

Hong Kong Business Association of Hawaii

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E-newsletter



From Diamond Head to Victoria Peak ...



President Donna and son Kelvin represent two generations of the Ts'o family as HKBAH members.

The 10th Annual Goodwill Golf Tournament was blessed with many great things – great golfers, great weather, great food, great prizes, great times! A sincere thank you to all that participated in the planning and the playing which led to a successful fundraising event!

Golfers began registering for the October 18th tournament before noon and after the lucky number draw, prize ticket hand-out, rules distribution, mulligan and donation requests, which was handled by our volunteers – Barinna Poon, Joan Davis, Sharon Hurd, Chris Oshima, Donna and Kelvin T'so – the golfers had some time to lunch on hot dogs and chili in the sunny weather of Ewa Beach. Once again, Hawaii Air Cargo employees Patty Suniga and Jessie Ellis added to our event by grilling the perfect hot dogs to go with the tasty Bird of Paradise chili.

Tom Masterson, Waynella McNeil and Sharon Fountain of Unicity kept our golfers energized with their BiosLife XXTRA drinks and their words of advice on staying healthily hydrated. What a wonderful addition to the tournament!

Although there were many skillful attempts at winning the keys, the Mercedes Benz will have to wait another year to be driven off by one of our golfers. Dan Colon did come within six inches of Hole B7 and took home one of the four “Closest to the Pin” prizes. The Tournament Committee wishes you many hours of fun practicing for next year's contests!

The end of the golfing meant the tallying of the scores, picking up prizes, eating a delicious dinner and being entertained by our handsome Master of Ceremonies, Tom Masterson. Tom scoured the internet and networked with friends to emcee a program full of delightful golf jokes that kept the evening casual and fun. Tournament Chairperson Barinna, Co-Chair Brian, President Donna and Chairperson Laisin took turns at the microphone welcoming the group and inviting all to attend upcoming HKBAH events as a new member or guest. Emcee Tom was the most gentlemanly auctioneer, politely reminding Barinna that she need not bid against herself for the United Airlines tickets and skillfully gaining interest in bidding for the Polo game, Scuba diving, Restaurant Gift Certificates. Rumor has it that his crowd-pleasing demeanor is fueled by XXTRA Energy Drink!

Awarding the prizes was the job of Co-Chair Brian, who announced the top nine and the last place team finishers – congratulations to all the participants! The evening ended with the donation raffle prizes and the auction, both anxiously awaited due to airline tickets donated by Hawaiian Airlines and United Air Cargo – congratulations to all the winners!

As stated earlier, the 10th Annual Goodwill Golf Tournament was blessed with many great things – the greatest gift was your participation! See you next year!

By: Sharon Hurd – 2006 Golf Tournament Co-Chair



“This raffle ticket is for tonight's drawing for our grand prize – Hawaiian Airlines round trip tickets.” - Sharon Hurd – Co-Chair



“We appreciate a donation” said President Donna Ts'o to our golf advisor, Dick Oshima.



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"Check it out this beautiful Benz! I would like to drive it home tonight," many said on the course.



Our special sponsor – Unicity franchisees: Waynella McNeil and Tom Masterson



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TeeBit: The day after the tournament, a player was heard to say that she had so much fun; she wanted to donate a prize from her company for next year's tournament. That is the mark of a successful tournament!



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A Big “MAHALO” to Everyone!

By Barinna Poon, 2006 Golf Tournament Chairperson



Co-Chair Brian Suzuki focuses on his putting.

Almost every year since 1996, the Hong Kong Business Association of Hawaii (HKBAH) has its annual goodwill golf tournament. This popular tournament attracts a variety of participants, including professionals, business leaders, local community members and HKBAH’s members, who seem to enjoy the fellowship with other players, not to mention the quality banquet dinner, the great prizes and the picturesque scenery golf course location.

The 10th Annual Goodwill Golf Tournament was held on October 18, 2006 at **The Hawaii Prince Golf Club** in Ewa Beach. 45 players and many sponsors, donors, and volunteers helped to make this event a rousing success, both in our tournament results, as well as our ultimate goal of providing funds for our various programs and events; a portion of the net proceeds goes to the support Sui Wah School.



HKBAH past President Tom Mole and his teammates are enjoying their game.

This year, a large factor in our success of this tournament was the tremendous support from all the sponsors, donors, participants and volunteers.

