

ALII HOLO KAI NEWSLETTER



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INDIVIDUAL ELIMINATIONS HELD AT KAHALA – 9 MORE HAWAII DIVERS QUALIFIED TO Y2K US NATIONALS!

**HAWAII TEAMS TO US NATIONALS ON AUGUST 10TH AT
RUSSIAN GULCH – MENDOCINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.**

Hawaii's representation to the US National Freediving Spearfishing competition is one step closer to reality. Besides the team consisting of the current US National Defending Champions- **Wendel Ko, Wayde Hayashi and Gene Higa**, 9 more members became eligible Hawaii representatives at the meet in California.

The following were the qualifying divers:

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| 1. John Ernst | 4. Marshall Tulang | 7. David Kilborn |
| 2. Ken Lee | 5. Jason Hirijida | 8. Shawn Fujimoto |
| 3. Kris Sakamoto | 6. Dayne Fujiwara | 9. Terry Yonashiro |

These divers have until April 15th (date of commitment) to decide if they will go to the Nationals. Following that date and whatever openings may possibly exist, the following sequence as alternates are: *Brian Oato, Terrence Takahata, Jason Yim, Keaka Ching, Steve Oliberos, Kelly Komoda*. There are established guidelines and the Executive Committee is responsible for the process and deciding on any controversy.

The previously scheduled Team Eliminations were cancelled due to lack of the necessary minimum teams to be registered by the deadline. As a result, the individual eliminations were held at Kahala Beach Park. Following the briefing and review of the rules, the divers headed to sea—most using kayaks. The meet area was from Wailupe channel to Black Point and weather conditions were favorable. After check in, a briefing, review of the rules and a prayer, the divers were on their way. As the competitors passed the breakers, the support crew on shore started to relax and Jr. Afalla began cooking breakfast—sausage, ham & eggs. By the 2pm deadline—all competitors returned safely, and were greeted by the on shore committee who immediately, logged in each diver and his catch and placed the fish in coolers and on ice. The divers, family friends and support crew met at Franks for Kau Kau, a short club meeting and the Weigh in!

There was a surprising number of fish caught (?off Kahala?) including some very respectable Mu's Ukus, Papio, Weke Ula, huge Nenu, etc..

Did you go to the Freediving Spearfishing Expo and the Hawaii Council of Dive Clubs Diver of the Year Banquet at the Elks Club? If you did NOT, then you missed a great expo put on by Sonny Tanabe and Clyde Sasaki....Congrats guys you both did an outstanding job! And our thanks to all the Alii Holo Kai members that supported the event....and set up the AHK booth —there were pictures of AHK events, T shirts for sale, Old diving equipment on display, etc.... the booth even caught the eye of a few old timers

(former AHK members) who happen by and right away recognized the logos etc... The crew worked hard and got to make a lot of friends ...we had a lucky number drawing every hour for T shirts and managed to recruit some new members in the process. Thanks again to Terrence and all that helped to spearhead and support this activity.

*The Hawaii Council of Dive Clubs held their dinner – awards banquet at the ELKS from 5:30 PM to about 8 PM - last years diver of the Year **Brian Yoshikawa** got to present 2 trophies (a tie) for the Y2k HCDC diver of the year **Tim Moore** from Sea Lancers(got a SCUBA regulator) and our own **Jr. Afalla** from AHK(received a \$250 jewelry gift certificate from Maui Divers)... congrats to both for all their work to each club and the council. They both deserve this recognition !... A lot of door prizes were drawn and many of the guests at the banquet were lucky winners.*

*No sooner we finished with all these events, and up next we have scheduled a **April 9 Fun Meet**... You can go where you want and you should call and register with **Dennis Okada 6779010 no later than Friday evening April 7th**..by 6PM If he doesn't answer leave your name and message on his voice mail. The entry fee is \$10 if you call in by the deadline or \$13 if you miss the deadline or just show up. You're welcomed either way...but if you call in we can plan the logistics "mo bettah!" This Fun Meet is designed to **maintain the skills of all the competitors** that qualified for the Nationals...In that respect **we strongly urge all the 9 qualifiers, plus the defending champions** to turnout and be under the pressure of*

the rest of your diving friends. As such, we will split the divers into 2 categories...A + B...The defending champions, the qualifiers for the Nationals and any other diver that has previously qualified or participated in a US Nationals will be in A Group. All the rest of the divers, with less experience will be in a separate B Group. Prizes for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd place aggregate plus 1st place largest fish will be awarded for both Groups. We encourage all new members to join in the B Groups and place some pressure on the more experienced A Group... In addition there will be a "Mystery" Fish...we don't know its identity until weigh in on Meet day. If that wasn't enough we will have special random drawing of prizes -only for those in the B Group. We welcome all NEW members to join in. So be at Franks house no later than 2PM for the Weigh In , Food and prizes!

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.

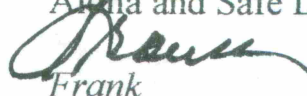
Eligible Fish List: 12 inches minimum: *1- Opelu kala, *2- Palani

*3- Horn kala *4- Pualu *5- Naenae, 6- Aawa, 7- Awaawa, 8- Kumu (goat fishes all species), 9- Mu, 10- Nenue, 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.

USA World Team Support—Alii Holo Kai is selling "Tahiti World Meet 2000" T shirts....This program initially started with shirts made for Alii Holo Kai by Clyde Sasaki. A batch was taken to the DEMA show with Mike McGuire coordinating the sales ... AHK also sold these shirts at the recent Freedive Expo at the Elks... We still have some left and you can help the United States World Team by selling these shirts.. The profit will be sent to the Underwater Society of America for team benefit..i.e. gas for boats, equipment rental, common use expenses,etc. Shirts sell for \$12 and the XXLfor \$13.. The shirts are at my house -so give me a call and help out the USA World Team! Also the next newsletter will have updated details about the World Meet in Tahiti!

Alpha and Safe Diving,


Frank

