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DATEBOOK

1. Jun 1, PNKF Board, Sat, 2:30pm, Renton.
2. Jun 8, joint practice with UBC, 1:00pm at Okusa Sensei's Zousokan Dojo, 17990 83 Ave, Surrey BC. Location map is shown on UBC Kendo web site. Participant should be above 2 dan.
3. Jun 28/29/30, Obukan Kendo Summer Camp & Taikai, McMinnville, OR.
4. Jun 30, 14th Canadian National Championships, Sat, 10am, Robert A. McMath Secondary School, 4251 Garry Street, Steveston, BC.
<http://www.kendo-canada.com/teamcanada>.
5. Jul 5/6/7, AUSKF Championships, Fri/Sat/Sun, Los Angeles, CA.
6. Jul 6/7/8 50th anniversary Japanese Student Kendo Federation (JSKF), Tokyo, Japan.
7. Jul 10 thru 14, US Naginata Federation Seminar, Shinsa and Tournament, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr (near Philadelphia), PA.
For info please contact: Raymond Sosnowski email: 110742.522@COMPUSERVE.COM
8. Jul 21, Toronto Junior Kendo Tournament.
9. Jul 26/Aug 2, Kendo Leaders Summer Seminar, Gedatsukai, Kitamoto, Japan.
10. Jul 27/28, University of Waterloo Kendo Club 15th Annual Tournament and Godo Keiko.
Guest of Honour: Taro Ariga, founder of the Club.
11. Aug 2/5, 6th Annual Toronto Kendo Club Summer Camp with Shigeo Kimura Sensei, Bracebridge Ontario Canada. Registration deadline July 15.
http://www.analecta.ca/toronto_kendo_club/Kendo_Camp2002/index.html
12. Aug 10, PNKF Kendo and Iaido Shinsa, Sat, Kent Commons Recreation Center, 525 4th Avenue N. (corner of 4th & James Street), Kent, Washington.
Iaido 8am-12noon; Kendo 12:30-4pm.
13. Aug 31/Sep 1, final selection for Team USA, California.
14. September, nominations for new Board due.
15. Sep 14, PNKF Board meeting, Sat, 2:30pm, Renton.
16. Sep 20/21/22, AUSKF Iaido Seminar, Shiai, and Shinsa, Fri/Sat/Sun, Renton.
17. Oct 12, PNKF Board meeting, Sat, 2:30pm, Renton.
18. Nov 9, PNKF Taikai, Sat, 9:30am, Renton.
19. Nov 23, PNKF Board meeting, Sat, 2:30pm, Renton.
20. Jul 1 thru 9 2003, 12WKC, Glasgow, Scotland. <http://www.kendochampionships.com>

JEFF MARSTEN SENSEI FEATURED IN KENDO WORLD On May 25 the excellent new volume 1, number 2 of **Kendo World** arrived in our mailbox, featuring a powerful and deeply moving essay by Kendo Renshi 7th Dan Jeff Marsten relating his experiences and insights in successfully challenging the Kodansha Shinsa May 3, 2001 in Kyoto. Although we have been closely associated with Marsten Sensei for decades, this article still gave us fascinating new revelations into his character, thinking, and training strategies. It is a marvelous piece of writing, more than worthy to appear sandwiched between contributions by Hanshi 8th Dan Fukumoto Shuji, Inoue Yoshihiko and Murayama Keisuke -- all this and much more in what has swiftly become the one truly indispensable English language journal in the field of Kendo.

