

Alii Holo Kai Newsletter

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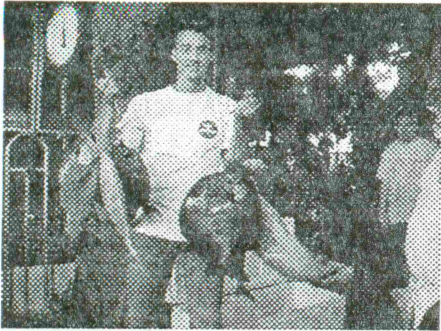
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The winds were ranging 15-25 knots for the April 29, 2001 FUN Meet. Most divers had an early start and the dive location was their choice. By 9 am I received my first phone call with a report "I won't be there for the weigh in--lost some gear and its blowing!" Later another call that the "wind was up and its raining here" and just before noon another call "I lost my kayak" Yup! by high noon no less than 4 divers were terminating their dive due to the weather **but we** knew that **U-- R -- OK & we appreciated the calls!** It appears some braved the elements on the Northeast coast and Mother Nature did not greet them favorably. Some of these divers fared fairly well and managed a decent catch, but not without challenge. Then there are those that went to the Northshore and the South side of Oahu...where conditions were favorable. Listed below are the results with 27 divers participating and a number that aborted or were disqualified. Keep in mind – No Scooping and a diver can win only one prize (place) therefore in some cases an award may have been made to a lesser catch or point value.

Divers were divided into 2 groups. "A" All divers qualified to go to this years Nationals or have participated in past nationals. "B" all other divers -challengers..

"A"	Aggregate	"B"
1 st Wayde Hayashi	72.3 pts.	1 st Travis Kashiwa 50.7 pts
2 nd K.B.Vitarelli	49.15	2 nd Vernon Takata 30.0
3 rd Terry Yonashiro	37.12	3 rd Adolph Yago 7.12
	159.13 pts	88.3 pts
	Largest	Fish
Jason Hirijida 11.11 lbs. Uku		Jason Yim 8.2 lbs. Papio
	Mystery	Fish
John Ernst 7.12 lbs Kala		Dell Agricula , Aawa 1.9 lbs

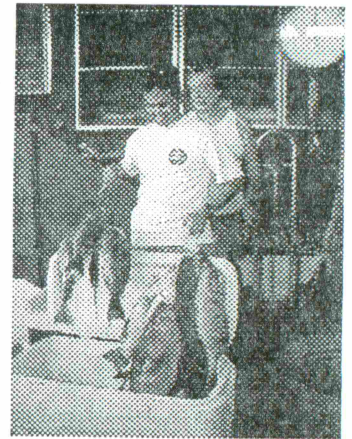
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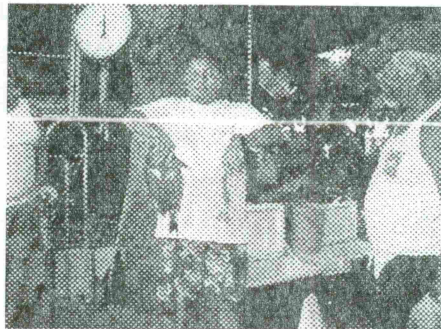
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Congratulations to all the above winners, who selected their awards as donated by Alii Holo Kai and also Lance Ohara (Thanks)...our sympathy goes out to all divers that experienced loss of gear, came in early, etc...One happy ending was John Ernst whose Kayak got free from the anchor and he had to swim to shore from the Rabbit Island area...however, the kayak was discovered on the sand in the area of Waimanalo Beach park...and he retrieved it with his extra gear and winning fish intact! Some divers had good catches but were DQ'd...again our sympathy and hope you get in on time at the next meet.

What's next? Chop Suey Meet -- June 3rd..

Up next is perhaps our most popular and friendly meet where we mix divers of different levels of experience. Relying on what information is available to the meet officials, the known productive and talented diving fisher is teamed with another diver. This usually partners a younger, newer diver—with an experienced diver or has been a member of the club for awhile. It is hoped that this experience will add valuable knowledge to both, by their scouting and diving together.

The club will provide the lunch - .your executive board did not work out the details and the menu yet...but our past Chop Suey Meets always managed to have some good local grinds----however, - we ask that Everyone bring their beverages...

When: Sunday *June 3rd 2001*

Where: Meet Haleiwa Beach Park (Waimea end-under large tree)

Who: Anyone 18 years and older – Non members welcome to join in.

Rules: Divers shall meet at Waimea corner of Haleiwa Beach Park at 7:00 AM. The committee will divide the divers into 2 groups (UKU's and UHU's) based on knowledge and experience. Each group will draw numbers with matching numbers forming each 2 man team. After registration and briefing, teams may proceed to dive (**Swim from shore**-)anywhere on Oahu and return to this same location for lunch and weigh in by 1 PM. All divers must be checked in or telephone for reasons of safety.

Fish: Divers may spear 1 each of the following list: (12" minimum):Opelu kala, Palani, Horn Kala, Pualu, Naenae, Aawa, Awaawa, Hilu, Kumu, Moanu, Moana Kali, Weke Ula,(all goats), Mu, Enenui, Roi, Toau, Uhu, Wahanui

(18" minimum) Awa, Kaku, Kahala, Uku, Ulua/Papio., blue water species.

Penalties: If more than 1 of each specie is caught, the larger one(s) will be disqualified.

Scoring: 1 point per fish and 1 point per pound not to exceed 20 points, i.e. maximum score for any 1 fish will be 21 points.

Awards: Closest score both team members. 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Individual Total Points. UHU's 1st, 2nd, 3rd and UKU's 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

Individual categories (1st, 2nd, 3rd) shall be total points closest to, but not to exceed the target weight drawn for each place – to be done prior to weigh in.

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Entry Fee: \$15

All divers are requested to call Dennis Okada (677-9010) by Wednesday **May 30th** if he/she is interested in participating. This will help us plan for the number of participants. **Please call---hard to feed U if we don't know U coming!** Your cooperation will greatly be appreciated.

Everyone should make an effort to join us for this fun dive and we will also have a short informal meeting—updating you on all the happenings, including the latest on the US Nationals at *Tarpon-Bayport in Florida*. Currently we have **3** teams that are committed to the Nationals

SPECIAL SUPPORTING NEWS!

Your fellow divers that have qualified to compete at the US Nationals and makeup the 3 Hawaii Teams will be having a FUND raiser on Sunday 20 May at DON HO's at Aloha Tower. with entertainment by Native Blend. Other sponsors are: Hawaii Skin Diver Magazine, Go Bananas, Beuchat, Picasso ...with a drawing for a Darrel Wong Spear Gun and Scupper Pro. .. A donation of \$10 will be accepted--and you will have a fun-filled evening with light pupus and entertainment! Great way to support the Hawaii Teams, have fun and maybe win a prize or two!

Aloha & Safe diving,


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