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Tortuga awards wedding contest prize

The winners of an Island resort Seashells Wedding Bells Win-A-Wedding Contest are Beverly Slimmer and Jared Lussier of Tampa.

The couple attended the Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce's Island Wedding Festival Feb. 26-27, and received their prize basket during a poolside party at Tortuga Inn in Bradenton Beach Feb. 26.



The prize, offered by Tortuga Inn/Tradewinds/Seaside Inn beach resorts, included a Tiffany sterling silver key with chain and a \$100 Tiffany gift certificate in the famed blue box.

The prize also included three free nights in a resort apartment, a bottle of Champagne, a box of chocolates, an arrangement of white roses, bride and groom T-shirts, a \$100 gift certificate to a Chiles Group restaurant and room discounts for the wedding party.

Debbie Lussier, the mother of the groom, entered for the couple online at www.tortugainn.com and guessed the number of shells in a Tiffany vase.

The couple plans to marry next spring.

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From left, wedding winners Jared Lussier and Beverly Slimmer, with David Teitelbaum, of the Tortuga Inn, Tradewinds and Seaside Inn Beach resorts, and last year's winners Melissa and Chris Varga.