



THE MANY WORLDS OF

MAUNA KEA RESORT

WINTER 2008

“Number 3”

“Mr. Rockefeller, if you allow me to build a golf course here, this’ll be the most beautiful hole in the world.”

Robert Trent Jones, Sr. said this to Laurance S. Rockefeller as the two looked over a craggy lava inlet that would become the renowned hole “Number 3,” perhaps the most spectacular over-the-ocean shot in golf. That was before Mr. Jones found a way to crush rock into soil and create a green masterpiece on a barren lava flow without water, electric power or a road to get there. Today, the historic Mauna Kea Golf Course is revitalized by Mr. Jones’ son Rees. His company, Rees Jones Inc., completed a comprehensive upgrade of the course to USGA standards, while reclaiming his father’s original design intent.

The “new” Mauna Kea Golf Course is green again, with highly efficient ultra-dwarf Tifeagle Bermudagrass on the greens and Tifway 419 hybrid Bermudagrass on the tees, fairways and roughs. The installation of hi-tech irrigation systems and liners in the bunkers, as well as drainage improvements throughout, help keep the Course in top shape and save on environmental resources.

As for play, overall yardage will increase by about 200 yards from the tips, and multiple tees will challenge all levels of players. USGA representatives will play and rate the course, however, here’s a look at the new Mauna Kea Golf Course yardages: Black tees – 7370, Blue tees – 6806, Orange tees – 6358, Gold tees – 5798, White tees – 5096.

In February, we will also be delighted to present the new Mauna Kea Golf Course clubhouse restaurant, named after the most beautiful hole in the world. “Number 3” will be a golfer’s getaway by day and a fun family-friendly dinner option in the evenings.

The course that set the standard for Big Island golf in the 1960’s will be ready for your best game soon, waiting to welcome the next generation of Mauna Kea golfers. *Fore!*





Left to right; Jon Gersonde, Bob Butterfield and Adi Kohler

ALOHA,

As we head into the last few days of preparations, you can imagine how The Mauna Kea is bustling with activity. Everywhere you look, there are hundreds of workers, stacks of boxes, rows of equipment; and as the dust settles, you can feel excitement in the air. I was lucky enough to host former GM's Bob Butterfield and Adi Kohler (who asked me to send their *aloha* to you) for lunch recently, and they could sense it too.

Everywhere you look is busy, but one—the beautiful, untouched beach at Kauna'oa. Sometimes I stop and stare at it, just to center my thoughts and remember why people love coming here so much, why Mr. Rockefeller was inspired to build The Mauna Kea here in the first place.

There's no way to improve a beach like that, but I think you'll be excited about the improvements we're making to the beach *services*. Look for comfortable new padded chaise lounges and two-person rolltop cabana chairs, along with new umbrellas and thick orange towels. We also have new beach activities and equipment, like stand-up paddleboards (including kids' sizes), new kayaks, laser sailboats, canoe rides and more.

The Hau Tree has been refreshed as well, with all new umbrellas, teak furniture and updated kitchen—but don't worry; you can still enjoy your Ovaltine Froth or sunset cocktails on your favorite barstool. And, after the sun goes down, we will be adding a new beach experience under the stars—Hawaiian folklore by the fire.

We can hardly wait to share it all with you. In the meantime, from all of us, our very best wishes for the happiest of Holidays.

Mahalo,

Jon A. Gersonde
General Manager, Mauna Kea Beach Hotel



The Mauna Kea Lobby

EXCITEMENT ON THE MENU

As for Food & Beverage, we have good news and *great* news. The Mauna Kea will reopen with three restaurants: MANTA & Pavilion Wine Bar, Hau Tree~Beachside at Kauna'oa, and the Copper Terrace. We are also reviving your favorite weekly food events—The Mauna Kea Lū'au, Clambake seafood feast and traditional Sunday Brunch.

And, we are delighted to announce the return of acclaimed Chef George Gomes, Jr., who you may remember from the Garden Room in the 1980's. Since then, he has worked with Chef Jean-Marie Josselin in five restaurants on three islands, and as Corporate Executive Chef with Tri-Star/Jas Restaurant Group, been responsible for great dining rooms like Sarento's in Honolulu and Nick's Fishmarket at the Fairmont Kea Lani.

