



Winter – 2009

NEWSLETTER

KE NANI KAI NEWS

KNK Resort News

Ke Nani Kai continues to thrive as the prime destination resort on the West End of Molokai. Many visitors and owners alike are enjoying the Hawaiian immersion experience that Molokai has to offer. The peace, serenity, along with hiking, biking and kayaking are just a few of the adventures that vacationers seek on this unspoiled island. Molokai's unique terrain boasts tropical rain forests in the East and cascading hills in the West. Visitors quickly begin to understand the magic and allure of this Hawaiian treasure. The possibilities are many -- Kayak Hawaii's longest barrier reef, stroll Hawaii's longest white sand beach, enjoy breathtaking sea cliffs, explore rare plants and animals with a educational hike to Kamakou or Mo'omomi Preserves. The closure of the Molokai Ranch and its West End operations in April 2008 has negatively affected tourism to the island, but more and more eco-vacationers are discovering this one-of-a-kind destination. The greatest impact the Molokai Ranch Closing has had on Ke Nani Kai vacationers is that there is no longer an 18-hole golf course on the island or a restaurant near-by. Iron Wood Hills Executive Course in Kalae (about 20 minute drive from KNK) is open daily. It's an executive course and they offer discounted rates to Ke Nani Kai Owners. For your vacation convenience, you can check-out beach chairs and boogie boards at our Resident Manager's office. Also available are board games and books. The Ke Nani Kai Club apartment interiors are in great shape for your vacation comfort. The interiors were painted this past summer and new switch plates were installed on all electrical outlets. Complimentary high speed internet (wi/fi) is now in each time share unit. New windows and sliders have been replaced in the units as needed. New drapes will be installed in all units in the spring. We continue to get great comments from guests on the resort grounds, exterior buildings and beautiful pool/spa area. We receive good marks too on our friendly on-site staff. We are accepting reservations for 2009 and 2010 so please call 1-800-490-9042 or e-mail info@kenanikai.com if you'd like to reserve a week at KNK or to place an exchange request.

President's Corner

As I returned from our Annual Meeting last April, I had several thoughts going through my mind. I felt good about our KNK time share units, the KNK grounds were beautiful and I felt good about being re-elected to the KNK Board for two more years as well as being named President of the KNK Board again.

The not so good news is that the Molokai Ranch announced that it would shut down operations on Molokai as of April 5, 2008. And like everyone else I found myself wondering how the closure of the Molokai Ranch will affect KNK and the island of Molokai.

We now have other challenges with the economy and after the November 2008 meeting, the KNK Board is working hard to help KNK owners with their questions. We are working on new programs to deal with the economic downturns.

The KNK Board will continue to keep owners updated as best as we can, however, some of the decisions will take time so please be patient as everything unfolds on Molokai and with our economy.

As I mentioned earlier, the KNK Board continues to focus on unit improvements to keep our time share units in great shape. The pool looks fantastic and the grounds are gorgeous. I hope you can take advantage of the lower airfares and take advantage of our beautiful and peaceful get-a-way from all the bad news.

If you have any specific questions, or know people that would like to own a week in paradise, please feel free to contact me at rick.shaw@awareity.com or 402.730.0090.

Mahalo!

Rick Shaw – President

Management Corner

Ke Nani Kai Property Taxes

Tax time is upon us, you may be wondering the amount of property taxes that were paid for EACH time share week in 2008. The property taxes paid in 2008 for one week of ownership in each unit are as follows:

104	\$ 70.78	133	\$ 92.88
108	\$ 91.75	138	\$ 92.88
130	\$ 70.78	205	\$ 92.88
		257	\$ 92.88

Buying or Selling of Hawaii Time Share Property

Please remember when selling your time share at Ke Nani Kai (or any property in Hawaii) that you consider using a Hawaii attorney. This will insure that the deed will be recorded properly in the Land Court System of the State of Hawaii. Land Court has many requirements of which mainland attorneys are not familiar with. If the transfer deed is not recorded properly, there could be extensive charges in the future to make the necessary corrections. It has been brought to our attention that several mainland transfer companies are soliciting time share owners for resale transfer services. Please be sure the company you select uses a Hawaii-based Escrow / Title company so the transfer is done correctly. It is best that you use a Hawaii attorney for any transfer of property in the State of Hawaii. Hawaii Document Service specializes in time share transfers. PH: 1-888-628-9555 or web site www.HawaiiDocumentService.com

Optimizing your Time Share Use

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of several of the unique features that are available to you as a Ke Nani Kai owner. Our most popular option that gives you great flexibility in planning your vacations is our "carry-over" feature. This option entitles you to skip using a week in a given year and to carry it forward to the following year. You can do anything you'd like with your carry-over week (*space available basis*) such as combining it with your current use week for a 2-week vacation. You can use it at KNK, trade it through our in-house exchange network, or deposit it with Interval International (*they give you up to 2 years from the reservation date to use it*). The only restriction is that you must use the carry-over week by December 31 of the following year. Example, 2008 carry-over weeks must be used by 12/31/09. Time Sharing is an interactive process and does require some effort to make it work effectively. We are dedicated to providing you with personal attention so that you get the most of your time share investment. Please call or e-mail our office for individual assistance in utilizing your use weeks. 1-800-490-9042 or e-mail: info@kenanikai.com.

