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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am extremely happy with the turnout at keiko with the Kanto students. The enthusiasm and spirit that night was overwhelming. I believe that, with that keiko, a healthy relationship was established between WSKF and IKF. Thank you to all those who participated in the event and I am looking forward to such enthusiasm in coming events. --Ken Ogami.

DATEBOOK

1. There will be a special kendo keiko with Nishiyama Sensei, who is visiting WSKF from Tokyo on Wednesday, August 12, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at Hutchinson Gym, UW. This event is for all WSKF kenshi.
2. Ray Murao is planning to bring a visiting teacher from Niigata-ken, Banzai Sensei, to practice with us on Friday, August 14, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Northwest Center. UW practice is cancelled that night.
3. Another special guest, Shoji Hisaya Sensei of Tokyo, will be hosted on Wednesday, August 19, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at Hutchinson Gym, UW. Shoji Sensei is Bob Baxter's teacher, and is coming to Seattle with several students enroute to Boise, Idaho, where they will be helping Bob with his new dojo. Bob will be meeting Shoji Sensei at the airport, and bringing him and his party to keiko. Again, this is an open invitation to all WSKF kenshi for an evening of fine practice.
4. Asaoka Sensei's teacher, Haga Tadatoshi Sensei, will be at Sunrise dojo for intensive practice. Thursday and Friday, August 20 and 21, kendo will be 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, August 22, there will be an iai seminar from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and then kendo from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. All events are at the Hastings Community Centre in Vancouver, B.C., and a box lunch will be available Saturday for \$5.00. Asaoka Sensei graciously extends an invitation to WSKF kenshi to attend any and all events.
5. Tacoma practice is cancelled for Tuesday, August 18.
6. The next WSKF Practice is Saturday, September 26, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., at Highline.
7. The next WSKF Board meeting is Saturday, September 26, 6:00 p.m., at Imperial Lanes.

BOARD ELECTION

Paperwork will soon be reaching your dojo from WSKF Vice-President Jeffrey Marsten for the annual election of the WSKF Board members for the new fiscal year which begins in October. Please be thinking of nominees you'd like to see run for the Board.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND BANQUET

George Bucholtz is putting together plans for the annual WSKF General Membership Meeting and Banquet in November which kicks off the new fiscal year. (continued overleaf)

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND BANQUET, continued.

This occasion is for all WSKF members and Support Group members, and their families. An exact count of how many persons will be attending is essential for proper planning, so be thinking about it now. George will be contacting dojo representatives soon with further details.

1987 WSKF TAIKAI

Ken Ogami has graciously volunteered to be Chairperson for this year's Taikai. He is looking for commitments from people to handle the details of this event. The areas of responsibility include awards, reception, scorekeeping, programs and posters, set-up, and lunches. We will be looking at catering for the lunches, bento-style. We would also like to shift the Support Group role toward the other areas. Ken will be sending out a notice very soon to convene a special meeting about the Taikai. Meantime, every WSKF member needs to get ready to volunteer to work hard to make the Taikai a success!

IAIDO FEDERATION NEWS

The Washington State Iaido Federation Monday night practices are thriving. Two new members joined recently, the first recruits at the Meadowbrook dojo. A visitor, Robby Pellett, is practicing with us, and thrilling the group with his demonstrations of the Katori Shinto Ryu. Now that the new dojo is firmly established, UW Kendo Club is phasing out iaido on Wednesday nights and replacing it with kendo keiko, because it is felt iai students can progress much more surely and rapidly under Murosako Sensei's rigorous and systematic program. The address once again is Meadowbrook Community Center, 10750 30th Avenue N.E., Seattle, every Monday, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

DATEBOOK ADDENDUM

8. The last UW practice of the summer will be Friday, August 21. UW will resume practice on Wednesday, September 30, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. That day and on Friday, October 2, practice will be at the Hec Ed Pavilion Addition Gym. After that it will be back in Hutchinson Gym.

THE LAST WORD

"One who practices kendo is apt to be rude or bold in manner, and if skilled may wish to demonstrate that skill. Always remember these points: 1. avoid rude behavior; 2. honor ri (human relations) by being polite and not forgetting gi (moral obligation); 3. don't seek popularity or power; 4. be prudent, not flippant; 5. refrain from using violence." --Yamada Jirokichi, Kendo Ron.