

# ALII HOLO KAI NEWSLETTER



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## HAUOLI MAKAHIKI HOU!

This was planned to be the last newsletter for the year 1999. But things got delayed due to numerous happenings during the last 2 weeks of the year. We hope you had a good Xmas. Several letters of appreciation were received from the **Foodbank** for all the fresh fish and tako that was donated by AHK members. It was my pleasure and with pride that I

delivered the coolers of fish following the **Kumu hunt**... A wide variety of fish was donated and the workers at the Foodbank were surprised to see so many high quality fish (kumu's papio, uku, uhu, etc.) and to many families having this fresh island reef fish just made their Thanksgiving. Dinner so memorable

<i>Total weight</i>	<i>Largest Kumu</i>	<i>Largest Papio</i>
<i>1<sup>st</sup>..Greg Sakamoto ( 5.22)</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Gene Higa (2.37),</i>	<i>Gene Higa (8.48)</i>
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> John Ernst(4.21)</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Hirijida (2.27)</i>	<i>toao Jason Hirijida (1.48)</i>
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Terrence Takahata (3.86)..</i>	<i>George Matsuda (1.94).</i>	<i>Panunue Sam Kuboyama (4.04)</i>

Following the weigh-in, the group helped pack and ice down fish that would be delivered the next day to the Foodbank. Other members then cleaned some Kumu and Nohu that was cooked at Lams Garden Chop Suey where the awards dinner was held....Lots and lots of good food with fresh

steamed and sweet/sour fish was on the menu . Many great prizes—large turkeys and Hams plus other donated gifts from Lance Ohara and Clyde Sasaki added to the festivities. AHK's only current Jr. Member -Kaimana Le Blanc was recognized and congratulated for his 1+ pounder kumu. It was noticed that

this year there were a few less members awarded the "bananas" category. This must be an indication that although there's probably

less kumus in the ocean, the skills of the divers are improving... We appreciate your selective harvesting and conservation efforts.

**y2K is here and a TAKO HUNT fun meet** is first on the agenda. The date is January 16<sup>th</sup> There will be 3 categories of 3 places in each category.

1. Total Wt. 3 largest

2. Longest tako

3. Heaviest

A 2 lb min size for weighing. No scooping in tako categories. A *special* award for the heaviest fish caught with a 3 prong. - Divers may spear 1 each for consideration of weigh in. 12" min. Opelukala, Horn kala, Aawa, Awaawa, Mu, Enenui, Roi Toau, Uhu, Wahanui, goats. 18" min Blue water fish, Awa, Kaku, Kahala, Uku, Jack family.

This tako/fun meet is open to all comers---AHK and non members may join in! Invite a friend to join you. This is a swim out tournament and you get to go wherever you wish off the shores on the Island of Oahu. You may enter the water anytime after Sunrise on Sunday January 16<sup>th</sup> and must be at Frank's house for the **weigh in by 2 PM**. There is a \$12 entry fee that will cover all costs, prizes and food at the weigh in. You must mail in or otherwise apply and get your \$12 entry fee by Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of January to Myles Yoshikawa, 3956444, or Dennis Okada 6779010. Do it now! After that date the late entry fee will be \$15. - however you must call and let us know if you are participating before the start time. Fee will cover costs to the club for awards, food, cold drinks, etc As usual, the numbers are important to us for planning purposes! We're looking forward to seeing you there with the rest of the squids, either with or without your giant octopus!

**Getting ready for the US Nationals for Y2000** - the competition will be held in California and Hawaii already has one team qualified (Da Defending Champions) and we will have the elimination's for the other 3 teams... Since he is already qualified, Gene Higa is the chairman of the meets to select the rest of the teams... Gene has formulated the following schedule: Applications with waivers for the Team and/or Individual elimination's are available at Maui Sporting Goods, Kapahulu or call Gene 4226727 or 6760193, Dennis 6779010, Terrence 8365009, or Frank 7321756, and a set will be mailed to you. All entrants must belong or join Alii Holo Kai when entering.

## **US National Team Elimination 1 team /Qualification February 13, 2000**

**Boundary:** Rabbit Island (Kailua Side) - to - Mokolua Island (Kailua Side)

**Qualify :** 1 team, minimum of 3 teams must enter.

**Applications:** Must be received at least 14 days prior to event or by 1/31/00

**Alternate** to be picked after 3/5/00 up to date of commitment 3/25/00

Team entry fee for 3 members = \$45. Sunday - February 13<sup>th</sup> 7 AM Registration/Briefing at Bellows Beach, near inner guard post. Dive until 2 PM... All competitors **must** be checked at this site before and after their dive. A checker at the site will verify, segregate and contain your catch to be taken to the weigh in. Scouting OK but no taking of fish from February 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Individual Eliminations 2 US National Teams Qualification March 5, 2000

