USA RICE MILLERS' ASSOCIATION



June 18-20, 2024

his year marks the 124th convention of the USA Rice Millers' Association (RMA). The RMA Convention's longevity speaks to the value of this annual forum for the U.S. rice milling industry and allied businesses.

Contacts and Connections

The RMA Convention provides excellent networking opportunities to strengthen business ties and pursue new relationships.



HOTEL AND TRAVEL INFORMATION

Hotel Information:

The Grand Wailea 3850 Wailea Alanui Dr. Wailea, Hawaii 96753

Reservations: (800) 888-6100 General Phone: (808) 875-1234

Fax: (808) 874-2442

Room Rates, Dates and Availability: Special RMA Convention rates are offered on a limited number of rooms for Tuesday, June 18, through Friday, June 21, on a first-come, first-served basis. These rates are available up to three days prior and three days after the official convention dates, based on hotel availability.

Singe/Double Room Rates (before tax and applicable fees):

Terrace	\$459
Garden	\$499
Ocean View	\$569
Deluxe Ocean View	\$619

For suite/condo information, please contact Jeanette Davis, <u>jdavis@usarice.com</u>, (240) 682-0059.



Room Occupancy: The room rates are for up to 2 adults and 2 children (under 18). If more than 2 adults are staying in a room, the hotel will charge a fee of \$100 (plus tax) per person, per night (with a maximum of 4 people per room). Connecting rooms may be available with a fee of \$50 (plus tax) per night.

Grand Wailea Resort and Related Fees: A \$40 per day resort fee per room, a \$3 per day fee per room for maid service, and a one-time fee of \$13.50 for porterage will be automatically added to your room charges.

Your daily resort fee includes:

- Two bottles of water placed in your guest room on day of arrival
- Unlimited local, toll-free, and credit card calls (no access fee)
- Coffee & tea in guest rooms
- In-room high speed internet access for multiple devices
- Hula and Ukulele lessons
- Yoga classes
- Admission to twice-daily SCUBA and Snorkel lessons
- Use of Beach Cruiser Bikes (based on availability)
- Beach umbrellas for use on Wailea Beach (based on availability)
- 45-minute photography session with the onproperty photography company (advance reservations required)

Hotel Reservations: Reservations may be made online here or by calling (800) 888-6100. Ask for the special RMA Convention rate. Hotel reservations must be made **no later than May 15**, **2024**. Reservations made after May 15, 2024, and/ or after the convention's room block is full, are subject to space and rate availability. Please make your reservations early and request a confirmation number.

Hotel Deposits and Cancellations: Deposits are refundable if the resort receives notice of cancellation at least thirty (30) days prior to scheduled arrival.

Check-in/out Time: Check-in time is after 4:00 p.m.; check-out time is noon. Guests arriving before 4:00 p.m. will be accommodated as rooms are available.

Valet Parking: The overnight valet rate is \$55 per car, per night. Self-parking is not available.

Airport: The Kahului Airport (OGG) is about 35 minutes from the Grand Wailea.

Ground Transportation: Taxi fare from the airport to the Grand Wailea is approximately \$70 one-way. All major rental car companies are available at the airport. National rental car is available at the Grand Wailea. Taxi service reservation can be made at both hotel valet stands north entrance and south parking entrance, or when coming into Maui at the airport. Uber and Lyft are available in Maui.

Weather: Sheltered from rain and clouds by the mighty Haleakala, Wailea's micro-climate is noted as the sunniest and driest climate on Maui. Light trade winds blow in the afternoon from late spring through fall. In June, average daily temperatures range from 74 to 83 degrees.

Photo Release: Any photographs taken by the RMA/USA Rice Federation may be used in publicizing RMA/USA Rice Federation events, including the annual convention.



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

RMA accepts MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover credit cards. Checks must be payable to USA Rice Millers' Association (all checks must be payable in U.S. funds and drawn on U.S. banks).

Register for the 124th RMA Convention



Online: To register online with a credit card, visit <u>usarice.com/rma-convention</u>. If paying by check, you can register online and mail a copy of the registration with your check.



Mail: Registration forms and payments may be sent to: RMA Convention, 2101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 610, Arlington, VA 22201.

Register Early and Save: Register by May 15, 2024, and save up to \$50 per person. You must list each person covered by your registration. Check payments must be postmarked no later than May 15, 2024, to ensure the early registration rate.

