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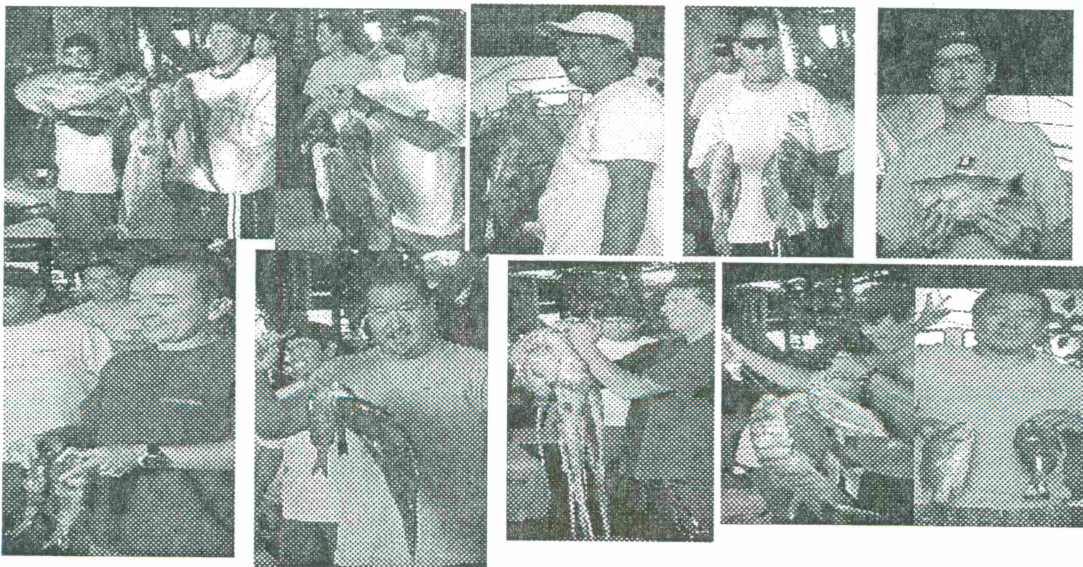
MELE KALIKIMAKA - HAUOLI MAKAHIKI HOU !!

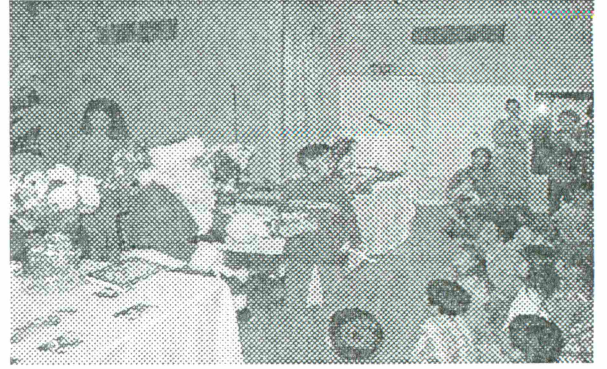
The **Kumu hunt** on Sunday November 19th had 28 divers... The skies were cloudy and the wind was blowing for the few days before and on the day of the meet, but the determined divers prevailed. Although not too many large kumu were caught, there were respectable fish weighed including a 22+ pound uku by *Wayde Hayashi*. Fun and laughter continued throughout the weigh-in and the judging of the poke contest. As usual, the awards dinner at *Lamms Garden* included serving fish caught -both sweet/sour and steamed. Many awards were presented, including timely Tukeys for Thanksgiving, T shirts, anchors, stringers, --knives, etc (mahalo *Lance*, - lots of bananas (some earned as an 'da kine' award and the rest raffled to eat-thanks *Clyde Fukuyama* and *Terry Yonashiro*). Drawing lucky numbers topped off the evening with everyone winning a gift. The following were the winners for the eligible categories:

Kumu Total weight: 1st *W. Hayashi*, 2nd *J. Ernst*, 3rd *G. Higa*,

Largest Kumu: 1st *J. Hirijida*, 2nd *Ron Camarao*, 3rd *S. Hirayama*

Largest Papio: *R. Kurashima*, Toao: *D. Fujiwara*, Panunue: *J. Yasutake*





AHK Xmas party in October was held at Natsunoya Tea House. AHK family members, and happy kids celebrated this event with Jolly (?) Old St. Nick bringing presents for the kiddes and adults. Lots of games kept the kiddies entertained, thanks *Paula & her Elves*. Besides the Tea house food, there was steamed fish as donated by members and the pupu table of tako, fish, crabs, etc...just overwhelming. *Wayde Hayashi* was presented the prestigious award recognizing him nationally as Amateur Athlete of the Year for his Freediving accomplishments last year. Congratulations Wayde! Sorry if you missed it---but hope to see you next year!!

TAKO HUNT fun meet on January 14th is first on the agenda for the year 2001. There will be



3 categories of 3 places in each category.

1. Total Weight (3 largest to be weighed), 2. Heaviest single tako, and 3. The longest tako. There is a 2 lb minimum size to be eligible for weighing. No scooping in the tako categories. A special prize will be given for the heaviest fish caught with a 3 prong This fish must be one of the following: !2"minimum: Opelukala, Horn kala, Aawa, Awaawa, Mu, Enenui, Roi, Toau, Uhu, Wahanui, goats. 18" minimum Blue water fish, Awa, Kaku, Kahala, Uku, Jack family. Look at the list carefully! As this is a fun meet--you can catch **only 1 each** of the above fish-or DQ in the "fish" category.