**Boudary:** Wailupe to Black Point

**Qualify's** 2 additional teams to represent Hawaii

**Entry Fee:** \$12 per individual

### *Fish Rules applies to both tournaments—must attend briefing/rules and review*

**Fish Limits:** Limit 20 fish per competitor. Limit of 4 per fish list. Limit of 10 knifefish\* total per competitor. Any combination from list #1 through #5 of the Eligible Fish List and not to exceed 4 of any one type on the list. If a competitor exceeds the limits, then the following penalties will take effect: 1) If more than 20 total, but not more than 4 per list, then only the largest fish from the total catch will be disqualified; 2) But if more than 20 total, and also more than 4 per list, then the largest fish from the total catch and the list will both be disqualified. 3) If more than 10 knives total, then the biggest knife will be disqualified. Do not discard any eligible speared fish in order to exchange it for another of higher points. If any competitor violates this rule, he will be disqualified.

**Eligible Fish List:** 12 inches minimum: \*1- Opelu kala, \*2- Palani \*3- Horn kala \*4- Pualu \*5- Naenae, 6- Aawa, 7- Awaawa, 8- Kumu (goat fishes all species), 9- Mu, 10- Nenu, 11- Roi, 12-Toau, 13- Uhu (parrot fish -all species), 14- Wahanui, 15- Hilu

18 inches minimum: Awa, Kaku, Kahala, Uku, Ulua/Papio, blue water fishes.

**\$**Dues are again payable as we go into the new year of 2000 **da good news** is that the cost of the dues has never changed for many years at \$25 -- for single membership and \$35 for a family plan if you are married ---this covers your spouse and children. We have traditionally been able to manage our finances and to invite you as a member to attend the XMAS PARTY BANQUET free-----and of course if you had a family plan that included your spouse --**da not so good news**---is that the Executive committee has recommended that the dues be increased to \$30 single and \$40 family effective April 1, 2000. We will be voting on this increase at the AHK meeting and weigh in for the Tako hunt. So---get your dues in as soon as possible and before 4/1/2000 and you will pay at the bargain rate -- before the increase! You should consider joining the **Underwater Society of America** (a must if you are selected to compete in the US Nationals in Florida) for just a mere \$15. The Underwater Society of America sponsors the National Freediving Competitions (among other water related sports) and is our link to the World Meet, and has insurance included in their dues. ... So write that check to **Alii Holo Kai and mail it to Terrence Takahata. 5210 Likini St. #404, Honolulu Hi 96818**

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**ENTRY FORM**

**Hawaii Council Free Diving Spearfishing Team National Qualification**

*It is agreed that I am entering the February 2000 Hawaii Team Qualification at my own risk I do hereby release Alii Holo Kai, Hawaii Council of Diving Clubs, Underwater Society of America, other supporting clubs, sponsors, cooperating groups and individuals from any and all claims of liability arising by reason of injury or other loss occasioned by me at any time before, during, or after the meet.*

**Team Entry Fee : \$45. must be submitted with application.**

1. Team Captain's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Club affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Diver's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Club affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Diver's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Club affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*All applicants must be paid up (2000) dive club members, and that dive club in good standing with Hawaii Council Diving Clubs**

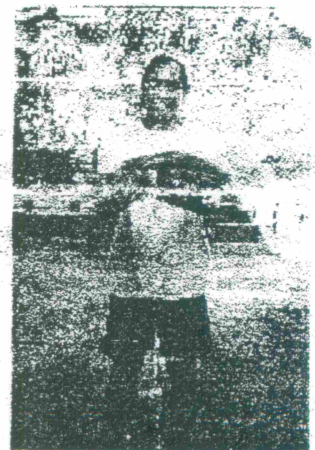
**HAWAII FREEDIVE SPEARFISHING EXPOSITION** (10 am to 9 pm) & **THE HAWAII COUNCIL OF DIVING CLUBS (HCDC) DIVER OF THE YEAR BANQUET** (5:30 pm – 8 pm) WILL BOTH HAPPEN ON MARCH 11, 2000 AT THE ELKS CLUB ON KALAKAUA AVE, IN WAIKIKI. Alii Holo Kai will have a exhibition at the Expo and we will be seeking volunteers to staff the booth. The HCDC banquet will be in the evening, however you will still be able to attend both if you wish. Myles Yoshikawa was last years Diver of the Year. More details will be forthcoming at the Tako Weigh In and in the next AHK Newsletter.

Aloha & Dive Safely,

  
Frank

*It is my sad duty to report to you the passing of **Richard K. Yoshida**, a Alii Holo Kai member. Richard was diving off Makapuu lighthouse on December 18<sup>th</sup> and evidently encountered some difficulty. His body was recovered near Sea Life Park. After services, his ashes were scattered at Maunalua Bay. Our prayers go out for Richard and our condolences to his family.*

**Richard Kent Yoshida**



November 20, 1972 to December 18, 1999