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Arnold Palmer Marries at Turtle Bay Resort

NORTH SHORE, OAHU, HI (March 8, 2005) – On Jan. 26, Arnold Palmer married his fiancée, Kathleen Gawthrop, in a private ceremony at Turtle Bay Resort. Often referred to as the “King of Golf,” Palmer was a guest at the resort and was competing in the PGA Champions Tour Turtle Bay Championship, which is played on the golf course that he co-designed. This was also the first time Palmer played the course.

The Beach Cottages at Turtle Bay Resort provided a romantic setting for Palmer and his new bride. The couple wed at sunset on the lawn fronting the cottages with a view that stretches for five miles overlooking the resort’s secluded beach.

On the last day of the Turtle Bay Championship, following his final round, Palmer and his wife were greeted by resort staff bearing 20 colorful and fragrant Hawaiian lei to honor their union. After the presentation, the newlyweds were draped in lei up to their ears.

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“We are thrilled the Palmers found The Beach Cottages at Turtle Bay Resort the perfect location to start their new life together,” said Abid Butt, vice president and general manager, Turtle Bay Resort. “It is monumental to have the legendary Arnold Palmer play golf at the resort as well as get married here.”

Located on the North Shore of Oahu, the 880-acre Turtle Bay Resort recently completed \$60 million in renovations. Managed by Benchmark Hospitality International, the resort’s

accommodations include a 401-room hotel and The Beach Cottages at Turtle Bay Resort, 42 luxurious, beachfront cottages.

The resort has five miles of beachfront that include Kawela Bay, Kuilima Cove and Turtle Bay. It is the only resort on Oahu with 36 holes of championship golf: the George Fazio and Arnold Palmer courses. In addition to world class golf, Turtle Bay Resort is rich in other recreation and resort amenities, including an exquisite new spa, two lushly landscaped oceanside pools, riding stables with ocean and trail riding, pedal or power bike rentals, a full-service tennis center by Peter Burwash International, North Shore and waterfall aerial tours by Paradise Helicopters, a surf school by Hans Hedemann, and 12 miles of oceanfront hiking trails. For reservations or more information, visit www.TurtleBayResort.com; e-mail TBRreservations@benchmarkmanagement.com or call toll free (866) 827-5327. Turtle Bay Resort is a Preferred Hotels and Resorts Worldwide property – a collection of the world’s finest independent luxury hotels. This prestigious designation is reserved for accommodations offering the utmost standards in product and service and is now held by only three resort properties in Hawaii. Turtle Bay Resort’s accolades include: • Conde Nast Traveler 2004 Annual Golf Poll, “Top 100 Golf Resorts” • Resorts & Great Hotels “Connoisseur’s Choice” Award 2004 • Meetings & Conventions 2004 Gold Key Award, Turtle Bay Resort • Conde Nast “Hot List” 2003, The Beach Cottages at Turtle Bay Resort • Travel + Leisure 2003, “Best Beach Escape” • Elite Traveler Magazine 2003, “Top Five Spas in Hawaii”

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