In-House Exchange Service

This service is exclusively for KNK owners. There are no membership fees or upgrade fees to larger sized units. We are committed to providing our owners with top quality, personalized service. A nominal exchange fee (\$99) will be assessed *only after your exchange has been confirmed*. We can book you in to many exciting vacation destinations in Hawaii, Mexico and Canada. The newest component to this program is that we have made arrangements with several of our exchange affiliates to break-up weeks. This allows owners to use less than a week's time at certain resorts and the balance at another location or at a later date. Example #1: break up your week in Hawaii to spend 3 nights on Oahu and 4 nights on Kauai. Example # 2: break your week up to use 3 nights in Las Vegas in November and 4 nights in Palm Springs in April. *Some restrictions apply*. Please contact us for individualized assistance with your exchange requests. 1-800-490-9042 or e-mail: info@kenanikai.com

Interval International

In addition to featuring the KNK in-house exchange service, KNK is proud to be affiliated with Interval International. Owners can become a member for \$89 annual membership fee. As a member, you can visit over 2000 resorts around the world. As a Hawaii owner, you will also enjoy special promotions and benefits such as two-for-one trading. Travel services and special discounts on hotel, air and car rentals are part of the services included in your membership. For more information, contact 1-800-843-8843 or visit their web site at www.intervalworld.com. Please keep in mind that if you need help placing a request with Interval International or are having difficulty securing a week at one of their resorts, we'd be happy to assist. Please contact our office at 1-800-490-9042 or e-mail: info@kenanikai.com

Molokai News

Molokai Ranch

In April 2008, the Molokai Ranch shut down its West End operations. This included Molokai Lodge and its restaurants, the Kaupoa Beach Village, the Maunaloa Tri-plex Theater, the Maunaloa Gas station and the Kaluakoi Golf Course. The Ranch blamed the move on community opposition to its development plans for a 200-lot subdivision at La'au Point. In exchange for the La'au Point development, the Ranch would have set aside 50,000 acres for open space and conservation easement. The Molokai Ranch CEO, Peter Nicholas, said that the company was unable to continue bearing operational losses if it wasn't going to be able to implement the development plan. The Ranch also operates 3 water systems that serve West Molokai. Temporary water rate hikes were approved by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in August to offset the utility companies' losses. The Ranch is the largest land-holder on Molokai and owns approximately 1/3 of the island's acreage.

Father Damien Declared Saint

What residents of Kalaupapa have known for over a century has now been confirmed by Pope Benedict XVI. Father Damien de Veuster will be declared a saint at a Vatican ceremony presided over by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009. Father Damien was beatified – a step toward sainthood – in 1995 by Pope John Paul II after being linked to the 1895 miracle recovery of a Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary nun. Then in 1999 a Honolulu woman credited her recovery from terminal lung cancer to prayers she made to Father Damien. The recovery could not be explained medically. The Pope's confirmation of this second miracle paved the way for Father Damien's canonization to sainthood. Born in Belgium in 1840, Father Damien joined other missionaries of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary in Honolulu in 1864. He voluntarily relocated to minister and serve 700 Hansen's disease patients who were forcibly placed in Kalaupapa peninsula. Father Damien eventually contracted the disease, and died in Kalaupapa after over a decade of service to the patients and community. About 20 former Hansen's disease patients still live in Kalaupapa. It is expected that an influx of pilgrims and visitors will travel to Molokai after the canonization. The Patient Advisory Council made a rule that no more than 100 people could visit the peninsula at one time. The National Parks Service said this will remain in place because it was created to protect the privacy of the remaining patients/residents.



Enjoy a Cuppa' Molokai

100% home grown coffee.

Coffees of Hawaii offers three coffee blends, and now, all of the flavors contain 100% Molokai Grown coffee. The flavors include Malulani Estate, a medium roast; Muleskinner, a dark roast, and Hawaiian Espresso, which is great as espresso or as regular percolated coffee. www.coffeesofhawaii.com

Hotel Molokai Spa Center

Hotel Molokai is now offering Spa Services. Melt your cares away with a relaxing massage, facial, manicure, or pedicure at the New Spa Center. Open Monday – Friday. To make an appointment, call 808.660.3408.

