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AHK NEWS -- November 2003

MELE KALIKIMAKA-- October 25th Natsunoya Tea House was the scene of Santa's early arrival for Alii Holo Kai Ohana and friends. St. Nick's early bird appearance was greeted by the cheering youngsters (and adults) and he is now ready to visit others on December 25th. Again the pupu "crew" out did themselves and are getting so efficient that all pupus were ready right on schedule and the guys had everything cleaned up --including themselves before dinner time. CONGRATS Guys! Mahalo to all others that donated all the good fish and to Santa's helpers for the games and prizes that the kiddies enjoyed! We dive, fish, clean beaches, etc for most of the year and this happy gathering of family and friends in a different environment is an event that many of us treasure.

KUMU HUNT --- Yes, its on schedule--November 23rd is the date. See the enclosed rules and details and you better mail in your entry early as this is limited to 30 divers. This very popular event should be interesting -- especially since the kumu is even scarcer and all fish have a minimum of 12" fork length. Following the weigh in that evening is the great Chinese Banquet (including freshly caught fish) with the awards and lots of prizes.

ELIMINATIONS 2004 The concept was reviewed at the last Exec board meeting and will be following last years general format. There should a good draft and more details at the time of the Kumu Hunt and with follow-up mailings.

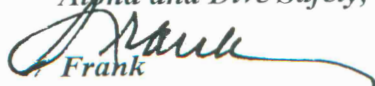
MONTH OF DECEMBER is Christmas and Family time with no special events planned. However, Happy New Year in January 2004 and we start off with - DA TAKO HUNT !

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TAKO HUNT - Sunday January 25th, 2004. This allows all divers to get a good start with the New Year.. and in most cases if you can see a good size Hee', then it should not require as much skill to capture this camouflage creature. You can go anywhere but be at my house for the weigh in by 2 PM or win a DQ. There will be 9 prizes covering this event.... Including total weight = 3 largest, heaviest single tako, and the longest tako. Minimum weight is 2 pounds and no scooping in the tako category. There will be an award for the "Mystery Fish" category -- and caught with a 3 prong, 12 inch minimum size, at the fork. Fish to be considered are any blue water fish, awa, uku and jack family. You can have only one fish...and on the table at Mystery drawing time that will determine the specie. If more than one is on the table, the heaviest wins. This is a fun tournament and is open to any interested person...so invite your friends to join in. Application and entry fee of \$15 by Thursday January 22nd and if after that date the fee is \$20. Contact Marshall Tulang 423-7433, Terrence 836-5009, Dennis 677-9010 or Frank 732-1756. Besides the awards will be Ono food during the weigh in. Call if you wish to get involved or help!--.

DUES..2004 .. As usual the dues that allow your club to function is for the calendar year. and you can mail in (\$30 single--\$40 Family) or include with your payment if you are entering the Kumu Hunt or Tako Hunt. Remember the benefits not only include membership and activities, but so far every year was the free admission to the annual teahouse Christmas Party. Of course you should also consider the Underwater Society of America \$15. (a must if you are to compete in the US Nationals). This years Nationals will be in Hawaii and possibly will include men, women and mixed teams.

Alpha and Dive Safely,


Frank

KUMU HUNT 2003

DATE & PLACE; SUNDAY - November 23rd sunrise till weigh-in. Open to all Oahu shores.

ENTRY FEE: \$30.00 Per diver to cover awards, pupus and banquet. \$15.00 For each guest attending the banquet.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY.. 17 November. **MUST MAIL APPS- NO TELEPHONE ENTRY**

Mail entry app to: **Terrence Takahata 5240 Likini St. #404 Honolulu, Hi 96818**

WEIGH-IN: Frank Farm's house at **2:00 p.m. Don't be DQ'd..**- 3446 Pakui St. Ph 732-1756

- SCORING:
1. Weigh masters, Dennis Okada and Frank Farm
 2. Only goat fish will count towards trophies.
 3. You may shoot as many you want, but only 3 largest goats will be weighed for score.
 4. Scoring by total weight - No points per fish. A tie decided by total length.
 5. Pananuu, papio and toau will be weighed individually. Prizes awarded.
 6. All fish 12 inches to fork minimum

- AWARDS:
1. Total weight - champion , 2nd and 3rd place .
 2. Largest goatfish., champion, 2nd and 3rd place
 3. Special prizes for largest papio (under 10 lbs.), pananuu and toau.
 4. There will be no scooping of more that two awards per diver, one for goats and one for special categories.

- DIVE RULES:
1. No boats, kayaks, motorized propulsion or scuba.
 2. All entries must be from shorelines of Oahu.
 3. No use of lights of any form. (Underwater lights)
 4. No gang banging of fish. (Sharing spears is OK)
 5. Fish lost due to bad shot is fair game to all other divers.
 6. No mutilated fish will be score.
 7. Cheaters will be disqualified.
 8. All divers must weigh their fish.
 9. Judge's decision is final. (Weigh master)

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS Dive with a buddy !! (For his safety)

: Divers required to use a dive flag & recommended to carry a dive knife.

Each diver is responsible for safety - don't dive somewhere you can't handle or don't know.

Weigh - in will not begin until all divers are accounted for. If you are unable to be back in time please call in at Frank's house. (732-1756)

Only a fun tournament - HAVE A FUN DIVE !!!

ELIGIBILITY: Open Alii Holo Kai & Past Palo-Kai Members. Limited to first 30 paid divers.

BANQUET: Lam's Garden Meet at 5:30 P.M. dive night, Dinner at 6 P.M.,
Nov. 23rd - Seven course Chinese feast. You can donate fish to be cooked as part of the meal!
SEE OTHER SIDE FOR INFORMATION ON THE POKI CONTEST !

alii holo kai kumu hunt - poki contest

* Made with fresh or frozen island seafood ingredients

-May be raw or cooked
spicy or mild
firm or soft
red, green, brown or white!

*Must be made by a diver in the Kumu Hunt

- No private chefs,
mamas & papas
aunties & uncles
wives & girlfriends

*Judging on: *Presentation & Appearance
*Taste & Texture
*Originality

at: Frank Farm's house, after the weigh-in.

Judged by 1 1/2 of all the divers at the weigh-in.
&
DENNIS & FRANK

*Prize: 1st Place Surprise Prize !

