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DATEBOOK

1. The next WSKF Practice is Friday, April 15, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at Hutchinson Gym, UW.
2. The next WSKF Board meeting is Sunday, April 17, 6:00 p.m., at Imperial Lanes.
3. Our demonstrations for Cherry Blossom Festival this year are tentatively scheduled. Plan now to volunteer for one or more of the time slots when Doug Imanishi contacts your dojo in the near future. As of now, times are: Saturday, April 16, 1:00 to 1:30 p.m., and 5:15 to 5:45 p.m.; Sunday, April 17, 1:30 to 1:45 p.m. Parking passes will be available.

SUMMER KENDO CAMP

Every summer Seattle Kendo Kai spends a weekend training at Camp Colman. This year, they have generously thrown this event open to participants from all of WSKF, families included. In the near future Seattle will be sending out invitations to all the dojo, but spaces are limited, so this is advance notice so you can be ready to apply. Dates will be June 17, 18 and 19. Cost will not exceed \$40.00 per person for the whole weekend.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Memo. The will not to be lesser than what you are is the thought that leaps from my heart penetrating the walls of the future. Not just responding to reflected face, but forging a center to go beyond that moment. Determination without commitment counts for nothing. We often pass such responsibility by. Like the clouds about the moon, no admittance between sundown and sunrise. Adhering to the human experience is the point for nourishment of all life. There upon its surface we are swept into a new light uniting all knowledge with the universal being. --Tony Nakano Chiba, Tacoma.

Tournament Etiquette. It seems very hard for the general public and even family and kendokas who are familiar with the etiquette to sit for hours in almost total silence. This is very boring especially for Americans who come from a different cultural background than Japanese.... As far as I understand modern Kendo is very far removed from the actual ancient Japanese sword combat.... I do totally agree with you that we can not allow a Kendo tournament to get out of hand, but on the other hand we've got to realize that a tournament is not like being in church. --Mike Rubin, Seattle.

(Editor's note: Mr. Chiba's letter has been printed in full. We have excerpted Mr. Rubin's extremely long and fascinating letter, which in the original ranges over the whole history of kendo, the problem of subjectivity in refereeing, uniformity vs. diversity in styles of kendo, etc. Many thanks for letting us hear from you! KENYU deeply appreciates letters to the Editor, and will try to do justice to them as space permits.)

THE LAST WORD

"There is such a thing as the action of spark and stone. No sooner have you struck the stone than the light appears." --Takuan Soho, Fudōchinmyōroku.

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