Late and Onsite Registration: After May 15, 2024, the member and non-member registration fee increases \$50 per person. Onsite registration will be available with payment by cash, check (in U.S. funds) or credit card.

Registration Fee: The registration fee provides admission to the general session, trade show, receptions listed in the convention schedule, and the RMA Luau. *All convention events require a name badge for admittance*. Your name badge can be picked up at the convention registration desk onsite. Your registration fee does not include optional tours and/or events for which there is a separate participation fee (see registration form).

Fee Categories	Early Registration before May 15, 2024	Late and Onsite Registration after May 15, 2024
RMA Member*	\$700 per person	\$850 per person
Non-Member	\$950 per person	\$1,100 per person
Spouse/Guest (over 18)	\$350 per person	\$350 per person
Child (under 18)	\$125 per person	\$125 per person

^{*} For convention registration, RMA members are defined as mill members, associate members, or individuals who are registered and paid for by an RMA mill member or associate member.

Registration Refund Policy: To be eligible for a registration refund, cancellation notices must be received in writing. A full refund will be made for cancellation notices received on or before **May 31, 2024**. No refunds will be made for cancellation notices received after **May 31, 2024**.



PROGRAMMING AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Aloha! Join us for insights and to expand your knowledge and horizons. From rice milling and the oceans to the 2024 elections and the leadership of our own organization. We'll be putting the industry's best feet forward!

You won't want to miss the exciting speakers at the General Session or the variety of special events. Be sure to sign up and reserve your spot for the breakfast speakers, annual golf tournament, tours, and luau.

All event participants must be registered for the convention. Most special events have a separate fee that must be paid with registration. Onsite registration for events will be subject to availability. An event may be cancelled if the minimum sign-up is not met.

EXPLORER BREAKFAST: DIVE INTO THE WONDERS OF THE OCEAN

Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024

Location: Haleakala 23

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Price: \$50

Marine biologists from the Maui Ocean Center will lead an immersive presentation that promises to awaken your senses and deepen your connection with the marine world. We'll delve into

the mysteries of the ocean, learn about the importance of ocean conservation, and discover the enchanting marine life that calls the waters of Hawai'i home. Prepare to be amazed as we unveil the hidden world of corals and experience a live coral feeding demonstration.



Breakfast

GENERAL SESSION

Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024

Location: Haleakala 23

Time: 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Keynote Speaker

Dave Wasserman is Senior Editor & Elections Analyst for The Cook Political Report where he is primarily responsible for handicapping and analyzing U.S. House races but whose exceptional talent for predicting elections also extends to the Senate and White House. Previously, Mr. Wasserman served for three years as House Editor of Sabato's Crystal Ball, a widely respected political analysis newsletter and website. He



Dave Wasserman

is frequently featured on national news broadcasts providing political commentary before, during, and after key federal elections.

AFTERNOON TURTLE SNORKEL CRUISE

Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024

Location: Meet at the RMA registration desk at 12:15 for departure

Time: 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Price: \$150

Climb aboard the Alii Nui catamaran for an enticing Turtle Snorkel cruise. Explore Maui's beautiful waters and snorkel with turtles. It is a great way to spend a beautiful Hawaiian afternoon. An underwater camera can be rented.

Price Includes:

- Lunch Salad, Hawaiian Macaroni Salad, Island fried rice with pineapple and truffle, teriyaki chicken thighs, and Kalua pork & cabbage and white chocolate macadamia nut cookies
- Juice, soda, beer, wine and spirits
- Snorkel gear and instructions
- Towels and sunscreen
- Fresh warm water showers
- Transportation

Capacity:

• Maximum: 65 passengers

ANNUAL RMA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024

Location: Wailea Golf Club's Emerald Course

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Shuttle will start

running at 11:00 a.m.)

Price: \$400 Club Rental: \$75

RMA's annual golf tournament is a four-person scramble with a shotgun-start format. This year's tournament will be held

at the <u>Wailea Golf Club</u> on the <u>Emerald Course</u>, which was masterfully designed by Robert Trent Jones II. This course is considered to be a Tropical Playground. The course delights your senses while testing your club selection and ball placement skills. A serene lake and fabulous ocean backdrop, makes it one of the prettiest spots in Maui.



