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DATEBOOK

1. Jul 16, Yudansha Keiko, Sat, 8:30 a.m., Nisei Vets.
2. Jul 20, Highline Keiko, Wed, 6:30 p.m.
3. Jul 23, Board meeting, 12:30 p.m., Imperial Lanes.
4. August, nominations for PNKF Board of Directors.
5. September 10, Yudansha Keiko, Sat, 8:30 a.m., Nisei Vets.

FROM THE PNKF BOARD

Update on AUSKF Negotiations. On May 29, 1994 the KFUSA Board of Directors met in Colorado Springs, Colorado and approved the Bylaws, and the Policy and Procedures Manual, for the new ALL UNITED STATES KENDO FEDERATION (AUSKF). August 13, 1994 was set as a target date for formation of the new organization. Preliminary indications are that this date will work for both existing Kendo groups. The BKR has as of yet not approved the Policy and Procedures Manual, but should in the near future. There are still many details to be worked out prior to the meeting and the actual new organization will not become a reality until all the proper paperwork is filed and accepted by the IRS.

As of the June 11 Board meeting, Amy Arsenault is the official press person and public relations anchor for PNKF.

CONGRATULATIONS

At 7:45 p.m. on April 14 Conor Norihisa Marsten was born weighing six pounds one ounce to proud parents Curtis and Vicki Marsten. He held his first shinai the other day, and currently weighs ten pounds.

PASSAGE

A great friend of PNKF, James Shiuso Oka, passed away in Renton on May 19. Oka Sensei had just served as the Chief Judge at the 19th UW Taikai on May 7, and was making the rounds of area practices, when he suddenly suffered a cardiac arrest in the midst of enjoying the Federation Keiko at Renton on the evening of May 12. Born June 1, 1919 in Ewa, Oahu, and a resident of Hawaii for 74 years, Oka Sensei was an active participant in Kendo for 65 years. He carried the rank of 7th Dan and was an active member of the Leeward Oahu Kendo Federation, the Hawaii Kendo Federation, the Southern California Kendo Federation and the KFUSA. He had been the Head Instructor of the Mililani Kendo Club, and had recently turned that Dojo over to his hand-picked successor, Lawrence Chun, and to be closer to his grandchildren had relocated to Los Angeles, where he had joined the Costa Mesa Kendo Club. He was also affiliated with the Ewa, Waipahu, Waialua and Wahiawa Kendo Clubs. After his last heart flurry a little over a year ago, the doctor told him that "next time" there wouldn't be anything they could do for him. Oka Sensei accepted that, and cheerfully carried on practicing Kendo harder than ever. Following his wife Chieko Yanagisako's death on January 4, 1994, Oka Sensei observed a mourning period during which he did not practice. Afterwards, he resumed once again with great and cheerful vigor. He is an inspiring example to every Kenshi. Memorial services were held May 23 in Seattle, June 4 in Mililani, and June 10 in Costa Mesa. His ashes will be placed with his wife's in Hawaii on June 27th.

19th UW INVITATIONAL KENDO TOURNAMENT - May 7, 1994

Women

1st place - K. Akiyama, Vancouver
2nd place - M. Hayashi, Vancouver

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1st place - N. Konno, UW
2nd place - P. Yukawa, UW
3rd place - D. Chang, UW

3rd - 1st Kyu

1st place - S. Smith, Highline
2nd place - D. Dye, Tacoma
3rd place - H. Naumer, Highline

1st - 3rd Dan

1st place - S. Hamamatsu, Highline
2nd place - M. Yoshida, Wisconsin
3rd place - B. McCarry, Highline

4th Dan and Above

1st place - R. Murao, Steveston
2nd place - M. Yabe, Seattle
3rd place - M. Goto, Vancouver

Teams

1st place - Sunrise
2nd place - Seattle

Shoji Inspirational - T. Watanabe

10th ANNIVERSARY AIR FORCE ACADEMY KENDO TOURNAMENT - May 28, 1994

C Group (2nd Kyu and Below)

1st place - J. Crawford, Obukan
2nd place - G. Gollela, Nebraska
3rd place - E. Marsten, Highline
4th place - A. Vaughters, Nebraska

B Group (1st Kyu - 3rd Dan)

1st place - R. Ichimura, Dallas
2nd place - C. Basham, Taos
3rd place - J. Totten, Georgia
4th place - I. Shansuke, Pueblo

A Group (4th Dan and Above)

1st place - S. Kato, Doshikan
2nd place - Y. Joju, Doshikan

3rd place - R. Stroud, Obukan
4th place - J. Marsten, Highline

FIRST KFUSA IAIDO SEMINAR AND SHINSA - May 29, 1994 - Colorado Springs.

The first KFUSA Iaido event was conducted by Kato Shozo and Yamaguchi Takeshi, with nearly 30 students from every part of the US. At the Shinsa, Char Lu got 1st Kyu, Robert Stroud got 3rd Dan, and Dick Anderson and Tom Bolling got 4th Dan. KFUSA plans to offer this program every Memorial Day Weekend from now on. The 1995 one is projected to be held in New York. Kato Sensei and Yamaguchi Sensei are also planning an Iaido Seminar this November in Seattle for the PNKF Taikai weekend.

PNKF PRACTICE SHIAIGEIKO STANDINGS (as of June 11, 1994)

MUDANSHA: S.Smith-24; Naumer-15; M.Smith-15; Monji-14; Anderson-9; Mihata-9; Yukawa-9; Orwig-9; Sherman-9; Kim-8; Dye-8; Lum-8; Dunn-7; Chilson-7; Alfstad-7; Alberola-14-6; S.Chang-6; Ainsworth-6; Kerr-5; Tan-4; Parkinson-4; Schmidh-4; Bixler-4; Matsunaga-4; Lin-4; Hoberg-4; Feddersen-4; Mack-4; Ichinaga-3; Rosales-3; Willy-2; Okutani-2; Jones-2; N.Konno-2; Swenson-2; Brown-2; D.Chang-2; Seto-2; Cabe-2; S.Howell-2; Kayashima-2.

YOUTH: E.Marsten-29; Kayashima-20; J.Marsten-10; Nagai-10; Wang-9; Scoccolo-8; Sera-8; Buonadonna-7; B.Colio-6; R.Colio-6; B.Yaeger-4; M.Yaeger-4; S.Y.Smith-4; R.Nakajima-4; Grice-3; H.Monji-2; C.Nojiri-2; Santon-2; B.Smith-2; Mitsuya-2; Y.Konno-2; J.Nakajima-2; Shimizu-2; Lundell-2; K.Deng-2; J.Deng-2.

YUDANSHA: Hamamatsu-30; Yabe-17; J.Marsten-14; Lu-13; Elliott-13; Bolling-13; Anderson-12; Nelson-11; Konno-10; Watanabe-10; Arsenault-10; McCarry-9; Yotsuuye-8; Johnson-8; Yoshida-8; Do.Imanishi-7; Bucholtz-7; Shimizu-6; Da.Imanishi-5; DeJong-5; Ampo-4; Noda-4; Yoshikawa-4; Kajitani-3; Stroud-2; Uesonoda-2; Osawa-2; Naganawa-2; Seymour-2; Miura-2; Shoji-2; B.Howell-2.

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