

## GolfBoarding Hits Hawaiian Shores



Mauna Kea and Hapuna golf courses on Hawaii Island have introduced a new mode of transport for Kiwi golfers looking to get from hole to hole on the course—and it may just be marginally cooler than a golf buggy.

GolfBoard, as it's known, is an individually driven platform that allows golfers to navigate the greens much the way a surfer navigates the ocean, say the golf courses. A pro-surfer was one of the design consultants in the development of GolfBoard and it's said the new golfing accessory can hit super speeds of around 16km/h and play 18 holes of golf in a single battery charge.



### Pool Reno Postponed

The Royal Kahana Maui by Outrigger advises agents that the pool renovations have been postponed and will begin from 04 Oct. The upgrade is expected to be complete by 31 Oct.

For clients who are sold on the idea there are also some other courses in the Hawaiian Islands which offer the GoldBoards, including Turtle Bay Resort. For more details on the Mauna Kea and Hapuna golf options, see [princeresortshawaii.com](http://princeresortshawaii.com)

### Better Hawaii Airports

Funding has been increased for agricultural inspection stations in Hawaii, which allow passengers to directly connect to flights to the mainland from neighbour island airports. The Senate Appropriations Committee passed the agriculture appropriations bill for fiscal year 2016, with some USD27.9 million put towards airport agricultural inspections at airports on Kauai, Maui, Oahu, and Hawai'i Island. "Without agricultural inspection stations at our neighbor island airports, tourists would be forced to claim the bags in Honolulu, get them inspected, and then recheck them before boarding their flights home," says US Senator Brian Schatz. "This funding makes it easier to ensure visitors and residents alike have a better experience traveling through our airports."

### Zippping And Cycling

Princeville Ranch Adventures has released a new tour for clients looking for a more adventurous experience, which combines zip-lining with electric mountain biking.

The Kauai Visitors Bureau says the tour will see clients ride across the ranch on state-of-the-art MOTIV Electric Mountain Bikes to the highest part of the ranch, where they'll have a go on three zip-lines, then enjoy a snack and ride home. The trip takes around three hours and costs USD145pp + tax. See [princevillerranch.com](http://princevillerranch.com)



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### Mauna Kea's 50th

Mauna Kea Beach Hotel has celebrated its 50th birthday in style. Festivities began with a flower drop along Kaunaoa Bay of 50,000 orchids, appropriately followed by lei making on the beach. Other highlights included a traditional Hawaiian blessing, a gala anniversary dinner, activities by the bay, lobby entertainment, special desserts, dancing and more.

"As we reflect on 50 years of world-class service and hospitality, we're also excited to look ahead at an equally bright future. Stay tuned for exciting things to come," says Mauna Kea Beach Hotel general manager Craig Anderson.

### Photography Exhibit

Waikiki-bound clients can step back in time with a new exhibition opening at the Royal Hawaiian. The property is sharing rare treasures from its archives in 'The Travel to Hawaii Ads Exhibit: a beautiful collection of advertisements 1935-1941' which opens 06 Aug. It features a variety of photos from the archives of the Matson Navigation Company, said to be instrumental in the development of tourism to Hawaii and the South Pacific. The photos in the adverts were taken by famous photographers of the time, Anton Bruehl and Edward Steichen, and were featured in magazines such as Vogue, National Geographic, The New Yorker, TIME and more.



### Made In Hawaii Fest A Must See For Visitors

Clients in Hawaii 21-23 Aug can bring back authentic locally made souvenirs and taste local food from the popular Made in Hawaii Festival, on at the Neil S Blaisdell Exhibition Hall in Honolulu. More than 400 vendors will showcase locally made and grown products including jewellery, bikinis, skincare, woodwork, homeware, handbags, clothing and food like macadamia nuts and coffee. The show, which is hugely popular with the locals, is on 1000-2100 Fri and Sat, and 1000-1700 on Sun. Clients can catch The Bus route #2 of #13 ex Waikiki from Waikiki take Bus route #2 or #13 to the Neal S. Blaisdell Center. Admission is USD5pp, children six and under are free. See [madeinhawaiifestival.com](http://madeinhawaiifestival.com)

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