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Hōkūala to host stellar field for 2025 Burns Intercollegiate

*14 of 17 teams ranked in top 100;
2025 Masters' qualifier and Latin American Amateur Champ anchors individual field*

TOURNAMENT FACTS

Dates: Feb. 13–15, 2025

Venue: [Ocean Course at Hōkūala](#)

Location: Lihu'e, Kaua'i

Yardage (Par): 7,156 (70)

Format: 54 holes; 18 holes each day; 5-count-4

Tee Times: 9:00 a.m. HST shotgun each day

Live Scoring: [SCOREBOARD](#)

Host: Hawai'i

Defending Team Champion: Arizona

Defending Individual Champion: Bastien Amat, New Mexico

TEEING OFF

The 48th John A. Burns Intercollegiate – the University of Hawai'i's marquee men's golf tournament and NCAA Division I's seventh-longest running golf event – will be contested from Feb. 13–15 on the Ocean Course at Hōkūala (Kaua'i). Over three days, seventeen teams from ten athletic conferences will play on the longest continuous stretch of oceanfront holes in Hawai'i.

TEAMS (17)

BYU, California, Fresno State, Grand Canyon, Hawai'i, Illinois, Long Beach State, Missouri, New Mexico, Saint Mary's (CA), San Diego State, Santa Clara, Texas A&M, UNLV, Utah, UTEP and Washington State.

14 of the 17 Burns' teams are ranked in the top 100 of DI, per SCOREBOARD.

The 2025 event includes six past team champions who have won a combined 20 Burns' titles. Cal leads this year's field with five team titles (2011, '12, '13, '14, '15), followed by BYU with four.

INDIVIDUALS

Caymanian Justin Hastings, a San Diego State senior set to visit Kaua'i, recently won the 2025 Latin American Amateur Championship (LAAC) in Argentina. The prestigious win earned Hastings exemptions into this year's Masters Tournament, U.S. Open and British Open. Hastings is the second Cayman Islands male to win the LAAC, following Aaron Jarvis four years prior.

Frenchman Bastien Amat, a New Mexico senior and All-Mountain West honoree who made the cut in the PGA TOUR's 2023 Barracuda Championship, will defend his Burns' individual title.

Illinois' senior Jackson Buchanan, the 2024 Big Ten Golfer of the Year, is currently the tournament's top-ranked player at No. 13.

New Mexico has produced seven Burns' individual medalists. Cal has fashioned six.

VENUE

The Ocean Course at Hōkūāla, meaning "Rising Star" in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, is part of [Timbers Kaua'i – Ocean Club & Residences](#), a tranquil 450-acre resort property surrounded by the Pacific Ocean, Kalapaki Bay and Hā'upu Mountain Range. Home to arguably the world's best destination golf membership, a ten-year Founding Membership is included with the purchase of a one-sixth (or more) fractional ownership at Timbers Kaua'i.



Hole 14 on the Ocean Course at Hōkūāla hugs Kalapaki Bay in Lihue, Kaua'i.

EVENT HISTORY

Named in honor of the state of Hawai'i's former governor, "The Burns" allows America's top-ranked programs to annually play against one another in the Aloha State.

Notable Burns' individual champions who have won on the PGA TOUR and DP World Tour include Steve Pate (UCLA, 1983), Notah Begay (Stanford, 1995), Tiger Woods (Stanford, 1996), Bo Van Pelt (Oklahoma State, 1997), Ryan Moore (UNLV, 2005) and Julian Suri (Duke, 2012).

More recent Burns' alumni include PGA TOUR member, Beau Hossler (Texas, 2016), three-time All-American and Korn Ferry Tour member, Sam Choi (New Mexico, 2020) and 2023 U.S. Amateur champion and Korn Ferry Tour member, Sam Bennett (Texas A&M, 2023).



The Arizona Wildcats won the 2024 John A. Burns Intercollegiate on the Ocean Course at Hōkūala in Lihue, Kaua'i.

QUOTES

"As a father of two keiki, I understand the importance of creating quality events to directly support golf's next generation," noted Tom Freestone, PGA General Manager, Ocean Course at Hōkūala. "Each year, our staff takes pride in creating a first-rate tournament for these incredible players."

"The Ocean Course is a great test of strategy," reflected Scott Simpson, Hawai'i men's golf coach and a seven-time PGA TOUR winner. "Hōkūala offers a nice balance of holes to attack and to play it safe. Kaua'i's trade winds and fast greens add more layers of fun to this scenic layout."

PLAN YOUR VISIT

Tournament attendance is free for walking spectators. Parking is available on-site. The Ocean Course at Hōkūala is a five minute drive from Lihue Airport (LIH), which offers over 40 daily flights.

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About Ocean Course at Hōkūala

Home to the longest continuous stretch of oceanfront holes in the state of Hawai'i, the Ocean Course was named one of the "World's Most Beautiful Golf Courses" by MSN Travel. The 18-hole golf course is part of [Timbers Kaua'i Ocean Club & Residences](#), a private residential club which opened in 2018 on the island's southeast coast. Timbers Kaua'i sits on a 450-acre natural amphitheater and offers unobstructed views of the Pacific Ocean, Kalapaki Bay and Hā'upu Mountain Range. [Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#)

About Timbers Kaua'i at Hōkūala

Located in the 450-acre [Hōkūala](#) resort community along the Pacific, Kaua'i's premier luxury resort and residence club combines tranquil Hawaiian living with Timbers Resorts' signature luxury amenities and a personalized full-service concierge team. Timbers Kaua'i boasts

exceptional offerings for those visiting or looking to make paradise their home through luxury vacation rentals, one-of-a-kind deeded fractional and whole ownership real estate opportunities.

Amenities include the 18-hole award-winning Ocean Course at Hōkūala – Kaua'i's only Jack Nicklaus Signature Course, where a ten-year Founding Membership is included with the purchase of a one-sixth ownership at Timbers Kaua'i; The Farm at Hōkūala, a 16.5-acre organic farm and orchard; Hualani's oceanfront dining with "farm-to-fork" daily offerings; a two-tiered infinity-edge pool overlooking the ocean, a family pool and hot tub; spa services and wellness programs; 13 miles of accessible, lush trails and easy access to Kalapaki Beach and Lihue Airport (LIH).

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