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Hawai'i Sports Hall of Fame Announces 2010 Inductees

Surfing Legend and Golf Professional Selected

Honolulu, HI - The Hawai'i Sports Hall of Fame announced today that Richard "Buffalo" Keaulana and Lenore Muraoka Rittenhouse have been selected for induction to the Hawai'i Sports Hall of Fame (HSHOF) as the Class of 2010. They join 110 previously inducted members of the HSHOF, since 1997 when the HSHOF added a world-class focus to its selection criteria.

Keaulana is being inducted as a Contributor to the sport of surfing for over four decades. He was nicknamed "Water Buffalo" by his mother as he could always be found in the ocean. In 1960, Keaulana won the Makaha International Surf Championship, and he quickly gained a reputation as a skilled waterman who has saved countless lives as a City and County of Honolulu employee. In 2005, he was recognized as a Pioneer in the world of surfing and inducted into the Huntington Beach Surfing Walk of Fame.

Rittenhouse won the 1983 United Virginia Bank Golf Classic in Richmond, Virginia, as a member of the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) at the age of 27. A Roosevelt High School graduate, she was recruited by the University of Hawaii (UH) to play women's basketball as a 5' 3" point guard. A severe ankle sprain ended her basketball career before it started, and she moved from a recreational golfer to UH's most valuable player on the UH golf team in 1978. In 1980, she joined the LPGA Tour. Rittenhouse is being enshrined as a Golf Champion.

The Induction Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at the Honolulu Country Club beginning at 5:30 p.m. More information will be available at <http://www.hawaiisportshalloffame.com> or by calling 540-5705.

About the Hawai'i Sports Hall of Fame

The Hawai'i Sports Hall of Fame is the state museum for sports history, and its purpose is to record for all times, the outstanding accomplishments of Hawai'i's world-class sports legends. Permanent displays are located at Paki Hall of the Bishop Museum and the Aloha Stadium hospitality room.

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