We wish to offer a special thanks to our Hole-in-One Sponsor, **Mercedes-Benz of Honolulu**, for once again generously supporting our golf tournament

Our warmest MAHALO are also extended to our Raffle Grand Prize Sponsors, **Hawaiian Airlines** and **Holiday Inn Waikiki**; Auction Grand Prize Sponsor, **United Air Cargo**; Team Grand Prize Sponsors, **Business & Leisure Holidays**, **The Madden Corporation** and **Kirin Chinese Restaurant**; Program Advertising Sponsors, **HKTDC**, **Federation of Hong Kong Business Associations Worldwide**, **Fernandez Entertainment, Inc.**, **Prime Income Asset Management LLC**, **Unicity** and **Central Pacific Properties, Inc.**; Hole Sponsors, **Fernandez Entertainment, Inc.** and **TIMCORP International Marketing**;

Cash Donor, **Donna Ts’o**, **Loretta Kam**, **Wanda Tse** and all of our prize and gift donors as well.

In addition, special appreciation goes to all team sponsors, our 45 golfers who participated in this event, and members who came to the award dinner. Without their involvement, an event like this could not be successful.

At last, many thanks to our Silver Sponsor **Hawaii Air Cargo**, our Bronze Sponsor **Beachcomber Realty** for their tremendous support. Our devoted Co-Chairs, **Brian Suzuki** and **Sharon Hurd**, our Master of Ceremonies, **Tom Masterson** and our terrific golf committee team for their incredible work and orchestrating a hugely successful day.

It is our sincere hope that all those who took part in the event had a wonderful day and HKBAH looks forward to seeing everyone back next year!



Heard on the course: There was a near hole-in-one at the Par-3 hole B7. Had the ball continued for another 6 inches, the prize was a 7-night cruise vacation for two! When Barinna, who was monitoring the play, commented how exciting it would have been if the ball continued its roll, the player responded, “This is just a practicing hole to me. It’s the next Par-3 hole C7 that I’m focusing on.” He wanted the new red Mercedes Benz!



Dan Colon posed at the Par-3 hole B7. So close to a hole in one! Just needed one more roll of the ball.



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2006 Golf Tournament Chairperson Barinna Poon thanks all the participants, sponsors, donors and volunteers at the awards dinner.



Co-Chair Brian Suzuki announced the winning teams



Heard on the course: A group of young players were disappointed after completing play because their score merited the uncovered last place award. However, when they realized there was a special prize for the "last place team", they felt a bit better. Then, when one of the members won the grand raffle prize – domestic airline tickets for two donated by Hawaiian Airlines -- they felt that after all, the tournament turned out pretty good for them.

RESULTS

10th HKBAH Annual Goodwill Golf Tournament October 18, 2006 Hawaii Prince Golf Course

Hole-In-One

B-4	Callaway Golf Iron Set	No winner
B-7	Seven-Day Royal Caribbean Cruise	No winner
C-3	\$500 Golf Shop Credit	No winner
C-7	\$35,000 Mercedes Benz C230 Sedan	No winner

Closest to the hole \$50.00 Cash Prize

B-4	Tania Mulero
B-7	Dan Colon (Within 6 inches of a hole-in-one)
C-3	Virgil Sisian
C-7	Matt Gilbertson

Team Prizes

1	Ronald Kapuniai, Robert Chang & Craig Koyanagi
2	Keith Mellenback, Virgil Sisian & Stephen Fujioka
3	Jerry Ferreira, Kaleo Keolanui & Brian Loughnane
4	Rene Takushi, Jerry Fonacier & Lori Fujimori
5	Doug Eagleson, Mark Sasaki & Dwight Hamai
6	Tom Dunn, Bob Tyler & Dan Colon
7	Tom Mole, Matt Gilbertson & Ron Kuhn
8	Christie Wash, Lou Chun & Keith Wong
9	Dick Oshima, Ear! Loo & Marvin Hamai
Last	Kyle Cutwright, Ryan Ng & Trevor Yee

Teebits

This year's tournament included 6 lady golfers, our most ever! Rained Tuesday and Thursday, but not on Wednesday, Oct 18th! Several business transactions were completed along the course!



Another lucky winner! Didn't Dick just win a John Dominis Restaurant certificate from the auction minutes ago?



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President's Message

As the Hong Kong Business Association of Hawaii President of 2006, I am glad to have participated in this year's 10th Annual Goodwill Golf Tournament. On behalf of the Hong Kong Business Association of Hawaii, I would like to express my appreciation to all the team players who took time off of their busy schedule to join us on this wonderful event, and also the members who came to our Award Dinner. We would also like to thank all our sponsors and donors for their continuous support of our association.

While I was monitoring the hole-in-one, I experienced the excited, energetic and enthusiastic spirit of all the team players. Everyone seemed to have fun and enjoy the beautiful day out in the field. Immediately after the game, there was good food, good humor and great prizes at the Award Dinner. The event was exceptional, especially the live auction. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our hard working crew, the Golf Tournament Committee, who put together such a wonderful and successful event.

We wish to see you at our next year Golf Tournament and I also encourage you to participate actively in our future events.

Donna S. F. Ts'o

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 16th, 2006
Annual Membership Meeting
Maple Garden

November 28-29, 2006
7th Hong Kong Forum
Hong Kong Exhibition & Convention Center

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