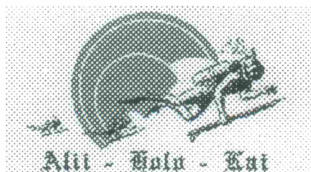


ALII HOLO KAI NEWSLETTER



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DA TAKO HUNT IS PAU! January 16th, Sunday, Gale winds, and light drizzles, yet 24 divers took to the calmer side of Oahu in pursuit of Octopus! The catch was surprisingly good – No scooping and a 2 lb

minimum provided a good distribution of winners in the top 3 spots for various categories...

Aggregate

Chris Tsukahara 16.10
Terry Yonashiro 12.6
Danny Morillo 10.0

Largest

Keona Leong 4.15
Wendell Ko 4.8
Kalei Fernandez 3.15

Longest

Myles Yosshikawa 55 1/8
Clyde Sasaki 49
Gene Higa 44 7/8

Largest Fish (3 prong only) Marshall Tulang 3.12 Panamu that beat out a 3.11 Moana Kali caught by Gene Higa.

WHATS NEXT? = February 13th Sunday =Team Eliminations- NOTE THIS MEET IS CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF THE MINIMUM 3 TEAM REQUIREMENT. As such, the next meet will be the individual eliminations on March 5, 2000. All entrants must get their application form and \$15 fee in by SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27TH. 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. Scouting is encouraged, but there will be NO taking of fish from February 20th or 14 days prior to the meet..

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. A maximum of 3 teams (9 individuals) will be considered. Alternates will replace any dropouts after the teams are determined.

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. PENALTY is disqualification.

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

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

WHAT TO DO, WHAT TO DO, WHAT TO DO—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, while efficiently coordinating the efforts of all supporting persons that are involved in the preparation, on site at the beach, weigh in, food prep, etc...For this meet, 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. Friday, 3 March—If it is a NO GO—a postponement for 2 weeks—(March 19th) will be in effect.... Should the meet be moved to March 19th, the location will remain the same. Thereafter the meet will be postponed to the following week and so on, until it is held or a change is announced.

Dues Members and potential members are reminded that DUES are due--- and if payment is made prior to April 15th you only pay the bargain \$25Single/\$35 Family rate...Otherwise u will have to pay the increased rate of \$30 single \$40 Family as voted on at last meeting after Tako Hunt weigh in. You should *consider* joining the **Underwater Society of America** (a must if you are selected to compete in the US 2000 Nationals in California) for just a mere \$15. The Underwater Society of America sanctions the National Freediving Competitions (among other underwater 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 to Terrence Takahata. 5210 Likini St. #404, Honolulu HI 96818**

DUAL EVENT REMINDER=

March 11, 2000 at the Elks Club.....FREEDIVE SPEARFISH EXPO (10 am to 9 pm) & HAWAII COUNCIL OF DIVING CLUBS DIVER OF THE YEAR (DOY) BANQUET (5:30 pm to ? pm) this is not conflicting events, but instead it was planned so you may have the opportunity to attend both if you wish... the location (ELKS Club-Waikiki) is the same for both activities and there is overlap so you may do it all! There will

be a lot of displays and other programs ongoing at the expo (\$5 admission-proceeds to benefit freediving groups)---and for HCDC banquet (\$12.50) includes dinner, door prizes and support to their - Diver of the Year(selected on contribution to club, council or marine related). If you plan to attend the HCDC function, your dinner cost includes admission to the expo functions upstairs. Please mail in you HCDC (\$12.50) reservations to Myles Yoshikawa, last years HCDC DOY from AHK. Myles address is 860 Papalalo Place, Honolulu, Hi 96825 and he must receive the check by March 4th so we can get the head count in to the ELKS Club. Menu=Haw'n Teri-beef, chicken katsu,sauteed mahi/lemon caper butter, fruit bowl, Ceasar & garden salad, garlic mash & rice. You can get your tickets at the next weigh in or later at Franks.

Alii Holo Kai will have a booth at the Freedive Expo and we are looking for volunteers with some ideas as to what we would like to display in our booth--We will be promoting the sale of Tshirts (AHK & World Meet) and hope to have a display of pictures about our club activities...Also if you want to volunteer to man the booth at different times during the expo....Please call one of the Executive Board members or myself if you are interested in planning or manning!

Sonny Tanabe 7351088 and **Clyde Sasaki** 2360525 are putting on the Expo for your benefit---they probably can use some setup help Friday evening and breakdown Saturday afterwards... Give them a call and offer to Koku!!

Aloha & Dive Safely,

Frank

FREEDIVING MEET APPLICATION AND LIABILITY

RELEASE FORM

It is agreed that I am entering functions, such as but not limited to, Freediving Spearfishing activities and tournaments, beach and ocean cleanups, cookouts, banquets or other events with Alii Holo Kai 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 activity.

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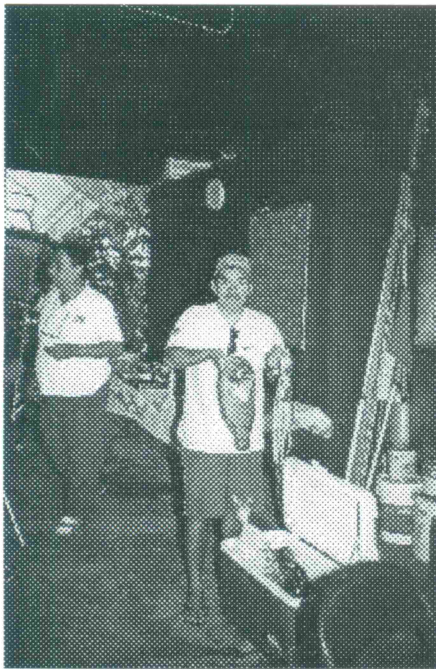
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