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DATEBOOK

1. Tacoma Kendo Club's official first practice in their new dojo location is Tuesday, October 13, 7:30 p.m., with a party afterwards. The new dojo is in the Boys and Girls Club of Tacoma, 1620 South 17th Street. From I-5 you take the Sprague Avenue exit, then from Sprague you turn right on South 17th, and the Club is about two blocks, on the right. Congratulations, Tacoma! Way to go!
2. The next WSKF Practice is Friday, October 16, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at Northwest Center. This practice is a shinpan seminar for the WSKF Taikai.
3. There is a special scorekeeping seminar at the Seattle practice on Sunday, October 18, 3:00 to 5:30 p.m., at Saint Peter's Gym.
4. There is a Taikai Preparation meeting on Sunday, October 18, 6:00 p.m., at Imperial Lanes.
5. The WSKF Taikai is Saturday, November 14, 10:00 a.m., at Highline High School, 225 South 152nd Street. Your dojo head will be forming a duty roster for this event, so please say "yes" when asked to volunteer!
6. Shinkyu Shinsa is Sunday, November 15, 9:00 a.m., at Nisei Vet's Hall, 1212 South King Street.
7. The November WSKF Practice is Friday, November 20, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at UW, Hutchinson Gym.
8. The November WSKF Board meeting is Sunday, November 22, 6:00 p.m., at Imperial Lanes.

WORD FROM FRIENDS

In a letter received October 6, Nakamura Taizaburo thanks everyone again for WSKF hospitality during the Cherry Blossom Festival, and says that he was so happy with the occasion that its memory will stay with him for the rest of his life. Nakamura Sensei reports he received a wonderful sword which he had purchased from Konno Sensei. Nakamura Sensei is busy with a visit to Australia to finish up the publication of a book in English about his Battodo, and a visit to Okinawa to hold a dedication of Battodo before Gokoku Jinja. He looks forward to seeing us again.

THE LAST WORD

"There is something called the 'rainstorm attitude.' When caught in a sudden shower, one may determine not to get drenched, running as fast as one can or trying to thread one's way under the eaves of houses along the way -- but one gets wet nonetheless. If from the outset one is mentally prepared to get wet, one is not in the least discomfited when it actually happens. Such an attitude is beneficial in all situations." --Yamamoto Tsunetomo, Hagakure.