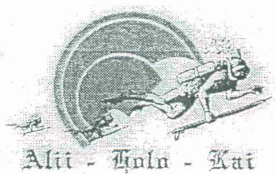


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# Holo Kai

## Newsletter

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**Merry Christmas & a Happy (and a SAFE) New Year to all from the AHK Officers and Executive committee.** This year the traditional AHK Christmas in October was held during the month of November.....simply because we were unable to get reservations for the larger room at Natsunoya Tea House on the desired dates. However, *Santa* graciously rescheduled his appearance and was welcomed with cheers by the keikis. After Santa gave each child a lap to sit on and a gift, he walked the aisles giving gifts to the delight of everyone.

*Frank* briefly addressed the audience including comments on changes that are happening and also "in planning...on the books." Encouraged everyone should be watchful as some of the changes will have an effect on fishing as we now know it. For more details, attend future AHK events or contact him.

*Terrence Takahata* was awarded a very well deserved **HONORARY** membership as unanimously voted by the Executive Board. Terrence is known for his numerous accomplishments throughout his many years with AHK. Most recently he was the 2006 World Team captain - a tough and very demanding job. He has been AHK's treasurer forever (so it seems) - keeps track of every penny that comes and goes. Many

(if not all) club activities are directed by his "quiet" demeanor and exacting leadership. His sincere dedication and efforts are greatly appreciated and have not gone unnoticed no matter how humbug things can be. CONGRATS Terrence for all that you have done and will continue to do for AHK.

As Terrence scoped the gathering, he commented that it appears that the number of "small fry" is increasing. In fact, the number of adults also increased and extra tables were setup to accommodate the crowd, and in turn took away space for Santa's activities and Paula's kiddie games. We may have to plan to expand for next years gathering. The food was great, with a few changes on the menu -- the miso salmon and the fresh steamed fish was noticeably ono. Thanks to Santa for adjusting his busy schedule. Thanks to those that donated the kumus and other fish. Thanks to those that prepared the pupus - tako, kole and aholehole. Thanks to Paula and her helpers with the games for the youngsters. And thanks to all others that volunteered to spread happiness with AHK's family and friends. Mahalo!

### Alii Holo Kai Kumu Hunt ...

...By George

On November 19<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 28 members and guest of the Alii Holo Kai (AHK) dive club, registered to participate in search for

the largest “goat fish” on Oahu. Normally, this time of the month the water is misty, due to high surf and irregular tide change, making this event challenging. But, exceptional divers consistently know how to find large Kumu’s or Moana Kali’s; they know the terrain and type of fish that’s in the area, and are determined to be “KH Champion” for 2006. “

## The Contest

The same scenario year after year of weighing in the fish happens at the home of Frank Farm, (AHK) president. The dive starts from day break and ends at 2:00 pm followed by a party at 6:00.

Before the weigh-in, the divers sample and vote on a Poke contest. This category is optional for participation. This year’s winner went to *Roy Kamisato*, displaying his Tako Poke. To me, the texture was tender, tasty, and different, the flavor was similar to that expensive Japanese shell fish that you buy and eat right out of the can, truthfully that’s my opinion, “Roy, got my vote”.

The weigh-in is always suspenseful and exciting, especially if you knew that you had a chance to place in a category and the deciding factor is a fraction of an ounce”. For example; *Wayde Hayashi* edged out *Wendell Ko* for a prize in the Toau category by little over an ounce, but all you can do is “suck it up and laugh”, both divers are considered “World Class”.



After the weigh in, the winners in each category, gather to clean the speared fish, a traditional honor that has made the group close and this is when the “bull session” starts. “It’s hilarious”.

