

HB's On The Gulf In Naples Captures *Wine Spectator's* "Award of Excellence"

NAPLES, FL (August 2007) - HB's on the Gulf, the beachfront restaurant at The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club, has captured the prestigious "Award of Excellence" from Wine Spectator magazine. This marks the third consecutive year that the popular restaurant has won the award, according to Jim Anderson, the resort's food & beverage director.

The "Award of Excellence" is given to restaurants in recognition of their commitment to a fine wine list, with a diverse selection of better producers along with a thematic match to the menu in both price and style. Wine lists need to be extensive, and usually offer at least 80 selections. HB's wine list features more than 140 selections, including a collection of 1997 vintage California Cabernets and a 4-year vertical of Penfolds Grange. This year's award winners will be listed in the August issue of *Wine Spectator*.

"We're very honored that HB's is recognized with this prestigious award every year," said Anderson. "It reinforces the restaurant's impressive wine list, which complements our delicious cuisine."

Specializing in fresh regional seafood, great steaks and American cuisine, HB's on the Gulf is open daily for lunch and dinner, with indoor dining and an outdoor patio overlooking the water. It is consistently recognized as one of Southwest Florida's best places to view a sunset.

Guests can also dine at H.B.'s on the Gulf, the city of Naples' only beachfront restaurant, which features fresh Florida seafood and traditional American favorites. Patrons can also enjoy a specialty drink at the Sunset Beach Bar, named Naples' "Best Beach Bar" by the Travel Channel.

The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club, owned and operated by the Watkins family for over 60 years, is Southwest Florida's only beachfront resort to feature an on-site championship golf course, world-class spa, and award-winning tennis center. The resort is located at 851 Gulf Shore Blvd. North in Naples. Call 1-800-237-7600 or 239-261-2222.

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