



Alii Holo Kai Newsletter

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Alii Holo Kai's Diving with Dad outing is reported By **Clyde Sasaki**, with historical information, and results of the participating youngsters. **Amy Yonashiro** reports on continuing AHK support for some needy children with clothes, supplies and friendship. This H5 program follows the fundraiser raffle at DWD. **Jr. Afalla** recognized by VA and happy residents that kau kau'ed AHK fish. **Hi Lites** of coming events.

2011 Father's Day – Alii Holo Kai Diving with Dad.

by Clyde

The 2011 Diving with Dad Tournament was held on Sunday, June 19th at the Kokololio Beach Park in Haaula, Oahu. This annual Father's Day event was founded back in 1997 by Brian Yoshikawa, and today this event is organized and coordinated by the Alii Holo Kai Dive Club and Maui Sporting Goods. Brian's original vision of this children-oriented tournament is focused on giving families the opportunity to come together with friends and other families, and spend a wholesome, fun and relaxing Father's Day at the beach, while teaching our youth to enjoy and respect our beautiful ocean and beaches.

The only diving competitors on this day are the youth who were placed into three different age group divisions. Each 'dive-competitor' must be accompanied by a "bag boy" escort which is usually a father, mother, uncle, or similar adopted 'Dad' to provide guidance and safety for the youth. Only 3-prong spears are allowed and target fish are restricted to edible fish of legal size. This is a great event which teaches the children to: 1) respect and malama the environment; 2) perform a community service; 3) dive with a buddy; 4) exercise other ocean safety practices and; 5) learn the different Hawaiian fish species.

The morning began with a roll call and briefing by event coordinator Terrence Takahata, followed by a prayer of blessing and protection by AHK member Dennis Okada. This was followed by the traditional beach cleanup which has also evolved into its own competitive event. The competitors picked up an astounding total aggregate of 444.75 pounds of trash from the beach and park. The winners of this cleanup competition were:

Overall winner:	Shane Isono	144.86#
Age Group 5 to 8:	Raiden Miguel	14.36#
Age Group 9 to 12:	Shayla Hull	108.39#
Age Group 13 to 17:	Kelsey Tsukahara	11.06#

The diving phase followed and conditions were slightly windy and the current was brisk, but fortunately, the competitors were blessed with clean waters and sunny skies. Earlier in the morning, little plastic fishes secured with lead sinkers were strategically placed in the shallow waters for the younger keiki divers. While these younger children participated in this ocean-based 'Easter Egg Hunt' close to the beach, the

older youth ventured out in search of some prized fish. As each youthful competitor emerged safely back on shore, you could tell by the faces of joy and excitement that they couldn't wait to weigh-in their catches. Shayla Hull seemed the most excited since this event gave her the opportunity to spear her very first fish. These young divers have genuine fishermen blood in their veins because in true fashion like their adult counterparts, the young voices began to fill the air with fish-stories of the 'one that got away'. Each competitor's catch was carefully weighed and recorded by Terrence and his weigh-in crew of Junior Afalla and Lance Ohara. After the last catch was recorded, all the hungry divers and families enjoyed a feast of pizza, hot dogs, and hamburgers prepared by Terry Yonashiro, Sheila Isono and the cooking crew. A few 'buffet-experts' instead headed first to the dessert table full of home-made goodies donated by the families. Lunch was followed by a very special treat - some refreshing and ono Hawaiian shaved ice provided by Kelvin Ching who brought his Tat's Shave Ice truck all the way to Haaula.

After the feast, the children gathered in excitement as the awards and prizes were given out. The age group winners, along with some of the more notable catches were:

Age Group 5 to 8:	Rachel Oato	1 fish	@ 0.94#
	Pono Chung	2 fish	@ 0.52#
Age Group 9 to 12:	Enzo Takiguchi	4 fish	@ 2.2#
	Dylan Chung	10 fish	@ 1.69#
Age Group 13 to 17:	Tommy Boy Uyeda	6 fish	@ 7.2#
	Brandon Hull	3 fish	@ 2.1#

Every diver was awarded prizes and gift bags with an event t-shirt and other goodies donated by our generous sponsors.