The Gomes family has been part of the Mauna Kea 'ohana for many years, working for the Hotel in different capacities. "This was not just another offer," says Gomes. "My family is part of Mauna Kea history and vice versa. Coming home to the Big Island with my children continues our story, and it's a story that needs to be told. It's a very special opportunity for me, and we are going to make it special for everyone who comes to eat with us."

Chef George and his colleagues will perform their culinary magic right before your eyes at MANTA & Pavilion Wine Bar, with its dynamic new exhibition kitchen and elegant, exclusive "Chef's Table" dinners. We also have the "Enomatic" wine experience, the latest thing in oenology, dispensing 48 selections by the glass, from new trends, high-end and the latest offerings of notable vintners.

MANTA serves breakfast too, with the endless ocean view that you remember. And for lunch, there's the Hau Tree~Beachside at Kauna'oa, rejuvenated for the "new" Mauna Kea. Our new "Number 3" golf clubhouse restaurant will open in February. In the evening, the Copper Terrace is still the setting for a Sunset Ceremony, with a pū (conch shell), torch-lighting, Hawaiian music and hula, and different pupu selections, such as yakitori grill, raw bar delicacies, sushi and more. Plus, we've added interesting "firepits" for cozy after-dinner conversation overlooking the moonlit ocean.

We've done our best to provide you with the best of both worlds, to juxtapose your favorite traditions with the top trends in food and beverage today. *Bon appétit!*



Hapuna's Coast Grille & Oyster Bar



New Manta & Pavilion Wine Bar at the Mauna Kea



"Mele Kalikimaka and Happy New Year."

ALOHA,

Hapuna has done very well this year in spite of tough economic times. Readers of *Travel + Leisure*, included Hapuna its "World's Best Hotels." Gayot.com lists Hapuna in the "Top 10 Hawaii Hotels," Expedia.com members give us 4-1/2 Stars and earlier this year, TripAdvisor.com named Hapuna #1 Hotel for Romance. I continue to enjoy reading rave reviews on TripAdvisor and other travel sites, and would like to thank our guests who take the time to share their experiences on the world wide web.

I am also grateful to our guests for your patience during our cosmetic construction project this summer, and to our entire staff for their good spirits and extra-mile attitude. I would particularly like to thank Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company and our own Engineering Team for getting the job done in such a timely and professional manner.

The project finished well ahead of schedule, and the porte cochere and atrium are more beautiful than ever. The pool-to-ocean view still takes your breath away, and the Reef Lounge once again fills up with sunset colors and island music every evening.

Everyone is excited about The Mauna Kea re-opening, and we would love to have you come to Hapuna, enjoy one of Hawaii's best beaches, a great meal at Coast Grille or a round on Hapuna Golf Course. When you do visit, please stop in and say hello. Until then, from our family to yours, Mele Kalikimaka and Happy New Year.

Mahalo,

Kevin Kim
Hotel Manager, Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel



The Mauna Kea Realty team, Front row: Diana Woods, Kathrin "Chacha" Kohler, Jeanne Buboltz, Linda Rattray and Margery Mayo, Back row: Nancy Alword, Pam Deery and Teryl Jackson.

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PLAN YOUR WINTER ESCAPE TO MAUNA KEA RESORT

With the Holidays right around the corner, now is the perfect time to plan a winter getaway and take advantage of a special opportunity to enjoy everything Mauna Kea Resort has to offer. Starting from \$385 per night at The Mauna Kea and \$299 per night at Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel, the "Prince Winter Escape" includes a daily \$50 resort credit to use for dining or resort activities.



New Guestroom

Customize your "Escape" and enjoy doing what you love most at your favorite Big Island resort. Experience the soothing white sands of Hapuna and Kauna'oa, two of Hawaii's best-loved beaches. Challenge your skills on the Arnold Palmer-designed Hapuna Golf Course or the "new" Mauna Kea Golf Course, just refurbished by Rees Jones, Inc. Energize yourself with tennis by the ocean, or soothe your soul with tranquil spa therapies. Indulge in a romantic sunset dinner and a sandy stroll hand-in-hand by the light of the moon.

Prince Winter Escape is valid for stays January 4 through March 21, 2009. There's no minimum stay required, AND with our Prince Preferred membership, you can save 10% on already-reduced Prince Winter Escape rates. *(Some blackout dates may apply.)* For Prince Preferred membership information, online reservations and complete details, visit www.PrinceResortsHawaii/Winter, or call 1-866-PRINCE-6 (774-6236).