stories of their experiences during that season giving goose bumps to those of us who lived that season with them. What a fantastic opportunity to talk with those famous players who vaguely resembled our parents from those days gone by.

Next stop on this whirl wind adventure was back to Flemings of Winter Park for a pairings party. Their hospitality to the Golden Rule foundation, the honored guests and participants was fabulous. The event was to pair the players of the golf tournament featuring the Undeclared 1972 Dolphins. More of the Dolphin players such as Mercury Morris and Larry Little along with Reggie Branch of Washington Redskin fame told about their inside stories. Earl Morrall, the architect for the regular season, continued to lead the team in stories during the evening. His stats for the 5 NFL teams he played for was

impressive and even more stupendous was his record of being named MVP for each of the 5 teams.



The final and most exciting stop was at Isleworth Country Club, home to Tiger and Mark O'Meara and other outstanding PGA players. Start time was delayed slightly due to the cool weather on Monday February 13th. Once the golfers departed the starting gate, the beauty of the landscape almost overshadowed the quality of the golf.

Divided into two flights, the scores for the 4 person gross scramble format were outstanding with 64's winning first place in both flights. Mike Marini, Steve Saft, Lee Chepenik, and Larry Little were the winners for Flight B and Glenn Tobey, Tom Kopplin, Chad Litton, and Mercury Morris grabbed top honors in Flight A. All participants were treated to insights from the '72 season by each one individually as well as a rap song about the teams' achievements courtesy of Mercury Morris. All were also treated to excerpts from the championship game, compliments of Synergy Sports Marketing and LeaderBoard of Orlando. 📌