Recognizing the great opportunity to participate in this event and at the same time realizing that there are those less fortunate than us, a raffle was held to raise funds to assist the H-5 (Hawaii Helping the Hungry Have Hope) program which is a homeless shelter in Kakaako with approximately 50 children. This raffle was coordinated by Amy Yonashiro and the proceeds will be used to help provide items for these children when they begin a new school year. The winners of the raffle received some great prizes donated by our generous sponsors.

By the end of the day, the children (and parents) were totally spent from all the fun and excitement. The cleanup crew and the last stragglers left the park as the sun was setting. Many memories of another successful Diving with Dad event would be very soon swirling in the dreams of the young ones on this night.

An event such as this, requires many people in the background offering helping hands. Terrence and the Alii Holo Kai Dive Club wishes to thank all those that volunteered their help in providing tents, tables, grills, cooking equipment, food, desserts, coolers, ice, and kayaks, Also much mahalos to those that worked that day setting up, cooking, manning the weigh-in station, pizza pickup, 'adopted fathers' and the very important safety crew. There are too many people to name here, but please know that your help is very much recognized and appreciated.

Last but not least, the 2011 Diving with Dad would not be possible if not for our very reliable, generous, and kind sponsors. Alii Holo Kai wishes to extend a sincere appreciation to the following sponsors:

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H-5 (Hawaii Helping the Hungry Have Hope--

by - Amy

At the annual Father's Day tournament, AHK families participated in a raffle for a wide assortment of prizes to benefit the children at the Next Step shelter. This is the second year the club has sponsored this fundraiser to benefit children whose families live in the Kaka`ako transitional shelter. The monies collected will be used to treat the school-age children to dinner at McDonald's before a shopping trip at the Keeaumoku Wal-Mart for school clothes. The children will shop with an assigned adult. (Their parents do not accompany them on this outing.) Eight AHK families have volunteered to shop with the children on Wednesday, July 27. Anyone (children accompanied by adults are welcome - last year, Shane Isono and Kurt Taguma paired up with a young boy) still interested in participating can call Terry (368-0138) or Amy (256-0309) Yonashiro asap.

HI LITES

Jr. Afalla recognized by VA at recent function for his creative weaving and his musical talent. There will be gathering on the mainland later, recognizing him and other Vets. Although his lodging and food is provided, he needs to fund his own transportation, donations accepted. BTW---Jr. is the hero around a group of residents and Seniors who on 2 cookouts enjoyed all that fish, etc from the Diving with Dad and the 3 Prong meet @ Waimanalo. Of course not all was cooked as much of the Enenui's was POKI.

Beach Cleanup and Picnic. **Saturday -September 17th** is the International Day for this event. Present plan is to participate and clean the area at Kokololio Beach Park in Haaula, Oahu where AHK enoys most of our outings. Please call Terrence and let him know your status , so we can plan the kau kau, etc.

Hawaii Fishing and Seafood Festival - Sunday October 9th from 9 AM until 4 PM. AHK will again have a booth. Volunteers to assist at the booth may contact Terrence Takahata 836-5009.

Christmas Party—Natsunoya Tea House **Saturday - October 22nd** .. details later.

Kumu Hunt - November – details later

Aloha and Dive Safely,

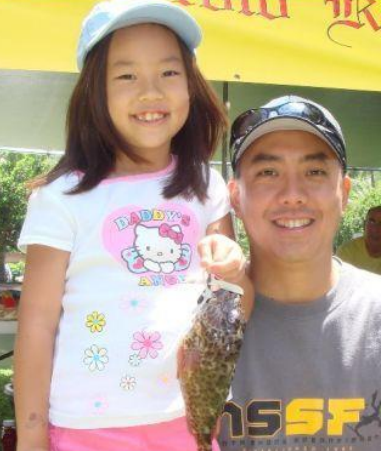


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Enzo Takiguchi w Dad
Eddie 1st Fish GP 9-12



Rachel Oato and Dad
Bryan 1st Place GP 5-8



Raiden Miguel w Dad
Roland 1st Beach
Cleanup GP 5-8



Shaya Hull w Dad Jim 1st
Place Beach Cleanup GP
9-12



Tommy Boy Uyeda w Dad
Tommy 1st Place Gp
13-17