

NAVUA ROTUMAN FARMERS FOODSHOW 2010

PREPARATIONS

Warm Greetings to all family and friends here in Fiji, Rotuma and all over the world from your Rotuman brothers and sisters residing in the beautiful eastern countryside town of Navua in the province of Serua/Namosi, Viti levu.

Cyclone MICK which hit the Fiji Islands during the December 2009 period has not dampened spirits and with five weeks before our Annual Foodshow competition which is scheduled on the 12th of June 2010, there is a lot of excitement not only amongst the farmers but amongst ho'aga members – '**al se mere e**' the general remarks we often hear in any gathering whether it be for church or any other social get together.

The competitors have been holding their monthly '**iom pani**' since August 2009 and 2 raffles have been organized to date with funds collected channeled into our operating pool to assist in covering the financial expenses that would incur during the Foodshow.

A fundraising dance has been organized at the Pacific Harbour Arts Village Tiki Pool Bar on Saturday 8th May 2010 at 6.00pm with the live band to be provided by the 'PRO-AM' a local band comprising of the Danfords, Gus George (Feverere, Hapmafau) and Malakai Amoe (Losa, Itu'tiu).

Background

The Navua Rotuman Farmers Foodshow first began in 2002. The objectives of the foodshow were to:

- ensure unity within the Rotuman community
- allow the farmers to showcase their crops & pass on skills to the younger generation
- share ideas and know-how on the best ways to utilize their land
- ensure that there are always sufficient root crops for the family all year round
- maintain the different varieties of root crops as on the home island
- build and strengthen the true spirit of competition

The competition is amongst the individual farmers who must be of Rotuman descent or married to a Rotuman residing within the Navua area. The farmers compete in individual categories as well by ho'aga. The ho'aga is determined according to the location of the farmers within the Navua Area as follows:

- Nasasa
- Viwawa
- Rovadrau
- Navua

Overall Champions

2002 - Jioje Fonmoa of Savlei, Itu'tiu
2003 - Sam George of Feverere, Hapmafau, Itu'tiu
2004 - Tausia Amoe of Losa, Itu'tiu
2005 – Jioje Fonmoa of Savlei, Itu'tiu
2006 - Freddy Wesley of Lopta, Oinafa
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2009 – Tausia Amoe of Losa, Itu'tiu

Foodshow Competition 2010 on Saturday, 12 June at the Serua Provincial Complex, Navua at 8.00am.

Competitors 2010

- Nasasa Ho'aga – Lili Somone and Fauoro Manueli
- Viwawa Ho'aga – Jione Kaitu'u, Tausia Amoe and Francis Varea
- Rovadrau Ho'aga – Freddy Wesley and Wesley Konrote
- Navua Ho'aga – Sam George and Jioje Fonmoa who is currently on a vacation in Australia but will be represented by his son Wise Fonmoa.

Family members and friends wishing to donate in kind to our Foodshow 2010 may contact:

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Farmers Group Photo



Left – Right: Lili Somone, John Taito, Francis Varea, Jione Kaitu’u, Jioje Fonmoa, Tausia Amoe, Freddy Wesley, Fauoro Manueli, Nataniela Kamilo, Malakai Kaitu’u, Wesley Konrote, Sam George.

2009 foodshow:

