

Turtle Bay Resort's "Battle of the North Shore Shrimp Trucks" and Seafood Festival to Benefit Kahuku Library Book Mobile Project

NORTH SHORE, OAHU, HI (Nov. 2, 2005)—Turtle Bay Resort's first annual Seafood Festival to benefit Kahuku Library Book Mobile project will begin Friday, November 18, 2005, with "The Battle of the North Shore Shrimp Trucks" and culminate Saturday, November 19th with the "Grand Seafood Invitational and Wine Tasting."

The heated shrimp cook off, to be held under the stars at Turtle Bay Resort's Kahuku Terrace, will feature legendary North Shore shrimp truck chefs from Giovanni's, Blue Water Shrimp, Fumi's Kahuku Shrimp and Seafood, Famous Kahuku Shrimp Truck, and Macky's Kahuku Sweet Shrimp. All will be preparing signature menu items for the discerning public who are invited to vote for their favorite shrimp recipes.

"The shrimp trucks have become a North Shore attraction along with the big waves," says Abid Butt, Vice President and General Manager of Turtle Bay Resort, "and we are very pleased to have them lending their support to our Kahuku Library book mobile project. Many of our employees' children attend North Shore schools without the extended library facilities our educators feel necessary to encourage literacy among the students. The book mobile is going to be a wonderful addition to our community."

Attendees of Friday's "Battle of the North Shore Shrimp Trucks" will also enjoy salad and desserts selections, and a variety of locally brewed beers from Kona Brewing Company, Keoki Brewing, and Brew Moon.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the festivities continue until 9:30 p.m. The all-inclusive price for the Friday, November 18th event is \$30.00 in advance and \$35.00 at the door.

Saturday, November 19, patrons of the festival head to Turtle Bay Resort's Kuilima Ballroom for the "Grand Seafood Invitational" where a wide variety of dishes incorporating fresh local seafood, ingredients and produce, will be served along with Tapas and Poke stations, and made-to-order Paella. Outside, under the stars and overlooking Kuilima Bay, attendees will be treated to live jazz and a special wine tasting, champagne and elaborate appetizers. The all-inclusive price for Saturday is \$65.00

As a special treat, guests are invited to bid on guitar autographed by legendary Grammy-award winning Kahuku High School graduate Jack Johnson.

"I'm happy to lend my continued support to the project," said Johnson, "The book mobile is going to be great service to the North Shore community."

Proceeds for both Friday, November 18th and Saturday, November 19th, as well as the sales of Jackson's guitar, will benefit the purchase and operation of a book mobile servicing Oahu's North Shore schools from Kaa'awa to Sunset Beach.

"We are very excited and grateful to see our dreams of a North Shore book mobile

beginning to take shape,” says Fran Corcoran, Director of Kahuku Public and School Library. “It addresses our primary goal in the North Shore school system which is to get our kids reading. We look forward to working with Turtle Bay Resort to set the book mobile wheels in motion.”

For tickets, phone 808.293.6000 and ask for the Turtle Bay Resort Concierge Desk.

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 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.

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- **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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