



# JOINT MESSAGE FOR FISHING TOURNAMENT



**Luen Thai**  
Fishing Venture Ltd.

## Tan Holdings Corporation

To all Participants and Organizers,

On behalf of Tan Holdings Corporation and the Luen Thai Fishing Venture, we'd like to extend our best wishes for a successful All-Micronesia Fishing Tournament! We're very pleased to have the opportunity to help make this tournament possible as your major sponsor. Our involvement in this event is one expression of our long-term commitment to Micronesia and being part of the community in these beautiful islands.

As an introduction to our company, Tan Holdings began approximately 31 years ago in Guam and we're now headquartered in Saipan, serving the region in about a dozen industries — from logistics services to hotels and travel, apparel, entertainment, insurance and more. Our all-cargo airline, Asia Pacific Air serves your islands by bringing in the mail and essential goods to and from the islands.

We also enjoy doing business here with our affiliate Luen Thai Fishing Venture, which started just 10 years ago and today provides jobs and one-stop fishing, bases, logistics and marketing of fish caught right here in Micronesia and around the Pacific. We're very proud to be one of the largest fresh tuna importers to Japan and operate one of the most environmentally-friendly fleets in the Pacific.

We hope to see some spectacular wins this year and we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable tournament!

Sincerely,  
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Marshalls Billfish Club

## MARSHALLS BILLFISH CLUB

Yokwe,

*On behalf of the Marshalls Billfish Club and its founders, it is my great pleasure to welcome everyone to the 13th All Micronesia Invitational Billfish Tournament. For the teams that are here for the first time I wish you a very special welcome and hope you will enjoy fishing in the Marshall Islands. To our returning teams I also wish you a warm welcome and best of luck. I believe every individual will have an enjoyable and exciting fishing weekend.*

*This event has put the Marshall Islands on the map as a Game Fishing destination. Through the years we have seen some spectacular catches by our local and off island teams who have earned their rights to have their names placed in the All Micronesia Tournaments Record Book. Hopefully after this competition is over your names will be among them. This year, two of our finest and experienced fishermen, Ronnie Reimers and Bwiji Aliven will be representing the Majuro team. Team Pohnpei is back this year to defend their title as the Champions of the Tournament since they have captured the cup for the past three consecutive years.*

*I wish you all an exciting weekend and with the best of luck, tight lines.*

## How the All Micronesia Tournament Got Started

The idea of the All-Micronesia fishing tournament was first conceived in late 1992 at a conference of Pacific countries on Saipan. While conferees from several different areas were socializing one evening, the talk turned to fishing. After several stories, it was agreed that there is probably no other area in the world with as much basic skill in fishing and as much different fishing methods as have been practiced traditionally in Micronesia.

With the growing interest in Micronesia as a sport fishing destination, it was acknowledged that the time had come to hold a regional tournament.

One of the people in that group happened to be Billy Roberts, former President of the Marshalls Billfish Club. The others knew that the club had won the Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament (HIBT), has competed in Japan, and Fiji, and conducts many tournaments of its own every year so it seemed natural to have Majuro host the All-Micronesia tournament.

Billy presented the idea to the club's board of directors in early 1993 and the board agreed to try to organize such an event. The two major objectives of the tournament would be to promote and publicize sportfishing in Micronesia and to gather fishermen together from throughout the region to share their knowledge and skills while enjoying a good time.

With major sponsorship from Mobil Oil Micronesia, the inaugural event was held in October 1993 with ten teams participating.

Jakie Jacobs led the host club's Team #2 to first place in both the billfish category and overall with a 343 lb. Pacific Blue Marlin caught on the morning of the second day and brought back to dock shortly before the weather changed for the worse. Landed with Lakjohn Lakjohn, Ian Pickering and Alan Richards, it was the only billfish of the tournament.

Mobil's team had the second biggest fish overall, a 29 pound wahoo that won the first place trophy for its category. That fish was caught on the first day by angler Carmen Camerato and when team captain Scott Shular reeled in another wahoo the next day, the Mobil team had the distinction of being the only one to weigh in fish on both days of the 1993 event.

Pohnpei Fishing Club took second and third place honors in the wahoo category and first place in the barracuda class for a total of three trophies. Team captain Bob Segal and anglers John Sonden, Noel Boylan and Pooi Efai picked up all three fish on the second day of fishing. Pepe Ong accompanied the team and helped with the organization of the tournament on the dock.

### Memorial

*The Marshalls Billfish Club members along with the All Micronesia Tournament committee would like to express our condolences to the families of **Mr. Jerry Perez** of Guam and **Capt. Tom Murdoch** of Kiribati, both of whom passed away this last fishing season. They both have many friends here in the Marshall Islands who will continue to remember them well.*

*Jerry competed in several recent tournaments representing the Guam Fishermans Coop and had announced that he was returning to this years tournament even before last years was complete.*

*Capt. Tom had been captaining vessels around these waters for many years and therefore known to many people. In 2004 he piloted a boat to the tournament all the way from Kiribati.*

*We will sorely miss them.*

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