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**Sean Maekawa Wins U.S. Open Local Qualifying Tournament  
at Waikoloa Kings' Course  
Moves to Sectional Qualifier in Oregon**

WAIKOLOA, HI – Sean Maekawa of Paauilo, Hawaii, on the Big Island, won today's 2008 U.S. Open local qualifying at Waikoloa Beach Resort, shooting a three-under par, 69, on the 7,074-yard Kings' Course.

Maekawa, a former member of the Waikoloa Junior Golf Program, and a freshman playing golf at the University of Oregon, returned home on Saturday to compete in today's event. He now moves on to the Sectional Qualifier, and has selected the site of Emerald Valley Golf Course in Oregon, a mere 20-minutes from his campus for the next stage of competition. Should he successfully advance thru the Sectional, Sean will join Tiger Woods and world's best golfers for the U.S. Open at Torrey Pines Golf Course in June.

Two players tied for second with 74, with Jarrett Hamamoto of Hilo earning first alternate by edging Mark Morrisson of Kailua Kona with par on the first hole of sudden death.

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Designed by Tom Weiskopf and Jay Morrish, the Par 72 Waikoloa Kings' Course is a Scottish-links style layout featuring numerous pot bunkers, undulating fairways, multiple tee placements and lava outcroppings throughout. Upon opening in 1990, the Kings' Course was ranked as one of the top new courses you can play by Golf Digest Magazine.

The results for today's tournament are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	Score
Sean Maeakawa	69
Jarrett Hamamoto	74
Mark Morrisson	74
Lee Hardy	77
Ryan Acosta	79
Max Bonk	79
Greg Molfino	79
Chris Keiter	80
Jay Taise	80
Kent Graham	81
Henry Park	82
Stephen Perry	82
Rodney Acia	82
Tyler Martin	92

For more information about golf at Waikoloa Beach Resort, visit online at [www.waikoloabeachresort.com/golf/php](http://www.waikoloabeachresort.com/golf/php).

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