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DATEBOOK

1. The next WSKF Board meeting is Sunday, September 9, 6:00 p.m. at Imperial Lanes.
2. The next WSKF Practice is Friday, September 14, 7:00 p.m. at Northwest.
3. The WSKF Taikai is in November.
4. Haga Tadatoshi, kendo and iaido hanshi hachidan, has been in Seattle for special practices since August 17. After August 22, he will be in Vancouver, BC for several weeks. Anyone interested in traveling up there to practice with Haga Sensei please contact Koike Sensei (365-5653) for details.
5. The 5th US Championships will be September 1 and 2 in Fort Worth, Texas. The WSKF Team '90 will be heading down there August 29 and 30.

WSKF PRACTICE SHIAIGEIKO STANDINGS (as of August 13, 1990)

Mudansha: Mayhew - 42; T. Anderson - 21; Easley - 20; Kilgore - 16; DeJong - 14; Arsenault - 9; Tobey - 8; Radke - 8; Ramos - 8; S. Bucholtz - 8; Antush - 7; Swenson - 6; Kenny - 6; O'Donnell - 6; Risher - 5; Berkson - 5; Huntoon - 5; Smith - 4; Ting - 4; Straight - 4; G. Bucholtz - 4; Yamaguchi - 3; Yang - 3; Warner - 3; Herrington - 3; St. John - 2; Novotny - 2; Nakano - 2; Naganawa - 2; Rouch - 2; Okayasu - 2.

Yudansha: C. Marsten - 31; Yabe - 27; Davis - 27; D. Anderson - 26; Elliott - 26; McCarry - 26; D. Imanishi - 25; J. Marsten - 24; V. Marsten - 24; Bucholtz - 23; Bolling - 21; Namizato - 15; Fleischman - 14; Kozawa - 10; Konno - 8; Stroud - 7; Lu - 6; Oehlman - 6; Hakuraku - 5; Okamoto - 5; Caldwell - 3; Ikuta - 3.

THE LAST WORD

"A circle? What could it mean?" He let his thoughts flow. A perfectly round line, no beginning, no end, no deviation. If expanded infinitely, it would become the universe. If contracted, it would become co-equal with the infinitesimal dot in which his soul resided. His soul was round. The universe was round. Not two. One. One entity -- himself and the universe.

"With a click, he drew his sword and held it out diagonally. His shadow resembled the symbol for 'o' 才. The universal circle remained the same. By the same token, he himself was unchanged. Only the shadow had changed.

"Only a shadow," he thought. "The shadow is not my real self." The wall against which he had been beating his head was a mere shadow, the shadow of his confused mind.

"He raised his head and a fierce shout broke from his lips.

"With his left hand, he held out his short sword. The shadow changed again, but the image of the universe -- not by one whit. The two swords were but one. And they were part of the circle.

"He sighed deeply; his eyes had been opened. Looking up at the moon again, he saw that its great circle could be regarded as identical with the sword or with the soul of one who treads the earth." --Yoshikawa Eiji, Musashi.