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Foundation Celebrates 10th Anniversary



Every year for the past 10 years, members of the David S. Ishii Foundation Tournament Committee have met at the Pearl Country Club in May to make sure that everything was okay leading into the fundraising event held annually in June. Most if not all of the members have served on the committee since the beginning. Led by tournament director Elton Tanaka and foundation vice president Lorraine Ishii, various committee members have helped to coordinate the myriad of details associated with an event of this scale, including prizes, scholarships, travel stipends, silent auction, scoring, refreshments, volunteers and more.

One of the unsung heroines who has been intimately involved in the foundation even before it was officially established is Fay Nagata, who serves as the foundation's treasurer. At the last tournament committee meeting, Fay reflected on the foundation's 10th anniversary: "The Foundation began with a dream of David's to guarantee the state high school golf tournament and Lorraine's support of his dream," Fay stated. "Then came the friends who helped to make the dream a reality – friends like Elton Tanaka, who has diligently run the



tournament for 10 years. The Foundation is supported through the annual golf tournament and donations. This is extraordinary, for no supporter is on payroll or receives any compensation," Fay explained.

"For 10 years, the Foundation has been growing and distributes a large amount of its yearly collections to fulfill the Foundation's mission," Fay continued. "Though the primary goal is the Hawaii High School Athletics Association (HHSAA) state golf tournament, the Foundation was also able to increase the number and amount of college scholarships during these 10 years. This occurred because so many supporters have come forward to help with the primary mission of the Foundation."

At the same tournament meeting in May, Elton shared Fay's perspectives and sentiments. "This year, every person on this committee needs to do one thing..." he announced in his trademark direct manner. "...that is to thank each and every sponsor at this year's tournament." Elton was dead serious, and even repeated his plea during the course of the meeting. "Most of our sponsors have been with us for 10 years," he explained. "That is phenomenal, especially considering the really tough economic times we

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A Remarkable 10-Year Ride

David Ishii, President
David S. Ishii Foundation

Aloha! It's hard to believe that it's been 10 years already. Thanks to everyone's support, the Foundation is doing well, and we have been able to carry out our mission of assisting our youth through the game of golf.

Thanks to our dedicated sponsors, friends and players, our annual fundraising tournament continues to be a fun and successful event that allows the Foundation to keep doing all of the activities that we've done in the past, with no cutbacks even during difficult economic times.

I would especially like to thank the members of the Tournament Committee – led by Elton Tanaka and my wife Lorraine – for making our tournament what it is every year. I hope everyone keeps playing, so we can have good tournaments in the future.

I am also very grateful for all of the hard work that has gone into running the HH-SAA boys and girls state tournaments. These tournaments have run smoothly and many people contribute to making the event a memorable one for all of the young golfers who participate. It takes a lot of planning and many volunteers to put this event on each year.

On this subject, Lorraine and I have been invited by Don Botelho, Executive Director of the Hawaii Interscholastic Athletic Directors Association (HIADA) Committee, to attend the 2010 HIADA Conference Awards Banquet on June 9 at the Waikiki Marriott Hotel. Mr. Botelho's letter states, in part:

"On behalf of the Hawaii Interscholastic Athletic Directors Association Committee, congratulations on being selected as an honoree of the 2010 HIADA Special Service Award. This award is presented to an individual who has provided long-term service and support to our high school students..."

We firmly believe that this award recognizes the contributions made by the Foundation over the past 10 years, and we will proudly accept it on behalf of everyone. Thank you again for everything.

Mission of the David S. Ishii Foundation

A non-profit corporation whose primary mission is to promote and advance the game of golf, and to educate the public as to its benefits to society.

A Word About Our Newsletter

Through the Green is the official newsletter of the David S. Ishii Foundation. The USGA defines the phrase "through the green" as "the entire golf course, except for tees, greens and designated hazards." In tournament play, the phrase is used to mean that everything else is "in play."

Through the Green is the Foundation's way of saying to Hawaii's young golfers: pursue your goals, play it as it lies, and strive to be the best you can along the way...

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2009 DSIF Yasuko Asada Memorial College Scholarships Awarded

The DSIF Yasuko Asada Memorial College Scholarship Awards, recently renamed in honor of the late Mrs. Yasuko Asada, were presented at the Ninth Annual DSIF Golf Tournament held on June 18, 2009, at the Pearl Country Club. Four outstanding Hawaii high school seniors received \$2,500 scholarships for their academic achievement, active participation on their high school golf teams, and full-time enrollment at an accredited U.S. college or university:



(L-R): Dayton Asato, DSIF Scholarship Committee Chair, Anna Jung, Dana Cadiz, Henry Park, Oscar Chang, and David Ishii at the 2009 DSIF Tournament banquet.

