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**Hawaii's Best Juniors and "Little Tiger" Pair Off with PGA Pros
for King Auto Group Pro-Junior Skills Challenge**

Public invited to FREE community event on Tuesday, January 11 at the 2011 Sony Open in Hawaii

WHAT: King Auto Group Pro-Junior Skills Challenge at the 2011 Sony Open in Hawaii

WHEN: **Tuesday, January 11, 2011**

2:45 p.m. Skydive Hawaii Pre-Show

- Performances by the Kamehameha Schools Band and Choir
- Thrilling skydive exhibition and "drop" onto the green by Skydive Hawaii

3:00 p.m. Pro-Junior Skills Challenge

- Each team will compete in a four skills challenge: a 128-yard Miracle Shot sponsored by Monarch Insurance; Bunker Shot sponsored by Kraft Foods in Hawaii; a Chip Shot; and the final Challenge Putt sponsored by King Auto Group

4:10 p.m. Awards Presentation

WHERE: Waialae Country Club, 18th Green

DETAILS: FREE Admission and Parking with Shuttle available at Hunakai Park. No backpacks or cell phones are permitted. For more information please call 808.523.7888 or visit www.friendsofhawaii.org

Bring the whole family to this FREE and fun community event! Hawaii's best junior golfers Alexander Chiarella, Allisen Corpuz, Ryan Kuroiwa, Cyd Okino, Scotty Yamashita and Japan's Kota Kagasaki "Little Tiger" pair up with PGA TOUR Pros Ricky Barnes, Fred Funk, Zach Johnson (*2009 Sony Open Champion*), Jerry Kelly (*2002 Sony Open Champion*), Matt Kuchar (*#1 on 2010 PGA TOUR Money List*) and Steve Stricker (*#5 on 2010 PGA TOUR Money List*) in an exciting season-opening showdown to benefit the Hawaii State Golf Association (HSJGA).

This annual event brings thousands of students and spectators together to watch the spectacular entrance made by a select team of skydivers from Skydive Hawaii that “drop” into the event on the 18th green after jumping from a plane 6,500 feet above Diamond Head during the entertaining pre-show with performances by Kamehameha Schools Band and Choir, Hula Preservation Society and cultural speaker Manu Boyd.

The Friends of Hawaii Charities received the following additional commitments for the King Auto Pro-Junior Skills Challenge:

Kota Kagasaki: Fourteen-year-old Kota Kagasaki received his first set of clubs from his father on his 8th birthday. Within a single year following his golfing debut, he made three hole-in-ones, breaking the youngest record held by Tiger Woods. In November 2009 Kota had a dream match with Tiger, who had been visiting Japan. After the game, Tiger, impressed by Kota’s talent, offered Kota a rematch in the future. Kota’s goals are to join the USPGA by age 18 and play in the American Tour. The “Little Tiger” hopes to win and raise the national flag at the four major tournaments by age 20 and to win the gold medal in the 2016 London Olympics when golf becomes an official Olympic sport.

Ricky Barnes: Still a newlywed, 2002 U.S. Amateur Champion Ricky Barnes married Suzanne Stonebarger, a professional beach volleyball player on the AVP Tour in September 2010. Barnes earned his PGA TOUR card in 2009 after finishing in the 25th spot on the 2008 Nationwide Tour money list. He set a 36-hole scoring record after shooting an 8-under 132 through the first two rounds at the 2009 U.S. Open, finishing in a tie for second, two shots behind the winner. In 2010, Barnes has enjoyed six top 10 finishes.

Matt Kuchar: Ranked #1 on the 2010 PGA TOUR money list, Matt Kuchar was a two-time first-team All American on the Georgia Tech golf team. He received the Fred Haskins award in 1998 as the nation’s top collegiate golfer. He consistently leads the PGA TOUR in top ten finishes and took first at The Barclays in August at Ridgewood Country Club where he defeated Martin Laird on the first hole of a sudden death playoff.

Hawaii State Junior Golf Association founded in 1998 provides an environment where any junior golfer, male or female (ages 7-18), can enjoy golf and progress at his or her own rate from beginner to proficiency, while promoting and preserving the traditions and integrity of the game. For more information about HSJGA, please visit www.hsjga.org.

Friends of Hawai‘i Charities, charity sponsor of the Sony Open in Hawai‘i, is a federal 501 (c) (3) public charity incorporated in 1998 to benefit not-for-profit organizations serving Hawai‘i’s children, youth, women and needy. Over the past eleven years, Friends of Hawai‘i Charities, Inc., together with Sony Open charity partner, The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc., has raised and distributed more than \$10,000,000 to over 350 not-for-profit organizations. For more information, visit www.friendsofhawaii.org.

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