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**'Chess on Ice:' Olympic Curling comes to Hawaii**  
**American Savings Bank to host sporting event fundraiser**  
**benefiting Kapi'olani Medical Center**

**HONOLULU (October 7, 2013)**—American Savings Bank (ASB) is bringing the quirky, competitive Olympic sport of curling and some of its brightest stars to the Aloha State. This unique signature fundraiser, hosted by ASB, will benefit Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children (Kapi'olani) and USA Curling this year. Two events will be held at the Ice Palace on Thursday, October 17. The first event will feature curling clinics with children from two of ASB's Bank for Education Ohana schools. That evening, an exclusive fundraiser "competition" is anticipated to raise upwards of \$50,000 for the hospital. Tracy Sachtjen and John "Nilla" Benton, members of the 2010 U.S. Olympic Team, will be conducting the student clinics as well as coaching the evening teams in their efforts toward the gold.

In conjunction with the newly formed Hawai'i Curling Club, American Savings Bank has gathered 16 sponsored teams of six who will play in the state's very first Charity Curling Classic. Players will include Rich Wacker, president and CEO of ASB, Martha Smith, CEO of Kapi'olani Medical Center, and Ray Vara, CEO of Hawaii Pacific Health.

American Savings Bank has been a generous supporter of Kapi'olani for the past several years, having adopted the nonprofit hospital as one of the beneficiaries of its annual 'Kahiau' employee giving campaign. "We wanted to host our own unique fundraising event each year which would benefit an organization we select. Kapi'olani's unique and indispensable role in Hawaii as our state's only children's specialty hospital was a perfect choice." Wacker said. "As the American Savings Bank 'ohana, we know we cannot take Kapi'olani's world class pediatric care for granted. We hope our efforts and participation in this remarkable sport will get people thinking about supporting Kapi'olani in their own way as well."

"We were excited to be selected as this year's beneficiary of this fun and innovative strategy." said Martha Smith. "The funds raised at this event will help Kapi'olani to continue to provide all of Hawai'i's children the world class pediatric care they deserve, right here at home."

"Believe it or not, it has long been a goal of ours to bring the Olympic sport of curling to Hawaii," said Rick Patzke, USA Curling chief operating officer. "The 50<sup>th</sup> state of the United States has now become the 45<sup>th</sup> state with curling activity. We are extremely proud to be partnering with American Savings Bank to support the growth of curling as well as the mission of Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children."

***About the sport of Curling***

One of the world's oldest team sports and an official Olympic event since 1998, **curling** is a sport in which players slide stones across a sheet of ice towards a target area. It is related to bowls, boule and shuffleboard. The curler can induce a curved path by causing the stone to slowly turn as it slides. The slide may be further influenced by two sweepers with brooms who



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accompany it down the sheet, using the brooms to alter the state of the ice in front of the stone. A great deal of strategy and teamwork goes into choosing the ideal path and placement of a stone for each play, giving curling its nickname of "Chess on Ice."

Curling stones are made of a rare, close and evenly grained granite quarried on Scotland's Ailsa Craig. They weigh a standard 42 pounds with handles attached and cost about \$600 each.

### ***About American Savings Bank***

American Savings Bank has served Hawaii's businesses and communities for nearly 90 years, providing a full range of financial products and services, including commercial and consumer banking, insurance and investments. For more information, visit [www.asbhawaii.com](http://www.asbhawaii.com).

### ***About Kapi`olani Health Foundation***

Kapi`olani Health Foundation supports the charitable mission of its nonprofit hospital affiliate, Kapi`olani Medical Center for Women & Children by raising funds to provide people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region with specialty medical care, purchase life-saving equipment, support community outreach and education, and further local research. Learn more at [www.KapiolaniGift.org](http://www.KapiolaniGift.org).

### ***About Kapi`olani Medical Center for Women & Children:***

Kapi`olani Medical Center for Women & Children is well recognized as Hawai'i's leader in the care of women, infants and children. With 207 beds and 66 bassinets, the nonprofit hospital is Hawai'i's only maternity, newborn and pediatric specialty hospital. It is also a tertiary care, medical teaching and research facility. Specialty services for patients throughout Hawai'i and the Pacific Region include intensive care for infants and children, 24-hour emergency pediatric care, air transport, maternal fetal medicine, and high-risk perinatal care. More than 1,300 employees and 612 physicians provide specialty care at Kapi`olani Medical Center. The hospital is home to Kapi`olani Women's Center, Kapi`olani Breast Center and Kapi`olani Women's Cancer Center - the state's only dedicated breast health and gynecological cancer centers. Kapi`olani offers numerous community programs and services, such as the Kapi`olani Child Protection Center and Sex Abuse Treatment Center. Kapi`olani Medical Center for Women & Children is an affiliate of Hawai'i Pacific Health, the state's largest health care provider. Learn more at: [www.kapiolani.org](http://www.kapiolani.org).

### ***About USA Curling***

USA Curling is the national governing body for the Olympic sport of curling; headquartered in Stevens Point, Wis. USA Curling has more than 160 member clubs in 41 U.S. states and continues to grow. Visit [www.usacurl.org](http://www.usacurl.org) to learn more.

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