## Goat Story

It must be goat season, and there are no significant changes that the Kumu’s are

getting scarce, you just have to know where to find them, says *Dayne Fujiwara*, crowned “Kumu Champion” for 2006. Humbly, Dayne said that this is his second time he has taken top honors in this prestigious event and indirectly, looks forward to teach anyone that comes down to the shop to talk story, especially “cute chicks”. Nosily, I asked him where he found those big Kumu’s. “Cautiously, answering my question, Dayne smiling, shook his head and jokingly said, can’t tell you dat”. “Dat’s why I am the “champ”, Ha! Ha! Ha! “.



*Jason Hijirida* from Mililani was the “champion” for the largest goat fish, scoring on the Moana Kali’s. Jason says he has no secrets when it comes to spearfishing and told us where and how he speared all those Kali’s. By now, the word is out so its no big deal, says Jason, only that it was reported that a large tiger shark was recently seen cruising the area, and it was in the back of my mind whenever I strung up a fish, especially a big “jet Uhu” that I had speared to give to the “bruddahs”. Jason said that he decided to just swim out from Waimanalo beach rather than plow through surf and swimming in murky water, which was a last minute decision to take part or go to work.



Jason said that diving alone is against his practice, but sometime you just “gotta chance em”. Jason said that his intention was to spear one large “goat fish” and swim back to shore, but came across an “Oasis” in the desert, that was unreal. “Every time I dropped down and waited to spear a fish, a Moana Kali would cross my path”. I think the “goats” grouped in this area because this was their “safe house” from larger predators and it bothered me. Jason said that this action lasted about an hour. While on shore, he washed down his dive gear, dressed up and drove to work at Toyota City. Driving on the highway, he called Frank on his cell and told him his plans, before coming to the weigh-in.

While the other divers were still in the water searching for fish, Jason had sold a car and finalized the sale upon arriving to Frank’s home. Jason Shaking his head and smiling in disbelief said “The day was bad”

### Awards Banquet

The party is at Lam’s Garden, a Chinese restaurant in Kahala. The fish is cooked and served along with a seven- course dinner. The highlight of the menu is always the prized steamed Kumu and Moana Kali, just to mention that if bought, retails for \$12.95 a pound at Tamashiro Market. Personally, I prefer eating the sweet sour style Ponuhunuhu, even though the cook had remarked, “that one gotta put plenty camouflage”. Before, during and after dinner, *Terrence, Terry and Frank* kept pulling numbers from a bowl and everyone that attended went home with a prized gift.

These ranged from T shirts, knives, various dive equipment including a great speargun.

If you weren’t stuffed, you must be in training or on a diet, because this was the year’s closing event and beginning of the holiday season. Every table had “choke” food, said *Terry Yonashiro*, awards chairman. I was full, I just wanted to go home and “fall down”, and my day was eighteen hours of non-rest.



Following the awards for the winners, a presentation for the **Banana Awards** went to the diver’s that speared no qualifying fish. “It felt like going up to catch a garter belt at a wedding”, said Terrence Takahata (MC) for the event, “you kind of hesitantly not try to get noticed”. But that’s what this tournament is all about, having fun making new friends and mingling with old friends with the same interest, “Freedive Spearfishing”.

### Kumu Hunt Winners

#### Total Weight: (Goatfish)

Champion.....	Dayne Fujiwara .....
3 lbs. 5.6 oz.	
Second.....	David Sakoda .....
1 lb. 13.2 oz.	
Third.....	Wayde Hayashi .....
1 lb. 4 oz.	

#### Largest: (Goatfish)

Champion.....	Jason Hijirida.....
3 lbs. 9.8 oz.	

Second..... Leonard  
 Manley..... 1 lb. 15.6 oz.



Third..... Shay Motonaga  
 .....1 lb. 9.1 oz.



