

剣 Kenyu

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友 DATEBOOK

1. Mar 9/10, Detroit Rensei Taikai, Sat/Sun.
2. Mar 9/10, 2nd Asian Invitational Tournament, Sat/Sun, Hong Kong.
3. Mar 16, Highline Taikai, Sat, 10am, Highline.
4. Mar 23, PNKF Board, Sat, 2:30pm, CJ Chaney home.
5. Mar 23/29, Kamei Dojo visits Seattle Kendo Kai, Sun through Fri.
6. Mar 31, Kenshikan Dojo Taikai, Sun, Honolulu.
7. Apr 6/7, Team USA second tryouts, Sat/Sun, Chicago, IL.
8. Apr 13, UW Taikai, Sat, 10am, UW IMA.
9. Apr 13/14, 6th Harvard-Radcliffe Shoryuhai, Sat/Sun, Cambridge.
10. Apr 19/20/21, New York Naginata Seminar & Tournament, Fri/Sat/Sun, Jersey City, NJ.
11. May 4, PNKF Board meeting, Sat, 2:30pm, CJ Chaney home.
12. May 4, Cleveland Taikai, Sat.
13. May 5, Bellevue Junior Taikai, Sun, 11am, Bellevue.
14. Jun 1, PNKF Board, Sat, 2:30pm, CJ Chaney home.
15. Jul 5/6/7, AUSKF Championships, Fri/Sat/Sun, Los Angeles, California.
16. Jul 6/7/8 50th anniversary Japanese Student Kendo Federation (JSKF), Tokyo, Japan.
17. Jul 26/Aug 2, Kendo Leaders Summer Seminar, Gedatsukai, Kitamoto, Japan.
18. Aug 11, PNKF Kendo and Iaido Shinsa, Sun.
19. Aug 31/Sep 1, final selection for Team USA, California.
20. September, nominations for new Board due.
21. Sep 14, PNKF Board meeting, Sat, 2:30pm, CJ Chaney home.
22. Oct 12, PNKF Board meeting, Sat, 2:30pm, CJ Chaney home.
23. Nov 9, PNKF Taikai, Sat, 9:30am, Renton.
24. Nov 23, PNKF Board meeting, Sat, 2:30pm, CJ Chaney home.
25. Jul 1 thru 9 2003, 12WKC, Glasgow, Scotland. <http://www.kendochampionships.com>

PASSAGE On January 25, 2002 Kendo Kyoshi 7th Dan George Izui, a wonderful friend and supporter of the PNKF, passed away in Chicago. Friday evening February 8 there was a memorial keiko at the Buddhist Temple of Chicago, with a service the following day. Born in Seattle March 28, 1923, Izui Sensei enrolled in the Seattle Kendo Kai in 1933 at the age of 9. His teachers there included kantoku Umajiro Imanishi, Kazuo Shoji, Yoriaki Nakagawa, Kiyoshi Yasui and chief instructor Takizaki Sensei. He moved to Chicago after the War, attended the Art Institute of Chicago, and worked as a dental technician. He was one of the founders of the Chicago Kendo Dojo in 1964, and later the Midwest Kendo Federation and their journal, **Sempo**, which he distinguished with his penetrating philosophical writings and his clear yet intricate drawings. Famous for his quiet, attentive modesty, warm, kindly reassurance, classical "Kiru Kendo," and powerfully present Budo seishin, Izui Sensei was deeply trusted and beloved by beginners, while held in awe by the advanced. Our heartfelt condolences go to his wife Ruby and all the family. (Many thanks to Dave Christman, Gary Imanishi and Tom Okawara for contributing to these notes.)

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10 Years and Under

- 1st place - Y. Hori, SCKF
- 2nd place - B. Fukutomi, Hawaii
- 3rd place - R. Murao, Steveston
- 3rd place - G. Mizutani, Renbu

14 to 15 Years

- 1st place - H. Kinjo, SCKF
- 2nd place - B. Imanishi, Cascade
- 3rd place - R. Nakata, Renbu
- 3rd place - K. Kawagishi, SCKF

Non-Degree

- 1st place - Y. Osada, UVic
- 2nd place - E. Kobashigawa, Cascade
- 3rd place - MS Kim, UBC
- 3rd place - HS Kim, SCKF

11 to 13 Years

- 1st place - R. Campbell, Steveston
- 2nd place - S. Fujimoto, SCKF
- 3rd place - H. Fukushima, Vancouver
- 3rd place - R. Marumo, Sunrise

Ladies

- 1st place - M. Hayashi, Vancouver
- 2nd place - T. Matisz, Saskatoon
- 3rd place - W. Nakano, Steveston
- 3rd place - E. Marsten, Highline

1-3 Dan

- 1st place - T. Yamada, Vancouver
- 2nd place - Y. Kitajima, SCKF
- 3rd place - J. Chinen, SCKF
- 3rd place - F. Itozaku, SCKF

4th Dan and Above

1st place - S. Asaoka, Youshinkan
2nd place - Y. Kaneko, Obukan
3rd place - C. Yang, SCKF
3rd place - M. Minami, NCKF

Junior Team

1st place - Vancouver
2nd place - Steveston

Senior Team

1st place - SCKF
2nd place - Steveston

SHINKYU SHINSA

KENDO SHINSA, February 24, 2002, Renton.