Boys

Chan Woong (Henry) Park
Waikoloa, Hawaii
Kealakehe High School
College: University of Hawaii

Oscar Y. S. Chang
Honolulu, Hawaii
Radford High School
College: University of Southern California

Girls

Anna J. Jang
Aiea, Hawaii
Punahou School
College: Princeton University

Dana R. Cadiz
Kahului, Hawaii
Maui High School
College: University of Portland

How to Apply

Hawaii high school seniors graduating in the 2009-2010 academic school year who have demonstrated a high level of academic achievement, were active members of their high school golf teams, and plan on attending college full-time at an accredited U.S. college or university are eligible to apply for the 2010 DSIF Scholarship.

Application forms can be downloaded from the DSIF

website (www.davidsishiifoundation.org); obtained from their high school athletic directors or college guidance counselors; or by submitting a request to the DSIF Scholarship Fund Committee, P.O. Box 2927, Aiea, HI 96701-2927. Deadline for completed application and materials is April 30, 2010.

Boys U.S. Junior Amateur Travel Stipend

The DSIF boys U.S. Junior Amateur travel stipend provides assistance to male junior golfers who qualify to compete in the prestigious Jr. Amateur national championship. Female golfers receive financial support from the Hawaii State Women's Golf Association.

The 2010 U.S. Junior Amateur will be held July 19-24 at Egypt Valley Country Club in Ada, Mich. Based on sectional qualifying results and tournament participation, all male golfers who are residents of Hawaii and who have been upstanding citizens in the community will be considered for awards up to \$500 per qualifier.

Applicants must submit a completed application and tournament entry form. Recipients must also turn in a written report within 30 days of the tournament completion.

Contact: Guy Yamamoto, DSIF Boys U.S. Junior Amateur Travel Stipend Committee Chair, phone 688-2104; or, check out the "Scholarships" section of the DSIF website (www.davidsishiifoundation.org).



2009 DSIF HHSAA State Golf Championships



(Above, left) Kristina Merkle, the 2009 girls state individual champion. (Above, right): David Ishii congratulates the Punahou girls golf team for capturing their third consecutive team state title. Punahou coach Ed Kageyama (far right) also served as host of the tournament in his role as Kaanapali golf course general manager.

Moanalua High School senior Kristina Merkle defended her state individual title, shooting 73-72-145, five shots better than Kauai sophomore Kelli Oride and six better than Baldwin sophomore Cassy Isagawa at the DSIF/HHSAA Girls State Golf Championship May , 2009 at the Royal Kaanapali Golf Course on Maui. Merkle is headed to Tulsa on a golf scholarship.

The powerful Punahou girls team won its third straight state team title. Baldwin, led by Isagawa, finished second with a two-day total of 474 – five behind the Buffanblu. Waiakea was just one shot behind the Bears in the team race after turning in a solid second-round 239.

Given the challenging course conditions, Punahou coach and Kaanapali golf course general manager Ed Kageyama said, “You had to really survive today and play smart all 18 holes... The team that made the least amount of mistakes would win.”



David Ishii congratulates the Iolani players and coaches for capturing the 2009 boys team championship in dominating fashion.

Team Top Ten

1. Punahou: 229-240-469
2. Baldwin: 233-241-474
3. Waiakea: 236-239-475
4. Mid-Pacific: 257-256-513
5. Moanalua: 264-249-513
6. Maryknoll: 270-261-531
7. Aiea: 266-269-535
8. Kamehameha-Kapalama: 274-271-545
9. Kamehameha-Hawaii: 283-275-558
10. Kamehameha-Maui: 287-283-570

Individual Top 10

1. Kristina Merkle, Moanalua: 73-72-145
2. Kelli Oride, Kauai: 74-76-150
3. Cassy Isagawa, Baldwin: 74-77-151
4. Alina Ching, Punahou: 74-78-152
5. Marissa Chow, Iolani: 78-77-155
6. Hayley Young, Mid-Pacific: 77-80-157
7. Nani Yanagi, Waiakea: 75-82-157
8. Cyd Okino, Punahou: 77-80-157
9. Kalea Heu, Baldwin: 79-80-159
10. Summer Mizusawa, Waiakea: 82-78-160
- Michelle Condry, Punahou: 78-82-160



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State Golf Championships

Iolani freshman Lorens Chan took home the individual crown and his school the team championship at the 2009 DSIF/HHSAA Boys Golf Championship at the Royal Ka'anapali Course, May 12-13, 2009. Chan was pursued by Iolani teammate, senior David Fink, whose closing 71 was just two strokes behind Chan. Henry Park from Kealakehe finished in a third place tie with Kauai's Cory Oride and Punahou's Bradley Shigezawa.

