



Alii Holo Kai Newsletter

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Kumu Hunt – results: The planning was excellent but the weather and the huge surf on most of the island left but a very small and limited area for the divers. This area is usually considered the most non productive of ocean around Oahu, yet we had excellent results.

Total weight – 1st Dayne Fujiwara 7.0 lbs, 2nd Chris Paglinawan 4.63 lbs, 3rd Wayde Hayashi 4.61 lbs. Largest: 1st Bryan Oato 2.0 lbs, 2nd Shawn Fujimoto 1.98 lbs and 3rd Glen Suzuki 1.88 lbs. Winning the largest papio was Vernon Takata at 7.67 lbs, Toau was Gavin Sato 1.84 lbs, and Largest Panuhunuhu Shawn Fujimoto 4.09 lbs.

The awards banquet was a lot of fun and prizes. Special crafted awards, Turkeys, Fish/Dive Gear, and other items—including the traditional bananas (For U know what divers) were presented. We thank all that contributed to this successful event !

DUES!!!!

Reminder, with the New Year comes AHK dues. \$30 Single and \$40 Family plan. Please join early and support the activities of your club. Mail to Treas. Terrence Takahata. 5210 Likini St. #404 Hon Hi 96818 or to Dennis or Frank.

HAPPY NEW YEAR ! and mark your CALENDAR—

TAKO HUNT - Sunday January 25th, 2004 the first fun AHK activity is our traditional Tako Hunt. This is a 3 prong – no barbs , swim out squid eye meet. Go where you wish, but you must be at the weigh-in at Frank's house by 2 PM or DQ'd. Tako awards will be for 1st. Total weight (3 largest), 2nd Heaviest single tako, and 3rd longest tako.

The minimum eligible octopus weight is 2 pounds, and no scooping in the tako categories. 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. **15" minimum** = horn kala, **18" minimum** = All blue water fish, awa, uku, jack family, opelukala,

Look carefully at the list- and as this is a fun meet you can have only 1 each of the above fish at the table or face a DQ in the "fish" category. Your fish will be made available and a drawing will determine the specie and the person with the heaviest wins!

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

Start time is after sunrise Sunday and be at Frank's by 2 PM. Application \$15 Entry fee if

registered/paid by January 23rd @ 5 PM. Otherwise the entry fee is \$20. Mail in the enclosed registration form to da Treasurer, Terrence Takahata, Terry Yonashiro will get the awards and Marshall Tulang is in charge of food and promises ono chow.

GET READY FOR THE 2004 US NATIONALS ! MARK YOUR CALENDAR AGAIN! Eliminaion/Qualifying Chairman Marshall Tulang

submits this Alii Holo Kai/Eliminations to Qualify Divers to represent AHK in the 2004 US Nationals to be held in Hawaii. This one meet will qualify 3 men's teams, (possible 4 subject to USOA membership), 2 women's teams(2 person) and 3 mixed teams. Mixed team is a 2 person team, i.e. Adult male with a female (adult or minor), or Adult female with a minor. A minor is under 16 years of age. All competitors must dive this one day to qualify in any category.

Date: Sunday March 14, 2004

Location:

Primary: Makapuu Pt. Light (Kaneohe side) to Waimanalo Beach Park. (More Identification marks or coordinates, etc will be forthcoming.) Staging area is Kaupo Beach park next to Shriners at Waimanalo

Alternate: Black Point to Wailupe Channel. Staging is Kahala Beach Park.

Eligibility requirements to participate in Qualification/elimination meet:

1. By February 11, 2004:
 - a) must be a paid member of AHK (\$20.)
 - b) submitted membership fee for the Underwater Society of America (\$15) for the year 2004.
 - c) Application and entry fee (\$15)- **received** by Meet Chair Marshall Tulang by 7 PM 11 February-. Tel 423-7433
2. On meet day:
 - a) have a dive flag and knife
 - b) Serviceable cooler with 16 or more pounds of ice
 - c) Competitors to assist in helping with meet- (if you cannot stay after the meet, contact Meet Chair Marshall Tulang 423-7433 for other duties)

Declared Teams and Individuals:

Divers can declare as a 3 person team prior to eliminations, and if all finish within the top 9, then they will be a team. If only two of the declared members qualify, they will remain together, and their third member will be an individual diver coming from the top of the qualifying list. If no teams exist then the top 3 individuals become a team.

