

### FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE

Aloha kakou from beautiful Bali Hai Villas! Our summer season is in full swing, with families, friends, couples and others visiting our slice of paradise in search of their own vacation pakele (escapes) on our garden island of Kaua'i, home to verdant landscapes, oxygen-rich air, and utter serenity. Recently, exterior up-lighting was installed at the front entrance of the Clubhouse, enhancing nighttime arrival experiences and improving overall ambience. Additionally, the resort's exterior walkways and unit entry landings were improved aesthetically, as hammered grey-colored concrete paint was applied, literally enhancing curb appeal and ensuring greater stability and sure-footing across the property.





Similarly, hammered burgundy-colored concrete paint was also applied to the Mahina Pool deck, the Owners' Lounge rear lanai and the Wailele Pool Cabana.

Also, we have recently installed two stone sitting benches adjacent to the resort's Dolphin Pond entrance, perfect for quiet reflection, a "selfie" with a Kaua'i-mountained backdrop, or a very relaxed fish-feeding experience!

Early-May, an ATM was installed within the Owners' Lounge at the resort, providing a convenient and often-requested service to all guests and owners.

Additionally, the property formally switched coffee brands, both at the Clubhouse beverage station and within all units, replacing Kona Coffee with local Kauai Coffee, a switch that has been very positively received by all owners and guests as we continue to strive to improve vacation experiences (and memories!) at the resort.

Our Monday evening potluck dinners, complimented by live Hawaiian entertainment and Mai Tai cocktails, continue to be very popular and well-attended. Owners and guests also enjoy the regional samplings served up through the North Shore Grindz food truck now stationed at Bali Hai Villas during Monday afternoons.

We continue to host exciting, culturally-themed activities at the Clubhouse, from ti leaf lei making to coconut basket weaving to hula dancing; also, massage therapy sessions are provided Tuesday – Thursday on the Mahina Terrace with yoga instruction provided Tuesday mornings at the Wailele Pool Cabana. During your next visit to Bali Hai Villas, please be sure to review our current Activities Schedules upon the Clubhouse display board for a complete listing of all resort happenings.

## POKE

Poke (pronounced POH-keh), a classic Hawaiian pupu, or snack, is a centuries-old tradition—possibly dating as far back as the arrival of the first Hawaiians in the island chain. It holds a fond place in the hearts of locals. The dish is a staple at luaus, family get-togethers, tailgate parties, and any other social event filled with friends, family, and "aloha." Poke is to the islands what nachos are to the mainland—a quick, filling snack food, seen more as comfort food than a full meal.

### Ingredients



- 2 lbs. ahi tuna (sashimi grade)
- 1/2 yellow onion, chopped
- 2 cloves of fresh garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup tamari
- 2 tbsp. sriracha
- 1 tbsp. sesame oil
- 1/3 cup chopped scallions
- Sesame seeds, to garnish





#### Instructions

 Rinse your tuna steaks and pat them dry. Cut your fish into cubes.
Place your fish into a bowl with the chopped onion, and garlic. Add tamari, sriracha, sesame oil and stir together well. Add chopped scallions and sesame seeds and stir again. Taste it to make sure the seasoning is to your liking. Adjust as needed.

3. Serve immediately, or allow to marinate in the refrigerator for a few hours or up to overnight. Enjoy!

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### Wai Koa Loop Trail



The Wai Koa Loop trail takes you through the largest mahogany forest in the United States. The trees are planted in neat columns, creating the visual illusion of a tunnel between each row of timber. Wild roosters and chickens, for which Kauai is famous, roam freely throughout the forest.



The trail has gorgeous views of Mount Namahana, which means "the twin branches" in Hawaiian. It is also the name of one of the wives of King Kaumualii, Kauai's last independent ruler. Namahana's peak towers 2,600 feet over the plantation, which is nestled between two rivers: the Kalihiwai River and the Kahiliholo Stream that feeds into Kilauea River. At one time, both rivers were abundant with shrimp and shellfish.

The Kilauea Stone Dam is the trail's crown jewel. The historic dam was completed in 1880, during the height of the sugar plantation era, to help connect farmers to water. Today it is a lush and peaceful place to enjoy a picnic, meditate alongside a giant Buddha statue or cool off with a swim in the water that gathers above the falls. This serene oasis is one of Kauai's hidden treasures, and the lifeblood of the farming operations across the plantation.

