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## **Southern Exposure 2016 opens in Florida**

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HOLLYWOOD, FL — Southern Exposure 2016, the Southeast Produce Council's conference and expo, opened Thursday, March 3, with the annual Tom Page Golf Classic. About 280 golfers participated in the event, held on the east and west courses at the Jacaranda Golf Club in Plantation, FL, according to Andrew Scott of Nickey Gregory Co. and a former president of the council.



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On the west course, the winning team consisted of Neil Milburn of Church Bros. LLC, Dan Floyd of The Castellini Co., Bobby Ham of Ham Produce Co. Inc. and Scott Danner of Premier Produce. On the east course, the winning team consisted of Al Oliver and Randy Brittain, both of Military Produce Group, and Jim Richter and Lynn Wilcox, both of Wilcox Fresh.

The event, which is named after Tom Page, one of the founders and past presidents of the council, and who remains active with the organization, raised \$5,000 for the Society of St. Andrews, according to SEPC Executive Director David Sherrod.

On Thursday evening, the STEP-UPP/STARS dinner was held, spotlighting two of the council's outstanding programs: the Southeast Training Education Program for Upcoming Produce Professionals, and the Southeast Top Agricultural Recruits Scholarship.

After Sherrod welcomed everyone to the dinner, Faye Westfall of DiMare Fresh Tampa and secretary of the council's board of directors introduced the members of the newest STEP-UPP class, and Raina Nelson of Renaissance Food Group and a member of the council's board of directors introduced the members of the STARS group.

Activities scheduled for Friday included two workshops, the Southern Roots luncheon for women in produce and the opening gala. Activities scheduled for Saturday included the keynote luncheon and the expo.



This team took first place on the west course at the Tom Page Golf Classic Thursday, March 3, during the Southeast Produce Council's Southern Exposure conference and trade show in Hollywood, FL. Shown are Neil Milburn of Church Bros. LLC, Dan Floyd of The Castellini Co., Bobby Ham of Ham Produce Co. Inc. and Scott Danner of Premier Produce.



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