

## TURTLE BAY CHAMPIONSHIP HOSTED BY TURTLE BAY RESORT

NORTH SHORE, Oahu, Hi -----The Champions Tour Turtle Bay Championship golf tournament makes its annual stop at the Turtle Bay Resort on the North Shore of Oahu January 23 through January 28, 2007.

The Turtle Bay Championship, with a roster of 78 seasoned global champion golfers in this first full-field event on the Champions Tour 2007 annual schedule, will feature weeklong activities including a two-day 36-hole Pro-Am (professional-amateur) tournament Wednesday and Thursday, January 24 and 25 and the 54-hole professional competition Friday through Sunday, January 26 to 28. All three professional rounds are televised live on the Golf Channel.

The Tournament is played on the championship par-72 7,088-yard Palmer Course at the Turtle Bay Resort. The resort has signed an extension agreement with the PGA Tour's Champions Tour to serve as the site of this event until 2008.

Participants, including defending champion Loren Roberts, will be vying for the \$1,600,000 purse and its champion's prize of \$240,000.

Loren Roberts won the 2006 Turtle Bay Championship, with an expert game of 12-under par 204 joining his victory one week earlier at the MasterCard on the Big Island's Hualalai Course. He has added two more victories this year and is in second place on the Champions Tour official money list with over \$2.1 million dollars. He also has 16 top-10 finishes this year including his four victories, two second place and two third place finishes currently through October 15.

With a dramatic eagle on the 18th hole Roberts secured the victory over "local boy" Scott Simpson and became the first person since pro Larry Nelson in 2001 to win the first two events on the Champions Tour. His two Champions Tour wins plus a tie for 18th place at the PGA TOUR Sony Open in Hawaii held the second week of January at the Waialae Country Clubs testy course gave him a total of over \$579,000 in official winnings to start the year.