

A PRIVILEGE OF BELONGING TO A PRIVATE CLUB

The aloha spirit was alive and well at Mauna Kea Resort's 42nd annual Pro-Am.

KOHALA COAST, HAWAII: The Mauna Kea Resort Pro-Am has been a Big Island tradition since 1973. "Certain privileges come with being a private club member," explained Donn Takahashi, president of Prince Resorts Hawaii. "One of those perks is an invitation to play our oceanfront course, luxuriate in a beachfront room, or just relax in a cabana on our powdery, white sand beach."

Last December, 22 teams from the U.S. and Australia

competed for bragging rights and a cash purse. The five-night, four-day event is a four-person, 54-hole tournament consisting of three amateurs and one professional. Scoring is two best balls—one gross, one net, with members playing to their low index over the past 12 months.

At the conclusion of play, Michael Jack and his members from South Hills Country Club in West Covina, California, claimed first place atop the leaderboard. ►

THE HORSE RACE SHOOTOUT

An informal, four-hole afternoon competition immediately following completion of the first round of the Pro-Am.



The gallery supporting the competitors. (Above right) John and Dave Fink, members of Team Oahu, embrace after sinking a 20-foot snaking putt on the 3rd hole to win the competition and \$1,000. (Bottom right) The ladies enjoying the afternoon.



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THE WINNING TEAM from South Hills Country Club in California.



CHRIS KEITER, assistant head professional at Nanea Golf Club in Hawaii, savoring the moment after his hole in one on No. 15 during the first round.

Pros In Their Own Words...



"I hope someone remembers to tout the beach. It has to be the prettiest in all Hawaii." – CASEY REAMER, TEAM CYPRESS POINT IN CALIFORNIA



"Our team agrees, Mauna Kea is about as special of a place you will ever find." – MIKE REEHL, TEAM SANTA ANA COUNTRY CLUB IN CALIFORNIA



"I trust the Mauna Kea brand. They live up to their reputation." – RYAN FITZPATRICK, TEAM COUNTRY CLUB OF LEAWOOD IN KANSAS



"Spending quality time with my members in paradise is worth the trip to Hawaii, and it is always a kick to listen to your funny accents." – MICHAEL SMYTH, SYDNEY GOLF CLUB FROM AUSTRALIA

"The camaraderie during tournament week has kept us coming back to Mauna Kea for 22 years."
– TOM SARGENT,
TEAM MESA VERDE
COUNTRY CLUB IN
CALIFORNIA



"The team competition is fun...make that *really* fun."
– GERRY GREENFIELD, TEAM CORRAL DE TIERRA COUNTRY CLUB IN CALIFORNIA

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“Our director of golf, Michael Jack, has competed in the Pro-Am before. When member interest increased, we added a second team. It is great to see our club so well represented.”
 – KYLE MENDOZA, TEAM SOUTH HILLS COUNTRY CLUB IN CALIFORNIA



“Although this is my ninth Pro-Am, my team is a mix of returnees and first-timers. My member, Rob West, a freshman to the tournament, was surprised by the room and its view. His initial reaction? It is so beeeuuuuutiful here.”
 – GREG VAN NATTA, TEAM THE TRADITION IN CALIFORNIA



“My club has hosted the Toshiba Classic for 20 years. I understand what goes into a championship layout. Mauna Kea will test you mentally, physically, and emotionally. This is my 29th year in attendance. If I only had one round left to play in my life, I would pick Mauna Kea.”
 – PERRY DICKEY, TEAM NEWPORT BEACH COUNTRY CLUB IN CALIFORNIA



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"This is not an exclusive boys trip. The tournament caters to women as much as men. My wife, Jolie, loves coming here and considers it the most beautiful resort she has ever been to. As a pro, the course is indescribable. It is a powerful test of golf." – DEAN CAMERON, TEAM PLANTATION GOLF CLUB IN CALIFORNIA



"I did my homework and contacted a couple of other golf professionals in the desert who have played before deciding to commit to the Pro-Am. The feedback was unanimous on what a great time is had by all. Mauna Kea is a typical Rees Jones course with multiple elevation changes and challenging, no...downright tough greens. It is a true test of golf under all the elements. Having guaranteed 80 degree temperatures with zero probability of rain is special. Probably the only thing better than the temperature is the buffet breakfast at the Manta Restaurant." – JIM CLAY, TEAM RANCHO LA QUINTA IN CALIFORNIA



"I grew up in a golfing family with my older brother Burt. I got to the third stage of Q-School in Japan and am working hard for that first big win. I played in the Pro-Am last year, shot one under each day, and lost in a playoff. For my effort, I took home a tidy sum of \$2,000. Mauna Kea's golf course is awesome. One look at any photo of holes No. 3 or No. 11 says it all. The resort is a piece of Old Hawaii that is meant to be cherished." – MAX BONK, TEAM MAUNA KEA RESORT IN HAWAII



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43rd ANNUAL MAUNA KEA PRO-AM

Dates

Check in: Wednesday, December 7 • Check out: Monday, December 12

Format

A five-night, four-day golf tournament at Mauna Kea Beach Hotel.

For the amateur: Four-man, 54-hole Pro-Am consisting of three amateurs and one professional.

Two best balls: one gross, one net. Amateurs play to full handicap. 20 handicap is maximum permitted.
For the golf professional: Up to a \$10,000 purse, with no buy-in, based on a full-field of 25 professionals.

Pricing For The Amateur

Single competitor with shared room: \$3,620 • Single competitor with own room: \$4,245 • Single competitor with spouse, non-golfer: \$4,645

All taxes are included, airfare and ground transportation are not. Pre/post extra nights in a garden view room with breakfast: \$250/night.

Up-charge to the ocean-view room category, \$200/night.

Itinerary

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7: Arrival Day • For early arrivals, optional practice round at Mauna Kea Golf Course • Optional \$300 team buy-in • Welcome Cocktail Reception and Dinner

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8: Full breakfast • Hospitality room
Practice round at Mauna Kea Golf Course • Lunch on course • Evening at your leisure

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9: Full breakfast • Hospitality room
Traditional Hawaiian Blessing • Tournament Round #1, Mauna Kea Golf Course
Lunch on course • Horse Race Shootout with \$1,000 prize • Evening at your leisure

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10: Full breakfast • Hospitality room
Tournament Round #2, Mauna Kea Golf Course • Lunch on course • Evening at your leisure

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11: Full breakfast • Hospitality room • Final round, Mauna Kea Golf Course
Lunch on course • Awards Cocktail Reception and Dinner

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12: Departure Day • Full breakfast • Complimentary late checkout until 2 pm

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