

剣 Kenyu

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DATEBOOK

1. Highline will be hosting kangeiko followed by a potluck brunch on Monday, January 2, 7:00 a.m., at Lincoln Park. In case of rain, it will be held at the Highline dojo.
2. There will be a Kata Seminar conducted by WSKF Vice President Manabu Yabe on Sunday, January 8, 3:00 p.m. at Seattle. There have been several changes in the kendo kata, so this is an excellent opportunity to make sure your own kata performance is up to standard.
3. WSKF Practices for 1989:

January 18 (Wednesday) - Highline	July 14 (Friday) - UW
February 3 (Friday) - UW	August 13 (Sunday) - Seattle
March 5 (Sunday) - Seattle	September 15 (Friday) - Northwest
April 14 (Friday) - Northwest	October 17 (Tuesday) - Tacoma
May 16 (Tuesday) - Tacoma	November 15 (Wednesday) - Highline
June (to be announced) - Obukan	December 8 (Friday) - UW
4. WSKF Board Meetings for 1989:

January 8	May 7	September 10
February 5	June 11	October 8
March 5	July 16	November 5
April 9	August 13	December 3

All meetings are on Sundays, 6:00 p.m., at Imperial Lanes.

PASSAGE

On November 16 many area kenshi attended the memorial service for Kazuo Shoji, who died just prior to the WSKF Taikai at which he was to have been the Guest of Honor. His widow presided over the Taikai in his stead, and accepted a magnificent work by Seattle's leading calligrapher Korekiyo Sensei honoring him. For over half a century Shoji Sensei was one of the outstanding figures in Pacific Northwest kendo. He played a major role in the revival of kendo following the War, and was famous for a devastating do-waza, and for good, straight kendo of the tough old school generally. In later years he was incapacitated by illness, but remained an alert and penetrating presence at all kendo gatherings. He was a constant support to the Seattle Kendo Kai, where his son and grandchildren continue to practice hard, and the reception following the memorial service was held right in his dojo. A few days later a large assortment of kenshi gathered there again for their own type of tribute to Shoji Sensei, a really vigorous, all-out keiko in the old style.

WANTED

The Obukan Kendo Club would like to buy two serviceable sets of used adult bogu. Please contact Michael Zawel by phoning (503) 775-5562.

THE LAST WORD

"The quality of decision is like the well-timed swoop of a falcon which enables it to break its victim's body in one strike. The good fighter will have terrifying potential energy, and extremely precise decision. The potential energy is like a fully drawn cross-bow; the decision is like the release of the trigger." --Sonshi, Heiho.

ADDITIONAL DATEBOOK ITEMS

1. Obukan will close out the year with a special awards ceremony at their Wednesday evening practice, December 21, at the Oregon Arts Academy, Science Park Drive, on Highway 26 west of Portland.
2. Highline will be on break following the last practice December 21, resuming the regular schedule on Wednesday, January 4.
3. UW's last practice will be Friday, December 9, and they will resume on Wednesday, January 4.
4. The Vancouver Taikai is Saturday, January 21, 11:00 a.m., at the Renfrew Park Community Centre, corner of 22nd Avenue and Renfrew Street, Vancouver, B.C.
5. The Steveston Taikai is Saturday, February 11, 10:00 a.m., at the Steveston Community Centre, 4111 Moncton Street, Richmond, B.C.

PLEASE NOTE: This year WSKF is NOT providing a bus to Vancouver and Steveston.