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DATEBOOK

1. October 18, Board meeting--election of officers, Sun, time and place to be determined.
2. October 21, Highline Keiko, Wed, 6:30 p.m.
3. October 24, KFUSA Meeting, Taikai, Kodansha Shinsa in Atlanta, Sat.
4. October 28-November 9, Minoru Kino Hanshi Hachidan of ZNKR will be teaching Iaido in our area and in Texas. Please call Konno Sensei (823-1666) for details.
5. November 4, Cascade Keiko, Wed, 7:00 p.m.
6. November 14, Shinkyu Shinsa and PNKF Board meeting, Sat, Portland State University.
7. November 15, PNKF Taikai, Sun, Portland State University.

PNKF PRACTICE SHIAIGEIKO STANDINGS (as of September 18, 1992)

Mudansha: Parkinson - 27; Nelson - 16; Arsenault - 14; Naumer 14; Bell - 12; Kim - 11; Anderson - 10; Scott - 9; Tan - 9; M. Smith - 8; ; Chan - 8; G. Bucholtz - 8; Steppic - 7; S. Bucholtz - 7; Sh. Smith - 7; Okayasu - 6; Wu - 6; Iwasaka - 6; Cayetano - 5; Bixler - 5; Rifenberry - 5; Kayashima - 5; Norris - 4; Bae - 4; Matthews - 4; Hattori - 4; Nojiri - 4; Uehira - 4; Broderick - 4; H. Koike - 4; Kilgore - 3; Rackey - 3; Buron - 3; Sun Smith - 3; Naganawa - 2; Hallaq - 2; Edwards - 2; Cole - 2; Kornell - 2; Nielson - 2; Williams - 2; Anno - 2; Nadam - 2; Leach - 2; Beale - 2; M. Koike - 2.

Yudansha: McCarry - 21; Elliott - 18; C. Marsten - 17; Yotsuuye - 16; D. Anderson - 16; J. Marsten - 13; Mayhew - 13; Bolling - 12; DeJong - 10; Bucholtz - 8; D. Imanishi - 7; Ikuta - 5; Lu - 4; G. Imanishi - 4; Fleischman - 4; Takeuchi - 4; Saito - 3; Ogushi - 2; Watanabe - 2; Abe - 2.

IT'S A FIRST!

The KFUSA and the PNKF worked together to host the first ever KFUSA Summer Training Camp September 4-7, 1992. Some 103 Kenshi from every affiliate of the KFUSA including 6 Kenshi from Canada converged on Renton, Washington over the extended Labor Day National Holiday for the Camp.

Everyone attending declared the Camp a huge SUCCESS. A total of 10 Sensei conducted the classes for the Kenshi who were divided into 4 groups by rank and experience level. The Sensei were led by Saburo Imai Hanshi Hachidan from Ibaragi, Japan, and Maki Miyahara Hanshi Hachidan from SCKF. Assisting were H. Higuchi 7 dan SCKF, T. Yamaguchi 7 dan SCKF, C. Tanaka 7 dan NCKF, T. Takanashi 7 dan Ibaragi, Japan, M. Asaoka 7 dan BC Canada, S. Koike 7 dan PNKF, K. Nabeshima 6 dan, SWKIF, and M. Shikai 6 dan SCKF. The 4th, 5th, and 6th dan group was taught by Imai Sensei and had a total of 22 members, it was really great to see these people working hard to improve and thereby improve the whole KFUSA.

The sessions were 3 a day and started at 7:00 a.m. and ended at 5:00 p.m. During breakfast and lunch videos were shown and lectures were

given by the Sensei. Even though the camp was only 3 days long the intensity and length of the sessions allowed the students to learn a lot. Utilizing even the time at breakfast and lunch allowed the students to continue the learning process. In the evening, a fellowship room was hosted by some of the Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation Dojo. The Kenshi had a great time talking about the rigors of the day's lessons and training. Many new friends were made from across the whole United States along with the Japanese Sensei and our Canadian neighbors. Before the Camp was even finished, Kenshi were asking when and where the one next year would be held and could PNKF do it again.

The facility was absolutely first class situated in a park on the North bank of the Cedar River, with banquet room, kitchen, jacuzzi and two full gyms. The hotel was right across the street from the park and an easy walk just like the camp in Kitamoto. The meals for breakfast and lunch were provided by KFUSA at the expert hands of Chef Shikai. Assisting was Gayle Kayashima, Glennis Marsten, Kathy Yotsuuye, Elizabeth Marsten and Kesami Marsten who volunteered to help with the cooking, cleaning and serving duties. Some of the Kenshi led by Mr. Ed Parr also generously helped with the kitchen duties. David Yotsuuye also helped out by providing transportation to and from the airport. The help of these individuals is greatly appreciated by the Camp Committee and the Kenshi and shows real Kendo spirit.

Everyone attending vowed to return home and let the rest of KFUSA know what they had missed. It really makes you wonder why we haven't been doing this for the last 20 years.

ONWARD-UPWARD-FORWARD! --Jeff Marsten, 2nd V.P. KFUSA, President PNKF, KFUSA Camp Committee

MEADOWBROOK IAIDO DOJO

At the September 19 PNKF Board meeting Tatsuhiko Konno presented a letter requesting PNKF membership for the Meadowbrook Iaido Dojo, provisionally accepted by the Board contingent upon the expected full formal application to follow. This Dojo specializes in the study of Iaido, and is located at the Meadowbrook Community Center, 10750 30th Avenue NE, Seattle, under the auspices of the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation. Iaido practice is Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. There is also Kendo and Kendo Kata Mondays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

RENTON KENDO CLUB

Also at the September 19 meeting the PNKF Board welcomed the formal application of the Renton Kendo Club requesting PNKF membership. This Dojo is located at the Renton Community Center, 1715 Maple Valley Highway (same place as the recent KFUSA Camp), and practices Thursday evenings from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. Head Instructor is Curtis Marsten, and Assistant Instructor is Vicki Marsten. This Kendo program is offered as a class through the Renton Parks and Recreation Department, and because of that there is currently a \$2.00 drop-in fee for visiting Kenshi.

THE LAST WORD

Let me now go back to the liver [which involves will and intention]. Why do I list it third in importance? You may have good looks, an admirable kamae, and consummate skills such as impress others. Yet if you lack forceful assertive spirit together with resolution, you will probably let the opponent best you. In short, my idea of Kendo is a "burning ardor of life" and to this I have committed myself. To this end I will go on struggling till the last moment of my life."

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