Ironwood Hills: Hawaii's first-ever golf course

In 1938, Hawaii's first golf course was built on Molokai. The course, Hanekekua Golf Club, which today is Ironwood Hills in Kala'e was originally built by Del Monte for the benefit of its Scottish plantation workers. Legend has it that the original planners and designers looked at pictures of British Open Championship courses in drawing up a blueprint. Looking at the course today it's easy to envision those first Scots that walked the fairways feeling right at home on a course that has many characteristics of a typical Scottish links-style golf course. Just like so much of Molokai, in comparison to other courses on its sister islands, Ironwoods has a rural unfettered charm that personifies the simple over the glitz and the glamour. Professional Golfer's Association (PGA) pro Darrel Rego has been running Ironwoods for 14 years. With occasional help from assistants, Rego for the most part looks after Ironwoods on his own. Ironwoods is a challenging course for all levels of golfers. It has some scenic views on many of its nine holes. The par-34 course is not long by modern standards at 3,088 yards, but with its many undulations from tee to green, tree lined fairways and small putting surfaces, it is a good examination of golfing ability. Green fees at Ironwoods are \$18 for 9 holes and \$24 for 18 holes. KNK owners will receive a discounted rate of \$14 for 9 holes and \$16 for 18 holes. *Please arrange for owners ID card prior to your next trip to take advantage of the discount.* Course hours are 7:30 a.m – 6:00 p.m daily. PH: 808.567.6000. Club rentals are available. 45 minute lessons are available with Rego for \$40.

The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii



Nowhere else in Hawaii can you expose yourself to so much variety in landscape so quickly or so leisurely. Although Molokai is only 10 miles wide and 38 miles long, it is carved sharply from the mountains to the sea.

Its northern sea cliffs are the highest in the world; its West End plains descend gently across ranchlands to clear waters and the longest, least crowded of the accessible beaches in Hawaii. Rich in archeological sites and legends – Molokai is a hiker's paradise! The *Nature Conservancy of Hawaii* care for and protect approximately 9000 acres of land which is considered to be the most pristine in the state. *The Nature Conservancy* leads monthly hikes to two unique locations on Molokai.

Kamakou Preserve – the rain forest of Kamakou Preserve lies near the summit of Molokai's highest mountain. Here you will find more than 250 species of Hawaiian plants – at least 219 of them can be found nowhere else in the world! This lush rain forest is also home to countless native insects, supporting a unique array of birds. Hikes are approximately 3 miles and are appropriate for the novice – intermediate hiker.

2009 Guided Hike Schedule: January 10, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, July 11, August 1, September 12, October 3, November 7, December 5.

Mo'omomi Preserve – the last stronghold of a major Hawaiian coastal ecosystem, a holdover from an ancient era. Strong and steady northeast trade winds shape the dunes of Mo'omomi, creating linear dunes a mile long and hundreds of feet wide. At first glance, these dunes appear nearly barren. Yet within these vast communities of native grasses and shrubs grow more rare coastal species than in any other single place in the main Hawaiian Islands. Hikes are approximately 2 miles which is appropriate for the novice – intermediate hiker.

2009 Guided Hike Schedule: January 17, February 21, March 14, April 25, May 9, June 13, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 14, December 12.

To sign up call 808.553.5236 or e-mail: hike_molokai@tnc.org
Fee \$25/person

Note: The Kamakou and Mo'omomi Preserves are open to the public if you would like to explore these sites on your own. A 4-wheel drive vehicle is needed to reach these areas. Please call 808.553.5236 for more information.

Travel Tips



Gadgets

Avoid fees for overweight baggage at airports. This handheld scale attaches to the handle of a bag and lets you know how much the bag weighs in kilos or pounds (up to 75 pounds) as you lift it. It also features a built-in tape measure so that you can be sure you are within carry-on size restrictions. www.travelsmith.com or 1-800-960-1600. Item #9389 \$9.95.

Privacy Screen for laptop computers makes it hard for anyone to see the screen unless directly in front of it. It attaches easily to your laptop's screen and reduces glare. Available for CRT and LCD monitors. Prices start at \$50. 3M, 1-888-364-3677. www.3Mprivacyfilter.com

Eat to Beat Jet Lag

When traveling from one time zone to another, *eat pasta the night before your flight* – the carbohydrates boost your brain's supply of the sleep-inducing neurotransmitter *serotonin*. *Skip in-flight meals*. Eating is one of the ways your body sets its internal clock, and airlines generally serve meals according to the time zone from which you took off, not the one where you will land. *After you land*, order steak or eggs – foods that are rich in protein prompt your brain to produce neurochemicals that increase alertness.



Big Discounts on business-class airline tickets

For big discounts on business-class airline tickets, sign up for free e-mails from FlightBliss.com. The e-mails give each week's top business and first-class deals from more than 30 US and international carriers. In the slowest times for business travel – summer, Thanksgiving and Christmas – discounts can be as much as 80%.

Travel & Leisure

New Wallet-sized passport cards are available for land and sea travelers to Mexico, Canada and the Caribbean. The cards are good for 10 years for adults and five years for children younger than 16. Passport cards cost \$45 for adults, \$35 for minors and \$20 for passport holders (versus \$100 for an adult passport, \$85 for minors and \$75 for a renewal). A traditional passport still is required for most international travel, and passport cards may NOT be used for air travel. Information: 1-877-487-2778 or www.travel.state.gov/passport.



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