This is for conservation of the fishery and brings pressure to the diver This tako/fun meet is *open to all comers*---AHK and non members may join in! 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 14th and must be at Frank's house for the **weigh in by 2 PM**. There is a \$15 entry fee that will cover all costs, prizes and food at the weigh in. You must mail in or otherwise apply and get your \$15 entry fee to Myles Yoshikawa,(860 Papalalo Pl. Hon 96825) Phone-3956444, or Dennis Okada 6779010 by Friday the 12th of January --a late entry fee after that date will be \$20.----As usual, the number of persons coming are important to us for planning purposes, including food preparation. *Marshall Tulang* is in charge of the food--and as yet we're not sure of the menu-- it's a surprise! Did you know Junior Afalla recently got

a tako over 10 lbs? Better watch out for these guys with the gray hair! We're looking forward to seeing you there with the rest of the squids, either with or without your giant octopus!

Upcoming Eliminations for US Nationals that will be held at Tarpon Springs, Florida July 2001... This is advance notice for the upcoming eliminations to qualify up to 3 teams to represent Hawaii.

Team Elimination: - **Date:** February 4, 2001. **Boundary:** The *primary* area is from Makapuu Lighthouse to Pine Trees at Waimanalo Beach Park. The *alternate* site is Black Point to Wailupe channel. **Qualification:** Maximum of 2 teams can qualify depending on the number of teams competing. There must be a minimum of 3 teams entered for 1 team to qualify. There must be 5 or more teams entered to have 2 teams qualified. **Applications:** Must be received at least 11 days prior to the event or by January 31st. Team entry fee for 3 members = \$45.. Sunday February 4th 7 AM Registration/Briefing at an area to be determined. Dive until 2 PM. All competitors must be checked in at the site before and after their dive. A checker will be at the site and will verify, segregate and contain your catch to be taken to the weigh in. Scouting OK but no taking of fish from the area as of January 26st.

Individual Eliminations: **Date:** March 18, 2001 to qualify remainder of team(s) for US Nationals: **Boundary:** Primary Black Point to Wailupe Channel. Alternate Makapuu Lighthouse to Pine Trees at Waimanalo Beach Park. Entry Fee \$15 Scouting OK no taking of fish from area as of March 8th.

Meet at 7 AM for briefing—at Kahala Beach Park, end dive up to 2 PM. All competitors should bring a cooler with a little ice for their fish---leave it with the AHK checker who will transport to Franks house for the weigh in.

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 20total, 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. PENALTY is disqualification.*

The applications and fees may be left with either Dennis Okada, Gene Higa, Terrence Takahata, Frank Farm or at Maui Sporting Goods at Kapahulu Ave. or Hanapaa 1733 Dillingham Blvd.

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.

IF THE WEATHER IS NOT COOPERATING.. *This is always a subject of much discussion. We want to be fair to all competitors, yet maintain safety and have efficient logistics.*

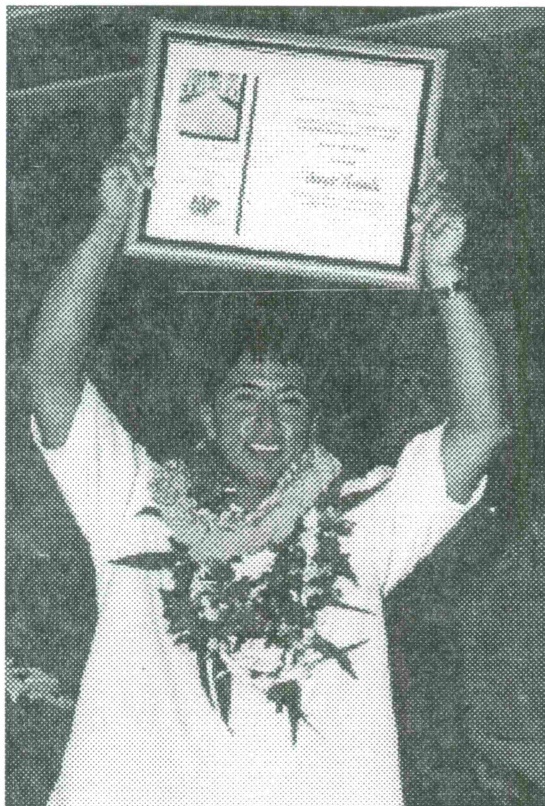
Consideration for the efforts of all supporting persons that are involved in the preparation, on site, at the beach, weigh in, food prep, etc. All competitors and everyone else involved can get information on status (GO or NO GO) depending if marginal weather, etc. by calling 6779010 and either talking to Dennis Okada or listen for the message on his telephone voice mail. All

team competitors should, if the weather appears marginal, check by 6 p.m. the Friday before the meet—If it is a NO GO—a postponement will be in effect.... Should the meet date be moved, the location will remain the same. Thereafter the meet will be postponed and the following week may be considered, but not deinite. We will make a firm attempt to contact all entrants about any changes and if you are unsure, please contact us..

DUES ! Members and potential members are reminded that DUES are due--- \$30 single \$40 family. You should *consider* joining the *Underwater Society of America* for just a mere \$15 (a must if you are selected to compete in the US 2001 Nationals in Florida). The Underwater Society of America sanctions the National Freediving Competitions (among other underwater sports) and is our link to the World Meet, and insurance included in their dues. So write that check to **Alii Holo Kai and mail** to Club Treasurer *Terrence Takahata. 5210 Likini St. #404, Honolulu Hi, 96818...* *Aloha and Safe Diving---*

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WAYDE HAYASHI



American Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles International Underwater Spearfishing Assn
Hall of Fame Honor - Underwater Spearfishing Athlete of Year 1999