The teams will be established with the above criteria. Once teams are established, divers cannot be moved from team to team. If a diver drops off a team, the replacement diver will be provided from the individual team list by place of finish. New team members can only be chosen from those who entered this elimination. Obviously, not all situations can be accounted for and the final decision rests with a committee of AHK President Frank

Farm, VP and Overall AHK competition director Dennis Okada , and one AHK non competing member.

Once a diver qualifies for a team, they will have a week to turn in a letter of intent to participate in the 2004 Nationals. A \$100 per diver deposit to insure participation will be submitted. This \$100 will be refunded the day after the Nationals if you participated and not pull out. If a diver does not respond by the due date or turns-down qualification, that diver is no longer eligible.

RULES:

1. Start through marked entry area. You are allowed to return to shore only through this marked area, i.e. lose or forget gear, want to replace gear, etc. Dropping off fish will not be allowed during the competition. You must let a official know what you are doing. At no time can a competitor leave the water and touch shore outside of the marked limits.
2. Everyone is required to check-in in a timely manner.
3. Only Electronic equipment allowed watch, light, and GPS. (NO cell phones)
4. No shooting of free shafts.
5. Only muscle powered crafts and swimming allowed.
6. No chumming.
7. No spearing of fish allowed in dive locations, primary and alternate, 1 month prior to meet.

Scoring and Fish: 15 Fish max, 3 per specie max, and 8 surgeon fish max

- a. 1 point per pound, 1 point per fish. There is a maximum 16 points for any one fish.
- b. Fish will be measured from center of fork to nose.
- c. Fish sizes:
 - 12" minimum:** Palani*, Pualu*, Aawa, Hilu, Roi, Toau, Nenu, Mu, and all goats.
 - 13" minimum:** All uhu's .
 - 15" minimum:** Horn kala*, Uku, Awa, Awa awa, Oio, All Jacks, Kahala, Kaku, Kawaelea, all blue water fish, i.e. Ono, Tunas, Bill Fish, Mahimahi.
 - 17" minimum:** Opelu Kala*

Discrepancies will be addressed as follows: If your catch:

- +consist of more than 15 fish, then the largest one will be removed.
- +includes more than 3 per species, then the largest of that specie will be removed.
- +has a undersized fish by these rules, but not breaking State law, then it will be removed.
- +BREAK STATE LAW, YOU ARE DQ'D. YOUR CATCH AND **YOU!**

Sunday--meet day March 14, 2004

6:00 AM Start setting up

7:00 AM Roll Call

7:30 Start Meet
1:30 PM Meet ends
2:30 Be Frank Farms -- EAT/Prepare for Weigh in
3:15 Weigh in begins
4:30 Announce scores /Clean up

Application form is enclosed or call to get one – read carefully and remember the dates..
all registered competitors will be notified of a meeting to go over the details.

Mail Application to elim meet chair: Marshall Tulang, 1539 Epukane St. Hon. 96818
Telephone: 423-7433

Club Dues: \$30. Per diver. Family plan (spouse included) \$40
\$15 Underwater Society of America
\$15 Elimination Meet Fee

COMING ATTRACTION-- 3 PRONG POTLUCK FUN MEET with 2 divisions and besides all the usually caught fish we will have other species, i.e. Kole, aholehole, Manini, Menpachi, aweoweo, etc... this was a popular outing last year and be prepared to eat most of the catch at the beach.

Aloha and Safe Diving, Frank



WE CATCH 'UM

WE EAT 'UM

