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Its been several months since the last newsletter---and I apologize—but will attempt to ‘catchup’ on activities since the last newsletter —past, present and future **Hi Lites** of coming events.

CHOP SUEY MEET (May 20, 2012)

Terry

This year was the first time in several years that we held the Chop Suey meet. Hooray!!! This is a good meet for the newer divers to get a few tips from the more experienced divers. The meet was at the Waimea end of Haleiwa Beach Park. This meet pairs divers, with different experience, hoping to gain learning experience. We had fourteen participants that dove and later got to talk story and eat Junior’s stew and rice lunch. The wind and surf were down, but all divers said the water was dirty. The results were as follows: **FIRST TEAM:** WAYDE HAYASHI & BRANDON KISHIMOTO - difference 1.69; **SECOND TEAM:** GUY MIKASA & MARC NISHIMITSU - difference 2.23; **THIRD TEAM:** ALOHA GANNON & EZRA CORTEZ - difference 3.77. **CLOSEST TO TARGET WEIGHT:** UKU’S --- **FIRST:** DAVIN AKI (5.45), draw 6.5. **SECOND:** CHRIS TSUKAHARA (3.43), draw 9.5. **UHU’S** --- **FIRST:**

TYLER CICCONE, (3.69), draw 9.0. **SECOND:** JIMMY MAHOKEY (3.3), draw 7.5. Everyone had a good time. Congratulations to all the winners. Spread the word for next year so we may attract more participants.



DIVING WITH DAD (JUNE 19, 2012)

Terrence

Diving with dad was held on Sunday, June 19 at Kokololio Beach Park. The conditions were windy so divers were restricted to inside the reef. After roll call / briefing, Lance Ohara gave the divers instructions on legal species and sizes. He also mentioned that trash pick-up was mandatory. Junior Afalla gave a

blessing, and the divers were off. Most participants collected trash first, (if you wait till the end there is less trash). The scale, manned by Dayne Fujiwara, was busy. **Trash Winners:** Age 5-8 --- Kai Yawata (8.46 lbs); Age 9-12 --- Gavin Sato (22.79 lbs); Age 13-17 --- Kelsie Tsukahara (10.72 lbs). Everyone was in by 12 noon. Junior blessed the food and lunch was served to the hungry divers and bagboys followed by their families. The menu included hamburgers, hotdogs, french fries, and pizza. Drinks were donated by Paradise Beverages and Ron Camarao. Thanks to all who brought desserts which included doughnuts, cookies, brownies, etc.

The Winners:

Age 5-8:

First	Rachel Oato	2.70 lbs
Second	Paris Chang	2.33 lbs
Third	Reece Hayashi	1.67 lbs
Tako	Ravhel Oato	2.70 lbs

Age 9-12:

First	Dylan Chung	1.78 lbs
Second	Matthew Sato	87 lbs
Third	Raiden Miguel	.43 lbs
Tako	Dylan Chung	2.09 lbs

Age 13-17:

First	Tommy Boy Ueda	6.59 lbs
Second	Blaze Umiamak	2.63 lbs
Third	Kekai Hattal	1.63 lbs
Tako	Jordan Isono	2.74 lbs

All participants won multiple prizes thanks to the generosity of all our sponsors. They also received a Diving With Dad T-shirt made by The Creation Station(Clyde Sasaki) and a goody bag

from Alii Holo Kai. Thank you very much to all our sponsors, those who helped cook, those who brought desserts, Tat's Shave Ice (Kelvin Ching, and for all funds collected from raffle ticket sales to help support the H-5 (Hawaii Helping the Hungry Have Hope) program. See AHK's H5 report by Amy Yoneshiro below.

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HELPINGHUNGRY HAVE
HOPE** Amy

Not even a major traffic tie up on H-1 could keep the AHK volunteers from the 3rd annual Back-to-School shopping trip with the children of the Next Step shelter in Kakaako. The calls kept coming in: "We're running late but we'll be there!" Sure enough, 18 members, spouses and friends of AHK and their 8 children arrived at the Keeaumoku St. Wal-Mart on July 23.

This year there were 24 children from the shelter, most of them elementary age. The six boys and 18 girls ranged in age from kindergarten to 11th grade. Their parents are not included in

this excursion so that the children can do their own shopping, escorted by an adult from AHK.



The adventure begins at McDonald's. After dinner, Sgt. Bryan Oato and volunteer officers Jason Boquer-Wintjen and Robbie Robinson Jr. from the District 5 Kalihi Community Policing Team speak to the group. Officer Jason is funny and engaging, yet his message clearly reminds the children that the police are here to protect us all. Having said that, the group lines up to walk next door to Wal-Mart with their own police escorts. The children jockey for position to be the one walking next to the officers.



After an hour, the shopping carts begin lining up at the register. The children have bought shoes, slippers, jeans, shorts, skirts, dresses, socks, shirts, blouses and

underwear -- many things our own children take for granted. There is excitement and laughter as the young shoppers walk out with multiple shopping bags on their arms.



The AHK volunteers are also grateful for the opportunity to participate and make the youngsters happy. Two families have been part of the shopping group for the last two years: the Tadaki family - Nate, Adrianna, Blake, Brianna, Brook and Blane and the Takiguchi family - Eddy, Gail, Enzo and Eyzek. Jordan Isono and Rachel Oato also joined their parents (Sheila and Bryan) this year.



Mahalo to Kimi and Kai Apiki, Wayde and Angela Hayashi, Sheila Isono, Liane Sugimoto, Kalei Fernandez, Bryan Oato, Nate and Adrianna Tadaki, Kurt Taguma,

Eddy and Gail Takiguchi, Terrence



Edean and Amy DeMello from 'Iolani School. Amy began this project while she was still in high school 4 years ago. She single-handedly found volunteers to purchase school supplies for each child at the shelter. Amy is now a junior in a culinary arts program in Rhode Island and returns each year to help out. Finally, this wouldn't be possible without the generosity of the club members who support the raffle at the Diving with Dad tournament in June.

Alii Holo Kai no ka oi!

Takahata and Ava, Chris Tsukahara, and Terry Yonashiro. Special thanks to



Mahalo to all who contributed da kala at the Diving with Dad raffle/outing, and everyone who took the time to escort and help in this AHK H5 project for these youngsters!

Coming Attractions

October 7th Hawaii Fishing and Seafood Festival. AHK will again have a booth- with the “wheel of fish” and target species. The object is to promote local knowledge of certain Hawaii’ reef fish, while having fun. Contact Terrence, Terry or Frank if U Wanna kokua at the booth,??—especially 10AM thru 2 PM. Pier 38 Hawaii Fishing Village 1133 Nimitz Hwy, near NICO’s. Give Terrence a call or ‘come join us’!

October 20th MELE KALIKIMAKA - AHK XMAS Party @ Natsunoya Tea House. Mark your calendar and remember October 20th;Saturday- friendship, games, good food, etc Bring your grab bag gift—around \$20, + or – no gags. , Also be sure to label with name any gifts that Santa will give to your kiddies. . We **need fish** for steaming to add to the ordered Tea house food. So—you divers can contribute a few fish between now and party time. We will accept fish good for steaming---about 2 to 4 pound size, kumus, panunue, mu, uku, etc. Also tako for the pupus. Call, clean and drop-off to Terrence, Dennis, Terry or Frank. **Get your forms in or give Terrence a call so we can have an estimate on the numbers.**

November 18th is the Kumu Hunt with the traditional POKI contest. This popular event is limited to 30 divers- and although the details/rules will be out with the next newsletter, you may want to let Terrence know your interest---you snooze, you lose! HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Aloha and Safe diving,



Frank

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