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DATEBOOK

1. Nov 9, Sat, PNKF Board meeting, 11:30 a.m., Highline.
2. Nov 16, Sat, PNFK Taikai, 9:30 a.m., Renton.
3. Dec 7, Sat, PNKF Kata Seminar, 9:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m., Highline.
4. Feb, PNKF Iai Seminar and Shinsa, and Kendo Shinsa.

FROM THE PNKF BOARD

PNKF ELECTIONS FOR 1996/1997. The ballots for the new PNKF Board were counted at the October 20 meeting, and the following people have been elected to the new Board: Justin Alfstad, Renton; Dick Anderson, Bellevue; Tom Bolling, Bellevue; Tom Broderick, Northwest; Rory Elliott, Highline; Doug Imanishi, Seattle; Tatsuhiko Konno, Meadowbrook; Judith Mack, Obukan; Curtis Marsten, Renton; Vicki Marsten, Renton; Yasuharu Ogushi, Tacoma; Jan Orwig, Renton; Neil Sunderland, UW; David Yotsuuye, Bellevue. Jeff Marsten and Kiyoshi Yasui continue as Advisors. Due to the lateness of the hour, new officers were not elected yet, and will be elected at the November 9 meeting.

FUND RAISING FOR THE TAIKAI. Gayle Kayashima, Fund Raising Chair for the PNKF Taikai reports that cost of the gym has doubled this year due to soaring insurance rates. She requests that people donate some of the items we normally have to buy, in order to keep the Taikai fund from going too far into the red. Items still needed include: soda pop, drip grind coffee, four or more rolls of two-inch wide white court tape, stopwatches, 2x3" clear nametag holders with pins, both narrow and wide rolls of magic style Scotch tape which can be written on, five or so embroidery ink pens with gold ink, 20 yards of two-inch wide red matte finish ribbon.

Whole fresh fruit, such as apples or pears, will also be a welcome donation the day of the Taikai.

She also reminds everyone that the ads which are to be placed in the program are due to her by November 1.

Chizuru Nojiri of the Bellevue Kendo Club has created an awesome stained glass design of the PNKF logo, which she has donated to be raffled off at the PNKF Taikai. Proceeds from the raffle will all be donated to the PNKF Taikai fund.

FROM THE AUSKF BOARD

The Southern US Kendo and Iaido Federation hosted the recent AUSKF Board meeting the weekend of October 19, including an outstanding practice at the Houston Budokan, and a hearty Texas barbeque. AUSKF President Jeff Marsten will soon be sending out an information bulletin on this meeting, which he says was a great success.

One advance news item to be expecting from this Board meeting is that the proposed All US Kendo Camp is going to be mid-June, in Las Vegas. It is being planned as a family occasion, so that family members can enjoy some vacation while the Kenshi are having their Kendo seminars. The instructional staff will include three special guests from Japan.

Also at this meeting, the AUSKF Board finalized the list of the Team members for the 10th World Championships, and voted to grant funding for the Women's Team. The Team now stands as follows:

ALL US TEAM to the 10th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, KYOTO, March 27-30, 1997

MEN: Mark Grivas (AEUSKF), Mike Minami (NCKF), Chris Yang (SCKF), Mike Yoshimura (SCKF), Koichi Matsukubo (SCKF), Arnold Matsuda (NCKF), Yuji Onitsuka (NCKF), Dick Anderson (PNKF), Joshua Carroll (AEUSKF).

WOMEN: Michi Takeda (SCKF), Yuriko Shikai (SCKF), Judy Abe (SCKF), Karen Fukumoto (SCKF), Naomi Nishimoto (NCKF), Shaun Divine (MWKF).

A number of very beautiful official All US Kendo Federation souvenirs are available, with the proceeds to go to the AUSKF. These are the same wonderful souvenirs which were on display at the All US Championships in Cleveland. All are excellently crafted and very reasonably priced. They feature the American flag logo of the AUSKF. There are two metal items, the AUSKF lapel pin - \$5.00, and the AUSKF tie bar - \$7.00; and the full color cloth embroidery AUSKF patch - \$10.00. See your instructor for details, or call Jeff Marsten (206) 246-2239.

Don't forget to return those customer surveys from the Cleveland Taikai. Your input will be helpful in planning the next All US Championships coming up in less than three years.

OBUKAN ANNOUNCEMENT

Obukan's Eastside practice is cancelled while they look for a new Dojo. Westside practice schedule at the Greenberg Road Jazzercise: Tuesday 8-9 p.m.; Friday 7-9 p.m.; Sunday 1-3 p.m.

THE LAST WORD

You must figure out "what happened" all by yourself. Your brain should begin to work -- and fast. The best way to understand anything on the fencing strip is to be touched again by the same action. Long verbal discussions are to be held in the locker room. On the strip, speak with the point of your foil only.

When fencing with champions, you may very possibly experience some discouragement. Fight that feeling at once by telling yourself that in God's good time the tables will be reversed. It is the best antidote to overcome moments of despair. --Aldo Nadi, ON FENCING.

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