Led by Chan's and Fink's 1-2 finish, Iolani ran away with the team title with a cumulative two-day score of 601. Moanalua was 18 strokes back at 619, beating out defending champions Punahou, which finished third at 624.

At the awards ceremony, David Ishii congratulated all of the participants, stating, "This is the best state tournament we've had since I've been working with the HHSAA - and that's over 10 years. I want to thank Kaanapali general manager Ed Kageyama and his staff for going above and beyond to make this week special for all players.

"The reason we got involved in the tournament is to help young golfers. It is great for the kids across the state to travel and compete and network with each other. Some will go on to compete at the collegiate or even professional level, but for many this tournament represents the height of their golf career... and Kaanapali hosted an event they will never forget!"

Team Top 10

1. Iolani: 299-302-601
2. Moanalua: 313-306-619
3. Punahou: 311-313-624
4. Waiakea: 310-318-628



Iolani's Lorens Chan tees off at the Royal Kaanapali Golf Course enroute to winning the 2009 boys individual championship.

5. Baldwin: 315-315-630
6. Kauai: 315-318-633
7. Kamehameha-Kapalama: 321-315-636
8. Maryknoll: 330-317-647
9. Kealakehe: 335-321-656
10. St. Anthony: 322-338-660

Individual Top 10

1. Lorens Chan, Iolani: 69-74-143
2. David Fink, Iolani: 74-71-145
3. Henry Park, Kealakehe: 75-71-146
4. Bradley Shigezawa, Punahou: 71-75-146
5. Cory Oride, Kauai: 71-75-146
6. Justin Keiley, Baldwin: 72-75-147
7. Aaron Kunitomo, Kamehameha-Maui: 71-77-148
8. Tyler Ota, Moanalua: 76-73-149
9. Daniel Koge, Waiakea: 73-76-149
10. Alika Bell, Kamehameha-Kapalama: 77-73-150

2009 Monte Ito Scholarships

Pearl City graduate Daniel Tanigawa, now at the University of Hawaii, was awarded the \$1,500 college scholarships honoring Monte Ito, the late Honolulu Advertiser sportswriters.

The Monte Ito scholarship was founded 10 years ago by the Golf Media Association of Hawai'i to honor the late sportswriter who meant so much to the golf community and is in the Hawai'i Golf Hall of Fame. It is funded by the Honolulu Advertiser Foundation and administered by the DSIF.

The scholarship is awarded to a student who combines an appreciation of both journalism and golf. For more information about this scholarship program, students are encouraged to check with their high school journalism advisors or visit the "Scholarships" section on the DSIF website for updated information.



Honolulu Advertiser sports writer and DSIF board member Ann Miller congratulates Daniel Tanigawa for winning the 2009 Monte Ito Memorial Scholarship.

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have been experiencing. A ‘thank you’ is a simple thing, but it goes a long way.”

Another “lifer” on the foundation committee is Pearl Country Club’s director of golf operations, Guy Yamamoto, who in addition to handling many of the tournament’s logistics at Pearl, oversees the foundation’s Boy’s U.S. Amateur Travel Stipend. “Where did the time go?” Guy asked. “It’s a lot of hard work, but it’s also fun and rewarding to know that the foundation is helping a lot of youngsters through its scholarships and travel stipends. I think it’s important to note that the foundation rewards scholarships based not just on how well a person plays, but more on academics and other factors. A lot of these kids go on to make their mark in college and beyond.”

As to the future of the foundation, Fay reflects: “This foundation is truly growing to fulfill David’s dream to support young golfers of Hawaii. When David talks about his high school golf career, you can feel how much the experience meant to him. Times have changed, but hopefully the excitement and ‘rush’ continues for all of the high school golfers who are fortunate enough to play in the David S. Ishii Foundation HHSAA state golf tournament now and in the future.”



Save This Date!
Thursday, June 16, 2011
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Tournament**
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