

剣友 Kenyu

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DATEBOOK

1. Thirty men and women of the College Students' Kendo Federation of Kanto, Japan, accompanied by several of their sensei, will visit us on Monday, July 20. Keiko will be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Hutchinson Gym, UW, with a party following at the UW Waterfront Activities Center from 9:00 till midnight. All WSKF members are urged to attend this event and practice with these top kenshi who are making a special stop in Seattle at our request. Earlier in the same day, sightseeing and other activities are planned for these visitors, and anyone who'd like to accompany them and get to know them better is welcome to do so. If you are interested, get in touch with Ken Ogami (821-4243) and let him know you'd like to spend all or part of the day with the Kanto students. The previous day, they will make a brief stopover at SeaTac Airport from 11:05 till 12:50 enroute to Vancouver BC for keiko there. Some people are going to greet them at the airport during the noonhour, then drive up to Vancouver to join their keiko there, and anyone would also be welcome to participate in that. In any case, for us the big event will be Monday evening... let's all be there for sure!
2. The next WSKF Board meeting is Saturday, July 18, 6:00 p.m., at Imperial Lanes.
3. The next WSKF Practice is Friday, July 24, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., at Hutchinson Gym, UW.
4. Two sandan women from Kokushikan University will arrive on Sunday, July 26, to help the WSKF Women's Team train for the 4th US Taikai. They will be here until Thursday, August 20. A practice schedule has already been drawn up and is available from Jeffrey Marsten (246-2239). There are also a few slots open for them to visit other practices if dojo would like to invite them. Everyone is welcome to attend any and all practices with these outstanding kenshi.
5. Men's Team practices coming up are: Tuesday, June 30, Belltown; Tuesday, July 7, Belltown; Friday, July 17, Northwest; Tuesday, July 21, Belltown; and Friday, July 31, Northwest. All practices are 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

THANK YOU

UW Kendo Club extends hearty thanks to everyone in WSKF, including parents and friends, who pitched in and made the 14th UW Taikai a big success on May 30. Many thanks also to the Canadians who journeyed down here to faithfully lend their support and participation.

Your humble Editor thanks Tom Okawara, editor of Sempō, the midwest kendo newsletter, for sending kind words of praise and encouragement for the first issue of KENYU, and asking to subscribe. We'll be sending this and future issues to Tom, and thanks again...

HIGHLINE KENDO KAI NEWS

In recent months Highline has sponsored four scholarship kenshi to travel (continued overleaf)
Monthly Newsletter of the WSKF - Tom Bolling, Editor
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HIGHLINE KENDO KAI NEWS, continued.

Japan for kendo study. Rory Elliott and Jeffrey Marsten spent four weeks in March and April practicing in a different dojo virtually every day, mostly in Osaka and Tokyo. They also visited Korea, where they practiced with the national team. Then in May and June Vicki and Curtis Marsten practiced twice a day for three weeks with Yano Sensei, Ohno Sensei, and all the kenshi of Kokushikan University.

BUNBU KENBI

Naked Blade: A Manual of Samurai Swordsmanship, by Obata Toshishiro. Dragon Books, 1986. (available from Dragon Books, P.O. Box 6039, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359, \$8.50 + \$1.50 postage and handling; our copy purchased at Uwajimaya in Seattle) This is an introduction to Toyama Ryu Batto Jutsu which has added interest for us in WSKF as the author is a student of Nakamura Taizaburo Sensei, who recently visited us and taught us during the Cherry Blossom Festival. Naked Blade can therefore serve as an English language supplement to the more definitive tape and other study materials Nakamura Sensei so kindly left with us, although it does not go into the Nakamura Ryu but is limited to just the Toyama Ryu. As an added surprise bonus, on pages 13 through 19 there is a very beautiful essay on the Japanese sword by Kobayashi Yasuhiro Tō-Shō, who in fact turns out to be none other than our own Konno Sensei's sword-polishing teacher! Illustrated with many photographs and drawings. NOTE: "BUNBU KENBI" meaning "proficient in both the literary and the martial" will be the department for occasional notes on study materials.

WORD FROM FRIENDS

The May issue of Kendo Nippon monthly gives big coverage to the news that Sato Hironobu Sensei, who visited Seattle and practiced with us for several days in the summer of 1984 and who is the featured person in the training film Door to Kendo has won the Meijimura Taikai for the unprecedented fourth time. He is also the only person ever to have won three times.

Old Tacoma member Bob Baxter is now in Idaho after several years of kendo in Japan. As of October 1986 he has formed a kendo club at Boise State University. They meet in the old gym, second floor, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays. A few people are practicing iaido for about 15 minutes before class starts. Bob would be extremely pleased to have any of us drop in for keiko. Anyone interested can call Bob at (208) 343-2808. As always, Bob is also very active in aikido, and many of the 20 or so kenshi are also aikidoists.

THE LAST WORD

"Only by swords being forged in the old way can the true art of iron fire and stone be kept alive..." --Kobayashi Yasuhiro.