The trailhead is located at Anaina Hou Community Park, off of Kuhio Highway near Kauai Mini Golf and Botanical Gardens. A waiver for trail use must be signed and filed at Kauai Mini Golf. There is ample parking at the community park, as well as trail maps and mountain bike rentals. The trail is open to the public daily from dawn to dusk.





### **ASSOCIATE SPOTLIGHT: IMELDA - INSPECTOR**

Imelda first came to Kauai from the Philippines 27 years ago after being petitioned by her parents. Her mother was ill and her father needed help caring for her. She initially did not want to come to the United States and hoped to acquire an accounting or office job back in the Philippines. After helping care for her family, Imelda accepted the position of Room Attendant in 1991 at our sister resort, Ka'Eo Kai. She was recognized for her hard work and effort a year later by twice being named Associate of the Month and eventually recognized as Associate of the Year. Soon afterward, she was promoted to Supervisor. In 1999, Imelda took a temporary leave from work, but, because of her strong work ethic, was asked to come back and accepted the position of Room Inspector, often serving as the official interpreter for owners and guests needing translation to Tagalag and/or Ilocano.

Imelda states that she loves all of her co-workers and considers them her extended family. They are the reason why she has continued working at Bali Hai Villas for so long and eventually hopes to retire as a Wyndham associate. She enjoys being a part of the company's success and seeing the growth over the years. Her favorite part of the day is when she walks into work and has several rooms ready to inspect, as she does not like to waste any time and loves to start working right way. She also enjoys helping translate for some of her co-workers who are unable to communicate fluently.

When Imelda is not working, she enjoys spending time with her 17 year old son and husband. Her favorite hobby is working in the garden and planting different species of hibiscus. Every morning, she walks her garden prior to coming to work, photographs any flowers that may be blooming, and waters them as soon as she returns from work. Her husband has a beautiful vegetable garden that he maintains as well.

We thank Imelda for all of her years of service and enjoy having her as a part of our team!

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Aloha Fellow Owners,

Did you know that the Bali Hai Villas property is governed by three different associations? It's true ... at BHV we have two homeowners' associations:

- PAHIO at Bali Hai Villas Interval Owners Association (IOA)
- Bali Hai Villas Vacation Owners Association (VOA)
- and one condominium association:
  - Association of Apartment Owners of Bali Hai Villas (AOAO)

The AOAO is the governing body responsible for the common areas of the property which benefit all owners and guests. Common areas include the Clubhouse, the housekeeping/laundry and maintenance buildings, pools, driveways and walkways, and the exterior of all buildings including the exterior staircases and the doors leading into each guest unit. Each unit owner of the IOA and VOA is automatically a member of the AOAO.

The IOA and VOA are the governing bodies responsible for the interior of each guest unit. The unit interior includes all items inside the four walls of each guest unit, including furniture and fixtures, flooring, cabinets and countertops, appliances, electronics, mattresses and bedding. At BHV, there are 257 guest units comprised of 129 IOA units which were originally sold by PAHIO primarily as weeks ownership and 128 VOA units which were sold as part of the Wyndham points program.

All owners receiving this newsletter are members of the IOA (as this newsletter is published for the IOA) and the AOAO, however some owners may also be members of the VOA depending on their ownership portfolio. The association structure at BHV is complex; if you have any questions, please drop us a note!

Thank you to the owners who were able to join us at BHV for the Annual Meeting held in May. RCI generously raffled off a weeks' vacation and owner Jeannette Epp was the lucky winner. Congrats Jeannette, we hope you and Larry enjoy your extra vacation time!

At the Annual Meeting, two Directors were elected to serve a three year term. Based on ownership votes, Patti Thiele was re-elected and Carol Warner was newly elected to the Board. Carol has been an owner at BHV since 2007 and is excited to join the Board. Welcome Carol!

As Carol joins the Board of Directors, we say 'Mahalo nui loa' and 'A hui hou' to Trish Harrington. Trish joined the IOA Board of Directors in November 2007. Over the last ten years, she has served BHV owners on both the IOA and the AOAO Boards in a variety of positions including Director, President, and most recently Vice President. Trish has been a passionate advocate on behalf of our owners. While we will miss having her on the Board, we look forward to her continuing to share feedback with the Board.

It would be great to hear from you as well! Please reach out to us with any questions, comments, or concerns.

### Bali Hai Villas "Creating Lifelong Memories with Aloha"

Feel free to contact your Board of Directors or General Manager should you have any questions, comments or concerns.

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