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# Alii Holo Kai

# Newsletter

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## **AHK KUMU HUNT 2010**, by Dennis

Who said, “No mo Kumu?” If you were at sunny Sand Island Park, you might have wondered, “What ... nice kine kumus ... from where?” Granted the kumu schools are not like how it used to be in years past, but still get “planny” if you know where to look and have the experience and skills to capture just enough to make another successful Kumu Hunt. Once more that’s how it was for this year. Alii Holo Kai divers dove island wide in search of this king of steamed fishes. Conditions, as in many past meets, were less than ideal and made diving difficult for most hunters. But even under perfect circumstances kumus can still be few and far between if you’re not in the right place at the right time. This is why this meet presents such a challenge to even the best of divers. It’s just right tough to test your abilities on the day when it counts the most.

All the divers checked in under one of the big trees in the park where the weigh in was held. Good fun hearing the usual stories (excuses): “Nah, junk da watah ... Only small kine ... Get little bit ... Dirty da watah ... Strong current ... Beeg waves ... Nevah do dat good ... etc.” Nevertheless, when it came time for the weigh in and the stringers started coming out of the coolers – SURPRISE! Wow, now who said, “No mo Kumu?” Stringer after stringer had kumus (and big kine too) proudly displayed for camera action. As the weigh in proceeded and the numbers and weights being recorded on the board increased to the point where I wondered

why we had worried whether or not we would have enough for the Chinese restaurant. Yes, there was enough – way more than enough. The big rocks and clear water on the harbor’s edge was very convenient for cleaning fish and adding a touch of salty seasoning. The crabs waved their pinchers in gratitude.

Lamm’s Garden served another wonderful banquet. And, as always, every dish was ono, but da best was the steamed kumu – talk about ONO! Awards were handed out to all the winners - even the bananas too. Door prizes galore for everyone – real nice kind! Every table had several stories going at the same time that added to all the laughter and general commotion. After Frank gave a short talk about safety, future concerns about the resource and potential management schemes, the night slowly came to an end.

## **The next event will be the TAKO Hunt**

and is scheduled for Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011. Dive wherever on Oahu after sunrise and check in at Frank’s house for the weigh-in by 2 PM or DQ’d. Remember, this is a swim out- 3 prong event to aid in reenergizing your physical condition, activate your skills and reaction to ‘moving’ targets after your holiday celebrations.

***This meet is open to all interested persons – AHK and non-members may join in!!***

The minimum eligible octopus weight is 2 pounds, and no scooping in the tako categories. Tako awards are 3 places for each category: **1st. Total weight** (3 largest), **2<sup>nd</sup> Heaviest** (single

tako), and 3<sup>rd</sup> (longest tako). A special award will be given for the heaviest **mystery fish** caught with a 3-prong and must be one of the following: 12" minimum = any of the goats, aawa, awaawa, mu, enenui, roi, toau, uhu. 16" minimum =

opelu kala, horn kala. 18" minimum = All blue water fish, awa, uku, jack family.

Look carefully at the list - and as this is a fun meet you can have only 1 each of the above at the table or face a DQ in the "fish" category. After all the fish is on the table, a drawing will determine the species and the person with the heaviest wins!

Entry fee is still \$15 and da \$ and form in to Terrence by Jan.17<sup>th</sup> 2011. Otherwise the entry fee is \$20. Mail in the fee and enclosed register to da Treasurer, Terrence Takahata, or drop off at Franks house. Terry Yonashiro will get the awards and the club will provide food. *See you on Sunday January 23<sup>rd</sup>!*

We will snail mail out a reminder with these details after Jan 5th to those that are not on AHK's e mail list. By receiving this Holiday Greetings and E mails, you have the opportunity to get your entry form in early!

Again Happy Holidays and Dive Safely,



Frank



**ALII HOLO KAI TAKO HUNT**  
**SUNDAY --JAN 23, 2011- ENTRY FORM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(street address) (City) (State) (zip)

CLUB AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_ ENTRY FEE: \$15

MAIL FORM/ CHECK: Terrence Takahata 5210 Likini St. #404 Honolulu, Hi, 96818  
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Alii Holo Kai  
Or - Alii Holo Kai 3446 Pakui Street, Honolulu, Hi 96816.

\*\*NOTIFICATION BY: January 17, 2011 ----OR LATE FEE: \$20

**RELEASE AND INDEMNITY**

In consideration that I may participate in diving activities beginning on or about **Sunday January 23, 2011/and for CY2011 unless rescinded or lined through** and said consent having been given upon my express request, I hereby assume all risk or injury or damage thereto, howsoever and wheresoever occurring, and however long the said activities may continue: and I do, for myself and for my heirs, successors and assigns, agree that in no case will I present or prosecute against Alii Holo Kai and/or its officers any action for damages or compensation for injury or damages suffered by me or done to my property, arising out of, or incidental to, my participation in or presence during said diving activities, whether the same be occasioned by the negligence of Alii Holo Kai and/or its officers or any persons or persons whosoever, or otherwise, and do agree further for myself, my heirs, successors and agree to hold Alii Holo Kai and/or its officers free and harmless from and against any and all claims by whomsoever made or presented, for damages or compensation for any and every such injury suffered by me, including death, or done to my property.

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SIGNATURE (if under 18, Parent/Guardian)

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DATE