**Largest: (Papio) Roland Miguel** ..... 7  
 lbs. 10.2 oz.  
**Largest: (Ponuhunuhu) Bryan Oato** .....  
 4 lbs. 0.8 oz.  
**Largest: (Tako) Shay Motonaga**  
 ..... 3lbs. 11.6 oz.  
**Largest: (Toau) Wayde Hayashi** 1 lb. 4 oz.  
**Best Poke:** ..... Roy Kamisato

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**Farm: Awards: Terry & Amy Yonashiro**  
**Score Keeper: Denise Moriguchi/**  
**Terrence Takahata**

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 WE ARE HOPING FOR ANOTHER  
 HAPPY, SUCCESSFUL. AND SAFE 2007

DIVE YEAR. Again we start the new year with the traditional "TAKO HUNT". After all the merriment, and holiday feasting you probably will not be in top condition to stalk and try to outwit some of the more fast swimming elusive fish. So it is Tako time, all you have to do is find them and 'usually' you can capture most that you see.

This event is scheduled for **Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007**. The minimum eligible octopus weight is 2 pounds and no scooping in the tako category.

Awards in 3 Tako Categories, 3 places:  
**1. Total weight** (largest 3 tako) 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
**2. Heaviest single tako:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
**3. Longest Tako** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A special award for the heaviest **mystery fish** caught with a 3 prong and must be one of the following: 12" minimum = any of the goats, aawa, awaawa, mu, enenui, roi, toau, uhu. 16" minimum = opelukala, horn kala, 18" minimum = All blue water fish, awa, uku, jack family.

Look carefully at the list- and as this is a fun meet you can have only 1 each of the above at the table or face a DQ in the "fish" category. After all the fish is on the table, a drawing will determine the specie and the person with the heaviest wins!

***This meet is open to all interested persons – AHK and non members may join in !!*** This is a swim out, 3 prong meet. Start time is after sunrise Sunday and be at Frank's (3446 Pakui St.) by 2 PM. Or face DQ.

Application \$15 non refundable Entry fee if registered/paid by January 22nd @ 5 PM. Otherwise the entry fee is \$20. Mail in the enclosed registration form to da Treasurer, **Terrence Takahata** 5210 Likini St. #404, Honolulu Hi 96818, or drop off at Franks house. Terry Yonashiro will get the awards and food will be provided by the club at the weigh in. **Mark your calendars and See you on Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup>**.

## MORE GOOD NEWS !

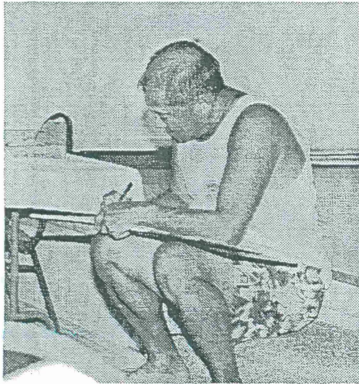
**\$D**ues are due!.. After spending a lot of your kala for Christmas and celebrating the NEW YEAR, I hope you made allowance for AHK dues. Please send a check to Treasurer Terrence made out to Alii Holo Kai, OR be prepared to give him the moola at the Tako Hunt or whenever you see him. Remember, your dues cover the expenses of the club and traditionally we have enough of a balance that all paid members enjoy the Christmas Party at Natsunoya FREE! And if you take a family plan, that includes your spouse. The cost is still only \$30 single and \$40 for family. *What a deal!.. PS application forms are on ali holokai.com for friends or new members and we appreciate getting your e mail address.*

*Tentatively were planning a 3 Prong meet for late February, Eliminations or qualifications for Nationals March and April, Chop Suey meet in May, Dive with Dad in June....Suggestions and input is welcomed, contact any of the Exec Board.. Aloha and Dive Safely!*

*Frank*

*Frank (go to ali holokai.com click on Dec2006NWSltr and compare the difference)*

*PS Are you receiving your newsletter by E mail also? If not, e mail me a note, and I will have your E mail address. You then will receive your newsletter quicker and the quality will be much better, especially pictures. Thanks-Frank [farm@htchawaii.com](mailto:farm@htchawaii.com)*



Terrence Paying Xmas Bill





