



# MAUNA LANI

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## TOM SURSELY, PGA GOLF PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR ALOHA SECTION PGA



**Kohala Coast, HI** – The Aloha Section PGA has awarded the **2016 PGA Golf Professional of the Year** to Tom Sursely, a Class A PGA Golf Professional and Director of Golf at Mauna Lani Resort.

Tom joined the Mauna Lani Resort in 2003 after working for 25 years as a PGA Professional in Washington State. He began in the role as Head Professional at Mauna Lani and soon took on the position of Director of Golf.

With more than 40 years in the business and the game of golf, Tom attributes his skills to the early years as he studied under PGA of America Hall of Fame Member, Paul Runyan and legendary golf instructor Richard L. Tag Merritt Jr. By working with them and other top professionals, Sursely developed his philosophy of teaching the game of golf. He's been teaching golf to players of all levels throughout his career.

As the Director of Golf at Mauna Lani Resort, he shares his strong work ethic with his staff to provide the highest level of "aloha" service to visiting golfers from around the world.

The prestigious **PGA Golf Professional of the Year** is selected from an association of 28,000 members and only 41 of golf's finest are awarded each year.

"I'm honored to be recognized by the Aloha Section PGA for doing what I've been focusing on for 40 years – sharing my love of golf with everyone I meet.," said Tom Sursely, Mauna Lani Resort's Director of Golf. Highly respected in the PGA community, Sursely was also awarded the **2015 Merchandiser of the Year – Resort** award.

Sursely oversees Mauna Lani's championship Francis H. I'i Brown Golf Courses on the Big Island's Kohala Coast. The North and South Courses are masterpieces of design, each strikingly different yet equally challenging. Both are carved from ancient lava fields featuring signature holes, breathtaking scenery and cutting-edge course design built around ancient Hawaiian petroglyphs, trails and fishponds.

### About Mauna Lani Resort

The famed Francis H. I'i Brown North & South are named in honor of the former Mauna Lani landowner and champion Hawaii golfer. Mauna Lani Resort is home to the annual Hawaii State Open through 2018. To book tee-times or for more information, call (808) 885-6655 or visit [www.maunalani.com](http://www.maunalani.com)