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UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION
U.S. Open Local Qualifier – Kuki’o Golf & Beach Club
TWO ADVANCE TO SECTIONAL QUALIFIER

Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, May 6 2013 — The Hawaii State Junior Golf Association (HSJGA) conducted the U.S. Open Local Qualifier today at the Kuki’o Golf & Beach Club, one of the 111 Local Qualifying sites around the United States. The Kuki’o Golf Club is a Tom Fazio design, the only one in the state and one of Fazio’s finest.

Thirty-four top players from Hawaii and the mainland teed it up in the first stage of US Open Qualifying on the beautiful and exclusive Kuki’o Golf Club. The course proved a real test for most of the field with swirling winds and fast greens. Medalist Ryan Acosta, Haleiwa, made the turn at two over par but came back strong on the back nine with a 31; five under for a three under par finish 69 to beat out Hunter Larson, Naalehu, by one stroke for the medalist honors. Both earned advance to the next stage in one of the thirteen 36-hole sectional qualifiers.

The 2013 U.S. Open Championship will be played at the Merion Golf Club in Ardmore, Pa. The U.S. Open will be held for the fifth time at Merion on June 13-16.

	FIRST	LAST	SCORE	CITY	ST
Medalist	Ryan	Acosta	69	Haleiwa	HI
Qualifier	Hunter	Larson	70	Naalehu	HI
1 st Alternate	Channing	Tam	73	Kailua-Kona	HI
2 nd Alternate	Jason	F. Zadig Ra	76*	Ocean View	HI
*Won Play-off	Richard	Tramontin	76	Kamuela	HI
	Kevin	Kobalter	76	San Rafael	CA
	Juan	Rodriguez	76	Waikoloa	HI
	Burt	Bonk	78	Waikoloa	HI
	Jaysen	Manuia	78	Hilo	HI
	Tsunemi	Watanabe	79	Kailua-Kona	HI
	Brendan	Moynahan	79	Kamuela	HI
	Timothy	Hummel	79	Honolulu	HI

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