

## **The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club's Lobby Bar Now Featuring Evening Entertainment**

NAPLES, Fla. (February 2006) - If you're looking for a relaxing way to enjoy an evening, you should check out the Lobby Bar at The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club, which now features piano entertainment each Wednesday-Sunday from 7 - 10 p.m. A charming, quieter alternative to the resort's popular Sunset Beach Bar, the Lobby Bar opened less than a year ago as part of the \$6 million enhancement of the resort's lobby and entrance.

The full-service Lobby Bar features a lovely "upscale, but relaxed" ambiance, with an impressive selection of fine wines by the glass and bottle, premium liquors, and an extensive selection of martinis and tropical specialty drinks. Featuring indoor seating as well as an outdoor terrace, The Lobby Bar enables patrons to enjoy beautiful Gulf views on the terrace, or inside thanks to the addition of large windows across the west wall of the Lobby Bar.

Piano entertainment at the Lobby Bar is provided by Gordon Banks on Sunday and Wednesday evenings, John McLane on Thursday nights, and Joe McConaghy on Friday evenings.

Piano player extraordinaire Gordon Banks has been playing professionally for nearly 30 years. His repertoire is vast, and his styling includes sultry blues, Sinatra tunes, standards, and contemporary jazz and pop rock. Prior to relocating to Naples in 1997, he was a regular at Atlantic City's Harrah's Casino Atrium Lounge, and the Tropicana Casino.

John McLane has been in the music industry for more than 25 years, as a professional musician, recording engineer and songwriter. Gifted at playing saxophone, guitar and steel drum, McLane concentrates on piano and vocals in styles ranging from standards to modern smooth jazz. He has recorded or performed with a diverse cross section of musicians, which include The O'Jays, War, The Four Freshmen, and Spirit.

Joe McConaghy started playing piano at age 7, and was already playing professionally in a local band at age 14. Earning his way through college and dental school by playing in regional show bands, he went on to practice dentistry during the week, and to promote national acts with his concert production companies on the weekends. Since retiring from dentistry in 1993, he has played keyboards with such bands as "Danny Morgan," "R&B Connection" and "The Juice."

"I receive so many positive comments about the Lobby Bar and the great piano entertainment," said Jim Anderson, director of food & beverage for the resort. "It's a great place to view the sunset, or to relax with friends before or after dinner."

Owned and operated by the Watkins' family for 60 years, The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club is located at 851 Gulf Shore Boulevard North in Naples. The Lobby Bar is open daily from 4 p.m. For more information, call (239) 261-2222.

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