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started walking away while the rescuer became mired in ever-deeper muck. The heron's big feet let it walk on the muck outpacing the mired rescuer.

With a borrowed kayak, the rescuer resumed the pursuit into the cove. The going was good except for the intervening patches of shallower sea grass that were too shallow for paddling an occupied kayak. There was too little water and too much muck, especially on the outgoing tide. The rescue was rescheduled until the water returned with the tide. In the late afternoon, using our

rescue canoe, staff members returned and out-paddled the non-flighted heron and completed the rescue.

Sadly, the heron did not survive the night, succumbing from emaciation and loss of blood, of which there was a lot in the canoe. Regrettably, we can not save every bird, even when the rescue has been successful. We cringe when a caller reports that a bird in distress "has been there all weekend".

Real accounts from the Florida Keys Wild Bird Center

Golf Tournament To Support Upper Keys High Schools

The Upper Keys Rotary Club will hold its 8th annual Charity Golf Benefit on Friday, November 6, 2009 at 12:30pm at the Keys Gate Golf Club. Registration begins at 11:00am. All proceeds go to High School Athletics at Coral Shores High School and Island Christian School.

The cost is \$100 per golfer, includes green fees, cart, lunch before the event, beverages out on the course, and a dinner with an open bar afterwards. One lucky golfer will have an opportunity to win \$1,000,000 and everyone will have a chance to win a new car. There will be lots of

prizes and exciting contests for the participants. To register your team, contact Kelli Brower at 305-240-0573 or Stan Haines at 305-731-3883.

Hole sponsorships are just \$100 dollars and are a great way to show your support. To sponsor a hole, contact Joe Roth III at 305-852-3234. All donations are greatly appreciated and greatly needed.

The course at the Keys Gate Golf Club is in great shape. Why not take a Friday afternoon off to play some golf, hang out with your friends, and help support the kids in our community...



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First State Bank's Nola Acker Named "All-Star"

Nola Acker, First State Bank of the Florida Keys Key Largo Branch Manager, was awarded the Key Largo Chamber of Commerce's All Star Award. Acker received the award at the Chamber's Installation Banquet and Awards Dinner for her various volunteer efforts for the Key Largo Chamber of Commerce throughout 2009.



work with my fellow board members, community leaders and local businesses to build to build a partnership for a stronger community." In addition to her service as a Key Largo Chamber of Commerce Board member, Acker also serves on the board of the Key Largo Community Preservation Foundation, is a Take Stock in Children mentor and a member of the Key Largo Recreation Committee.

"It's an honor to continue First State Bank's long tradition of community service and support for local businesses through my working with the chamber," said Acker. "I'm proud to

Largo Community Preservation Foundation, is a Take Stock in Children mentor and a member of the Key Largo Recreation Committee. Acker resides in Tavernier with her husband and children.

Hunk of the Month



Gary Grinder