



WAIKOLOA BEACH & GOLF RESORT

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Parker McLachlin Signs on as PGA Touring Professional for Waikoloa

WAIKOLOA, HI – When Waikoloa Beach & Golf Resort wanted to have a touring pro as its representative on the PGA TOUR, it seemed only fitting to sign up the golfer who has mastered its golf course better than anyone else – Parker McLachlin.

McLachlin, who holds the course record of 59 on Waikoloa's Beach Course, has signed on to become the touring golf professional for Waikoloa Beach & Golf Resort on the PGA TOUR.

"I'm very excited about starting this great relationship with Waikoloa Beach & Golf Resort, which I consider to be the premier beach resort in Hawaii," said McLachlin. "Waikoloa holds a special place in my heart and has been the site for many great memories, including my course record 59. I've visited and played at Waikoloa since I was 10 years old, and I'm thrilled to be on the PGA TOUR representing the resort, its residents and guests."

Born and raised in Hawaii, the 27-year-old McLachlin became a golf professional in 2003 and recently earned his PGA TOUR Card for 2007.

McLachlin will be registered as playing from Waikoloa Beach & Golf Resort on the PGA TOUR, and will display the Waikoloa logo on his golf bag and golf shirt while competing in tournaments. In addition, he will participate in two golf events at the resort during the year.

Thos Rohr, president of Waikoloa Land Company, master developer for Waikoloa Beach Resort, praised McLachlin for both his talent and the class he exudes on behalf of Hawaii. "Both on and off the golf course, Parker McLachlin is a gentleman and conducts himself in the finest traditions of the game of golf," said Rohr. "We are very delighted to have Parker carrying the Waikoloa name on the PGA TOUR."

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David Pritchett, director of golf for Waikoloa Beach & Golf Resort, is eager to have McLachlin share his playing tips with Waikoloa's residents and guests, especially youngsters learning the game. "Parker is more than just a great golfer and wonderful person. He's an inspiration for all up-and-coming junior golfers and we're proud that Waikoloa has been a part of his development as a pro," said Pritchett.

Waikoloa Beach & Golf Resort offers a wide range of golf programs and instruction for golfers of all abilities. Pritchett noted that the resort is especially proud of its junior golf program, which runs during the summer for kids age 6-17 of all skill levels. Benefits include free skills clinics taught by Waikoloa's PGA pros, unlimited access to practice facilities at Waikoloa's Kings' and Beach courses, free play when accompanied by a paying adult, participation in Waikoloa junior golf tournaments and membership in the Hawaii State Junior Golf Association.

Waikoloa Beach & Golf Resort is situated on 1,350 acres of the beautiful Kohala Coast on the Big Island of Hawaii – the Golf Capital of Hawaii. The par-72, 7,064-yard, 18-hole Kings' Course, designed by Tom Weiskopf and Jay Morrish, features six lakes and 83 bunkers. The par-70, 6,566-yard, 18-hole Beach Course, designed by Robert Trent Jones, Jr., weaves its way through black lava beds down to the shoreline.

In addition, the resort offers dining, shopping and entertainment at the popular Kings' Shops, along with two world-class hotels, the Hilton Waikoloa Village and Waikoloa Beach Marriott Hotel.

This summer, the resort will open the 135,000-sq. ft. Queens' MarketPlace and adjoining Waikoloa Cultural Gardens. The open-air Queens' MarketPlace will offer restaurants, shops, an entertainment stage, studio theater, public fountains and an abundance of landscaping in an architectural design showcasing Hawaii's monarchy era.

For more information about Waikoloa Beach & Golf Resort, visit online at www.waikoloabeachresort.com or call toll-free 877-WAIKOLOA.

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