

Strikes n' Strokes

Bowling and Golf news

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Kapaula Bay Golf Course is the sister course of the Plantation where the Tournament of Champions has been played from 1999 to present. It has been sponsored by Hyundai since 2011.

This year's tournament didn't start until the fourth day of the tournament due to high windy conditions and played only 54 holes.

Saginaw native Doug Bohn is currently the head PGA professional at the Kapalua Bay Course.

The Bay Course is more inland than the Plantation Course.

However, the course still has wind effects coming in from the ocean. Hole No. 4 and 5 have beautiful ocean-side scenery.

The course is a resort-style course with a friendly-staff that gives you a wanted feeling.

Kapalua Bay has four tee boxes ranging from 5,119 yards to the tips at 6,600. The scorecard also has two combination tees giving the golfer six different combinations from the tees.

The Hawaiian Islands have many great looking golf courses to play on. Kapalua Bay is one of them. ♦

Aloha



One of many scenic holes at the Kapalua Bay Resort Bay Course. This is the par-3 No. 5 hole. From where the picture was taken, the yardage is 152 yards. Tees on this hole range from 135 to 205 yards. The cove to the right is the home to many large sea turtles.



Above, the driving range at Kapalua Bay has a horseshoe shaped via the trees in the foreground. Right, Ross, the starter for the day has his eyes focussed up in the air. He actually is looking at the photo below, where he has a good side view of the No. 1 hole. From there, he sends his groups out when the previous group has reached a certain point in the fairway.





Shon McGinnis, of Huntington Beach, Calif., reacts to a shot. Right, a view to the No. 2 green. Bottom photo, no, it wasn't that windy on Maui that day. The trees below around the No. 3 green, through many years of windy conditions, are leaning that way.





Above, another picturesque view from the tips on the No. 5, par-3 hole. Below, right, the No. 4 green. Another one of our playing partners, Katherine Barden, of Huntington Beach, Calif., chips one from the fairway.





Standard Reservations	\$208
Registered Guests of the Resort*	\$188
Mid-Day Rate 11 a.m.-12:50 p.m.	\$178
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Kapalua Resort Guest*	\$168
Twilight	\$148
Late Afternoon	\$98
Replay (same day based on availability)	\$68
Rider Fee (per person)	\$35

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The No. 12, par-3 registers 220 yards from the tips, 170 yards from the regular tees and 155 from the resort tees. The women get a break as they tee off from the side with no hazard to carry. Below, the No. 16 hole, has a double fairway. While the left fairway looks enticing, the hole is cart path only.





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Above, our playing partners, Shon McGinnis and Katherine Barden take a minute to reflect on the day's activities. Right, double trouble with this tree in the middle of a sandtrap. Bottom, view from the No. 18 hole, a tough finishing par-5.