6TH KYU: Shane Meatte (Tacoma), Kekoa Yoshikawa (Tacoma). **5TH KYU:** Arnold Aoshima (Seattle), Ridge Carpenter (Seattle), Joseph Hoang (Seattle), Tony Kelman (Bellevue), Anders King (Seattle), Evan Lachica (Cascade), Tomoko Miyamura (Seattle), Atsumi Mizukami (Seattle), Lani Nunokawa (Bellevue), Andrew Sumitani (Seattle), Vadim Tkachev (Bellevue), Leroy Um (Tacoma). **4TH KYU:** Takuya Akiyama (Northwest), Kyle Anderson (Pocatello), Brian Baron (Seattle), Jeff Bennett (Seattle), Reginald Buenafe (Renton), Brian Edwards (Everett), Guadalupe Fuentes (Idaho), Dean Kwak (Seattle), Daniel MacDonald (UW), Jayson Nunokawa (Bellevue), Noah Ober (Seattle), Jed Sarmiento (Highline), Mark Verrey (UW), Jason Wang (Cascade), Gregory Wharton (Bellevue). **3RD KYU:** Brian Blomquist (Everett), Emmalee Deming (UW), Jody Ermantrout (Pocatello), Kelly Goodwin (Obukan), Taryn Imanishi (Cascade), Tomoko Iwanaga (Obukan), Yuko Iwanaga (Obukan), Josh Koplin (Bellevue), Jeff Morgenroth (Bellevue), Ren Orwig (Renton), Elizabeth Shin (UW), Lindy Snyder (Cascade), Eric Timm (UW), Kaori Tsukagoshi (Obukan), Chris Weaver (Bellevue), Kelvin Winder (Seattle), Tom Yabe (Seattle), Ikaika Yoshikawa (Tacoma). **2ND KYU:** Michelle Byrd (Pocatello), Kent Enfield (Obukan), Hsiao-Yu Huang (Cascade), Agustin Sarmiento (Highline), Jonathan Scherer (Cascade), Kenn Takara (Cascade), Leonid Tsybert (UW), Roger Yau (Cascade). **1ST KYU:** Limwel Cañares (Renton), Eric Kobashigawa (Cascade), Edward Lachica (Cascade), Darrick Lew (Bellevue), David Moles (Cascade), Rudy Opavsky (Bellevue), Andrew Parker (UW), Andrea Pirzio-Biroli (Cascade), Keiko Sasaki (Bellevue). **1ST DAN:** Jamie Kuehl (Alaska), Jeffrey Lundell (Renton), Masumi Rinaldi (Bellevue), David Schellenger (Obukan), Jason Syring (Bellevue). **2ND DAN:** Wayne Abe (Obukan), Thomas Antush (Highline), Sean Blechschmidt (Bellevue), Chris Chaney (Bellevue), Lonny Hancock (Obukan), Moselle Horiuchi (Seattle), Robert Kellams (Seattle), Jeffrey Marsten (Highline), Garrett Suzaka (UW), Naoaki Tanimura (Bellevue), Jennifer Wang (Cascade). **3RD DAN:** David Dye (Highline), Karin Feddersen (Tacoma), Mateo Gapasin (Seattle), David Pan (Bellevue), Durrell Rittenberg (Seattle). **4TH DAN:** Ryoko Barr (Bellevue), Byung-Jin Kim (Northwest).

IAIDO SHINSA, February 24, 2002, Renton.

2ND KYU: Selena Kobelt (Everett), Steve Mack (Tacoma), Justin Peplowski (Tacoma), Matt Shipman (Obukan). **1ST KYU:** Chris Chaney (Bellevue), Tracy Crosbie (Everett), Brian Edwards (Everett), David Pan (Bellevue), Michael Rigler (Bellevue), David Schellenger (Obukan), Dave Thorson (Tacoma). **1ST DAN:** Brian Blomquist (Everett), Darrick Lew (Bellevue). **2ND DAN:** Rory Elliott (Highline).

THE LAST WORD Much of the mental discipline and manners were taught at home, as it should be, from early childhood then renewed and polished at the dojo. The teachings taught through vigorous training programs were of great help to many of us to survive the troubled times during the economic depression, racial prejudice, war times, and the post-war times when many of us had to start from base one. It is still helping me today to approach each day's challenge with renewed vigor and enthusiasm. Being taught by my father, 55 years ago, "To approach each Kendo practice day with the same enthusiasm which I had on my first session." Here are some more thoughts: *Tanoshiku manabe* (enjoy learning), *sunao ni uketore* (to willingly accept any advice or instruction), *gambare* (hang in there when things become rough). Those are some of the ingredients for a fruitful daily life in Kendo or life itself. For one who is good, there is always another who is better. Kendo life is so exciting for these reasons. To do Kendo, as opposed to talk Kendo is very important. Today no one walks around carrying a heavy stick, much less a sword, so physically, Kendo, as compared to some other facet of the martial way, cannot be labeled a self defense mechanism. However, the mental attitude one develops through the training, will help to avoid trouble and also be aware and alert for any eventuality. Respect is one of the top priorities in Kendo. Compassion is another; only one who is strong can be able to be compassionate towards those who are weaker. In essence, as the Kendo ideology states, "To become a good human being and a useful citizen to one's community." --George Izui interview, **Sempo**, July 1988, No. 8.

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