

Turtle Bay Resort Hosts 2006 Champions Tour Turtle Bay Championship

NORTH SHORE, Oahu, HI (Sept. 15, 2005)—The Champions Tour makes its annual stop at Turtle Bay Resort on the North Shore of Oahu for the Turtle Bay Championship,

Jan. 23 through Jan. 29, 2006.

The Turtle Bay Championship is the first full-field event on the Champions Tour schedule, with weeklong activities including a two-day 36-hole professional-amateur tournament and a 54-hole professional competition. All three rounds of the Turtle Bay Championship are televised live on the Golf Channel.

The event takes place each year on the Palmer Course at Turtle Bay Resort. The resort signed a four-year extension agreement with PGA Tour's Champions Tour in 2004 and will serve as the site of this event until 2008.

The participants, including defending champion Hale Irwin, will be vying for a \$1.5 million purse, with a champion's prize of \$225,000.

At the 2005 event, Irwin captured his sixth Turtle Bay Championship victory with a final round 5-under par 678 winning the event with a record 16-under-par 200. Arnold Palmer also took part in the 2005 tournament and played on the namesake course, which he designed, for the very first time.

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 tbreservations@benchmarkmanagement.com or call toll free (866) 827-5327.

Turtle Bay Resort is a Preferred Hotels® & 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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