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## DATEBOOK

1. August 18, Tanabe Sensei Memorial Practice, Tue, 7:15 p.m., 1602 K Street, corner of 17th and K Streets, Tacoma.
2. September 1-4, Imai and Takanashi Sensei visit:  
September 1, Northwest, Tue, 7:00 p.m.  
September 2, Renton, Wed, 7:00 p.m.  
September 3, break  
September 4, Renton, Fri, 7:00 p.m.
3. September 5-7, KFUSA Camp, Renton Community Center, 1715 Maple Valley Highway, Renton.
4. September 18, Northwest Keiko, Fri, 7:00 p.m.
5. September 19, Board meeting--election of new officers, Sat, 6:00 p.m., Great City Restaurant.

## TRANSITION

Tanabe Yoshihiko, Renshi Rokudan, was suddenly killed on August 9, 1992 when his auto was broadsided by a police car responding to an emergency call. He had taken two farm trainees to do their grocery shopping, and died as he had lived, helping others.

Tanabe Sensei was born May 9, 1921 on the same beautiful farm where he still lived with his family at time of his death. He was a key player in the revival of post-war Kendo, one of the founders in 1967 of the Tacoma Kendo Club, and in 1975 of the Washington State Kendo Federation (now known as the PNKF), serving the Federation as an Advisor for many years. Forced to retire from active Kendo practice by extensive heart surgery, he remained a strong supporter of all Kendo activities. He normally attended every taikai or demonstration, and often came to practice to help with beginners and lend inspiration in his very warm yet modest way.

For events sponsored locally, such as the annual PNKF Taikai, Tanabe Sensei always put in heavy work behind the scenes helping with all phases before, during and after the occasion, and donated huge quantities of delicious vegetables from his farm for the lunches and banquets.

Tanabe Sensei became president of the Northwest Vegetable Growers Association and a member of the former Selective Service Appeals Board for Western Washington, as well as president of the Tacoma Buddhist Temple. Many people from all walks of life were known to turn to him for advice.

Patient, cheerful, kindly, and with deep wisdom, Tanabe Sensei perfectly exemplified the Kendo ideal of an extremely full, balanced, happy and complete life of loyal friendship, love, and dedicated service to others.

## PNKF PRACTICE SHIAIGEIKO STANDINGS (as of July 21, 1992)

Mudansha: Parkinson - 22; Nelson - 16; Arsenault - 14; Naumer 14;  
Bell - 12; Kim - 9; Scott - 9; M. Smith - 8;  
Anderson - 8; Chan - 8; G. Bucholtz - 8; Steppic - 7;  
S. Bucholtz - 7; Sh. Smith - 7; Okayasu - 6; Wu - 6;  
Iwasaka - 6; Cayetano - 5; Tan - 5; Bixler - 5;

Rifenberry - 5; Norris - 4; Bae - 4; Matthews - 4;  
 Hattori - 4; Nojiri - 4; Uehira - 4; Broderick - 4;  
 Kilgore - 3; Rackey - 3; Buron - 3; Kayashima - 3;  
 Sun Smith - 3; Naganawa - 2; Hallaq - 2; Edwards - 2;  
 Cole - 2; Kornell - 2; Nielson - 2; Williams - 2;  
 Anno - 2; Nadam - 2; Leach - 2.  
 Yudansha: McCarry - 19; Elliott - 18; C. Marsten - 15;  
 Yotsuuye - 14; D. Anderson - 14; J. Marsten - 13  
 Mayhew - 13; Bolling - 12; Bucholtz - 8; DeJong - 6;  
 D. Imanishi - 5; Ikuta - 5; G. Imanishi - 4;  
 Fleischman - 4; Takeuchi - 4; Saito - 3; Lu - 2;  
 Ogushi - 2; Watanabe - 2; Abe - 2.

#### AIKAWA VISIT

The visit of the Aikawa Kendo Club in Kanagawa was a tremendous success, with ten people coming to PNKF to share their Kendo and good fellowship in four wonderful practices. A large group first came in August of 1989, and individual members have come since then, but this is the second major visit from the Club.

#### AIKAWA KENDO CLUB VISIT FRIENDSHIP MATCH, August 9, 1992

Aikawa - VS. - PNKF

H. Iwasaki	KM---	B. McCarry
Y. Kasai	KK---	D. Anderson
R. Watabe	KM---	D. Imanishi
M. Kamata	M---	R. Elliott
T. Kawato	M-X-K	R. Stroud

#### KFUSA SUMMER CAMP NEWS

Final registration forms for the 1992 KFUSA Summer Kendo Camp to be held in Renton September 5, 6 and 7 are now available through your Dojo. Registration is due to Jeffrey Marsten, check payable to KFUSA, by August 24. Camp fees include breakfast and lunch, and are \$50.00 for KFUSA members, non-members \$75.00.

The goal of the Camp is to improve the quality and fellowship of Kenshi throughout the United States. Help and guidance will be provided in the following areas: basics, reigi, kata, shimpan procedures, waza, and practice formats.

Instructors will be: M. Miyahara, C. Tanaka, T. Yamaguchi, S. Koike, K. Nabeshima, and S. Shikai. We will also have S. Imai, Hanshi Hachidan, accompanied by T. Takanashi, Kyoshi Nanadan, attending from Japan. Imai Sensei is the former head advisor for kata of the ZenKenRen. Takanashi Sensei is a regular All-Japan competitor from Ibaragi.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP PREPARE SANDWICHES AND OTHER FOOD FOR THE CAMP! Please let Jeffrey Marsten know if you will be able to help with this.

#### THE LAST WORD

Fourth, strength. In Kendo the shinai comes between you and your opponent. By manipulating the shinai properly you can force your opponent, even if they are bigger or stronger, where you want them. If you are born with a larger body or more strength you can use it to your advantage.

--correspondence of Arae Takahiko, January 10, 1985.

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