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**GOLF'S FUTURE PGA TOUR STARS GATHER AT WAIKOLOA BEACH RESORT
Venerable Kings' Course to Host the 26th Annual
Amer Ari Intercollegiate Golf Tournament at Waikoloa Beach Resort**

WAIKOLOA BEACH RESORT, HAWAII ISLAND (January 10, 2017) — The 26th Annual Amer Ari Intercollegiate Golf Tournament will take place Feb. 1-4, 2017, at Waikoloa Beach Resort on the Island of Hawaii, with all rounds being played on the renowned Tom Weiskopf-designed Kings' Course.

A total of 21 teams are scheduled to participate in the Amer Ari this year, with 7 of the top 25 teams in the country. Leading the way are #4 ranked Oklahoma State, #6 ranked Stanford University, #7 ranked Southern California, #10 ranked Texas University, #12 ranked Auburn University, #19 ranked Texas Tech, #20 ranked defending NCAA national champions University of Oregon and #25 ranked Georgia Tech.

Casey Martin, who has been the Men's Head Golf Coach for the defending champion NCAA national champion University of Oregon for 11 years, says "The Amer Ari is one of the iconic events in collegiate golf. It was my favorite when I played in it back in college, and it's our team's favorite tournament each year."

Martin, who was a teammate of Tiger Woods at Stanford University and a member of the school's 1994 NCAA championship team, says, "This is one of the tournaments that hasn't changed much. I say that in a good way. It's the same golf course, it always has one of the best fields in college golf. That means our players can relate back to when former players competed. It's great to be able to calibrate yourself against what Tiger Woods and other great players were doing at that point in their careers. Plus, the weather is great, and you're in Hawaii. The Amer Ari is one of the highlights of our year."

Last year's individual tournament champion, Aaron Wise, went on to win the prestigious NCAA individual champion and now plays on the PGA Tour. He joins a prestigious list of past participants who have gone on to become PGA Tour stars, including Jordan Spieth, Tiger Woods, Notah Begay, Matt Kuchar, and Bryce Molder.

This year, Wyndham Clark of the University of Oregon is ranked #1 NCAA individual heading into the Spring season. Also scheduled to play in the top-notch field at Amer Ari are 5 of the top 10 players in the country:

- #4 Will Long, Auburn
- #5 Maverick McNealy, Stanford
- #6 Sean Crocker, USC
- #10 Doug Ghim, Texas

2017 Participant List

Arizona State University	University of Colorado
Oregon State University	University of Hawaii - Hilo
Oklahoma State University	University of Hawaii – Manoa
San Jose State University	Stanford University
Texas Christian University	University of Oregon
Texas Tech University	Georgia Tech
University of California, Davis	Auburn University
University of Southern California	University of California, Los Angeles
University of Pacific	Osaka Gakuin University
University of Texas	St. Mary's College (CA)
CSU - Chico	

Tournament History

Year	Team	Individual Medalist
1992	Oklahoma State	Craig Hainline, Oklahoma State
1993	UNLV	Alan Bratton, Oklahoma State
1994	Arkansas	Todd Dempsey, Arizona State
1995	Arizona State	Notah Begay, Stanford
1996	Oklahoma State	Chris Hanell, Arizona State
1997	Oklahoma State	Jim Skinner, SMU

1998	UNLV	Bill Lunde, UNLV
1999	UNLV	James Watt, Nevada-Reno
2000	Georgia Tech	Matt Kuchar, Georgia Tech Carlton Forrester, Georgia Tech
2001	Georgia Tech	Matt Kuchar, Georgia Tech Bryce Molder, Georgia Tech
2002	Texas	Sprague Kolp, Nevada-Reno
2003	Georgia Tech	Troy Matteson, Georgia Tech
2004	UCLA	Adam Meyer, TCU
2005	Georgia Tech	Anthony Kim, Oklahoma
2006	Oklahoma State	Tyler Leon, Oklahoma State
2007	Georgia Tech	Cameron Tringale, Georgia Tech
2008	Oklahoma	Jonathan Moore, Oklahoma State
2009	Stanford	Jesper Kennegard, Arizona State
2010	USC	Nick Taylor, Washington
2011	Oklahoma State	Daniel Miernicki, Oregon
2012	Texas	Jeffery Kang, USC
2013	UCLA	Dominic Bozzelli, Auburn
2014	Oklahoma State	Jordan Niebrugge, Oklahoma State
2015	Arizona State	Cheung-Tsu Pan, Washington
2016	USC	Aaron Wise, Oregon

Waikoloa Beach Resort is situated on 1,350 acres of the beautiful Kohala Coast on the Island of Hawaii– the Golf Capital of the Aloha State. Waikoloa features two fabulous golf courses with unique layouts specifically designed to challenge shot-making skills while letting golfers enjoy the magnificent beauty of the Big Island: views of the majestic, oftentimes snow-capped Mauna Kea Mountain and the warm, tranquil Pacific Ocean.

Waikoloa Kings’ Course, created by British Open champion Tom Weiskopf with design partner Jay Morrish is, appropriately, a Scottish-style layout in paradise. The 7,064-yard, par-72 track meanders in and out of ancient lava fields and features 83 strategically placed sand traps and pot bunkers along with other authentic links golf trappings such as double greens and undulating fairways.

Waikoloa’s Beach Course, designed by the vaunted Robert Trent Jones, Jr., leads players to the Pacific Ocean along a breathtaking coastline to enjoy stunning views of

humpback whales off shore. The holes of the spectacular 6,566-yard, par-70 course weave through strategically placed water features, 74 bunkers, and ancient lava fields down to the surf's edge. For more information visit www.waikoloagolf.com or call (808) 886-7888.

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