- Golf bag pull and tournament fees
- Greens fees and cart
- Box lunch
- Beverages and snacks on the course
- Transportation to and from the golf course

Capacity:

Maximum: 144 participants



RMA LUAU

Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024

Location: Molokini Garden

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

As the convention draws to a close, we invite all attendees to join us for an unforgettable luau celebration! Experience the tastes of authentic Hawaiian cuisine, sway to the rhythms of live music, and marvel at the captivating Polynesian cultural performances. Don't miss this opportunity to create lasting memories and bid farewell to the convention in true island style.



This event is open to all registered attendees including registered spouses and children. Sign-up is required.

CALLING ALL "FUTURE RICE MILLERS": JOIN IN THE LUAU PROCESSION

All children (18 and under) registered for the convention are invited to be part of the Chair's Court and take part in the luau procession. Children are invited to come in Hawaiian-related attire, but this is not required. Advance sign-up is required with child's name and age (email <u>jdavis@usarice.com</u>). The Chairs Court will assemble at a designated spot immediately prior to the luau; additional details will be provided.

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY



We invite you to consider membership in the USA Rice Millers' Association (RMA). Join now and receive member registration rates for the 2024 RMA Convention. For RMA membership information, please contact Jeanette Davis, idavis@usarice.com, (240) 682-0059.



2024 RMA CONVENTION SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. RMA Board Strategy Session (Board Only)

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Exhibit Setup

1:00 p.m. RMA Board Strategy Lunch (Board Only)

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Satake's Welcome Dinner Reception

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

7:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Visit the Exhibitors

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Registration/Hospitality Desk

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Explorer Breakfast: Dive into the Wonders of the Ocean (Ticketed Event)

10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. General Session

12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Special Event: Afternoon Turtle Snorkel Cruise (Ticketed Event)

12:30 p.m. Exhibitor Breakdown

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Buhler Reception

Thursday, June 20, 2024

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. RMA Board Meeting

12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Annual RMA Golf Tournament

Immediately following

Golf Tournament

RMA Golf Awards Ceremony

7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. RMA Luau

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: Primary Registrant	Badge Name (if different)			
Name: Spouse/Guest Registrant	Badge Name (if different)			
Name: Child Registrant	Badge Name (if different)			
Company/Farm:	Telephone:			
Address:	Mobile:			
Address:				
City/State/Zip:	E-mail:			
Registration		Fee	Quantity	Total
Early Member Registration - Through May 15		\$700		
Late and Onsite Member Registration - After May 15		\$850		
Early Non-Member Registration - Through May 15		\$950		
Late and Onsite Non-Member Registration - After May 15		\$1,100		
Spouse/Guest Registration (guests over 18)		\$300		
Child/Guest Registration (under 18)		\$125		
Complimentary Sponsor Registration (Imperial, Royal, Diamond, Platinum, Gold, and Silver)		\$0		
Complimentary Exhibitor Registration (one per exhibit booth)		\$0		
Special Events				
Special Event: Explorer Breakfast		\$50		
Special Event: Afternoon Turtle Snorkel Cruise		\$150		
Special Event: Annual RMA Golf Tournament		\$400		
Club Rental - Right Handed				
Club Rental - Left Handed				

Do you have any dietary restrictions? If yes please list:

Do not include my child on the registration list.

Do not include my spouse/guest on the registration list.

RMA Luau (price included in registration fee)

Please put an X in Fee column where appropriate.

Do not include my name on the registration list.

To register for Sponsorship and/or exhibits see that brochure.

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PAYMENT: Payment must be received with the registration form to be considered. RMA is exempt from federal income taxes as an IRS 501 (c) (6) organization. However, contributions to the RMA are not deductible as a charitable contribution for federal tax purposes.

Please note: Any checks not payable on U.S. funds and drawn on a U.S. bank will be assessed all application processing fees charged to RMA.

CREDIT CARD:	☐ AMEX	☐ MC	☐ VISA	□ DISC	COVER
Cardholder's Name:					
Billing Address:					
					Billing Zip Code:
Credit Card Number:		Exp	. Date:		Security Code:
Signature					Date:

Make checks payable to USA Rice Millers' Association 2101 Wilson Blvd. Suite 610, Arlington, VA 22201



This meeting is open to all persons regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, or marital/family status. If you have special needs or require any assistance, please contact Jeanette Davis, (240) 682-0059, jdavis@usarice.com