AUSKF IAIDO SEMINAR, SEPTEMBER 20/21/22, RENTON DOJO We are pleased to announce that this year's AUSKF Iaido Seminar, Shiai, and Shinsa will be hosted by the PNKF. The location is Renton Community Center. A block of rooms has been earmarked for participants at the Silver Cloud Inn directly across from the Dojo. **Friday** check in 3-4pm; opening and Koryu 4:15-6:15pm; Koryu continued/Kendo keiko 7:15-9pm. **Saturday** ZenKenTai 9-11:30am; Shiai 12:30-3pm; ZenKenTai 3:30-5:30pm. **Sunday** Shinsa prep 8-9:30am; Shinsa 9:30am-12:30pm; ZenKenTai/closing 1:30-4pm. Contact person for all those interested in attending is **Brian Blomquist** email: brianb@concur.com phone: 425-497-6411. Complete details will be sent shortly to each regional Federation.

PASSAGE On April 30, 2002 the PNKF and AUSKF lost a dear friend, loyal supporter, and immense resource when Kendo Hanshi 8th Dan Hisashi Herbert Higuchi passed away of causes related to intestinal cancer. Higuchi Sensei, one of the kindest, most elegant, polished, courtly and courteous gentlemen we have ever encountered, was born in Gardena, California on July 13, 1920, and started Kendo at the age of 7. During World War II he was relocated to Manzanar. In 1952 he married his love Shizumi, a Registered Nurse whom he met while

volunteering at a local hospital laboratory. Also in 1952, with the help of Tadao Mori Sensei, he opened the Gardena Kendo Dojo, a major focal point for the development of Kendo in Southern California. Higuchi Sensei was an engineer with the Cal-Trans (highway department), and was justifiably proud of his many projects with that agency, including the speedy restoration of shattered freeway infrastructure following the devastating Northridge earthquake of 1994. He bore his illness with characteristic grace and élan, and following a brief hospitalization he returned home and passed away peacefully with his wife at his side. We extend our deepest condolences to his wife, three daughters, son-in-law and three grandchildren, and our great thankfulness for his inspiration and deep teaching. We will often sense his presence wherever Kendo is practiced. (Many thanks to Brian Olson for contributing to these notes.)

12th ANNUAL BELLEVUE KENDO TAIKAI - May 5, 2002.

9 and Under Kachinuki

1st place - Deon Holmes, Tacoma
2nd place - Conor Marsten, Renton

9 and Under Round Robin

1st place - Deon Holmes, Tacoma
2nd place - Conor Marsten, Renton

10 to 12 Kachinuki

1st place - Michelle Rasmussen, Tacoma
2nd place - Albert Young, Obukan
3rd place - Jayson Nunokawa, Bellevue
4th place - Ikaika Yoshikawa, Tacoma

10 to 12 Elimination

1st place - Jed Sarmiento, Highline
2nd place - Kelvin Winder, Seattle
3rd place - Ikaika Yoshikawa, Tacoma
3rd place - Jason Akahoshi, Obukan

13 to 15 Kachinuki

1st place - Yuko Iwanaga, Obukan
2nd place - Tristan Williams-Burden, Bellevue
3rd place - K Alexander, Renton
4th place - James Young, Obukan

13 to 15 Elimination

1st place - Jeff Lundell, Renton
2nd place - Bryan Imanishi, Cascade
3rd place - Kaori Tsukagoshi, Obukan
3rd place - Yuko Iwanaga, Obukan

16 to 18 Kachinuki

1st place - Lonny Hancock, Obukan
2nd place - Nate Janega, Tacoma
3rd place - Kelly Goodwin, Obukan
4th place - Jeff Marsten, Highline

16 to 18 Elimination

1st place - Jeff Marsten, Highline
2nd place - Lonny Hancock, Obukan
3rd place - Jennifer Wang, Cascade
3rd place - Roger Yau, Cascade

Team

1st place - Obukan
2nd place - Highline

Awesome Spirit Award

Michelle Rasmussen, Tacoma

Honorable Mention

Yuko Iwanaga, Obukan; Tomoko Iwanaga, Obukan;
Kaori Tsukagoshi, Obukan; Deon Holmes, Tacoma;
Ikaika Yoshikawa, Tacoma

BCKF JUNIOR TOURNAMENT, May 11, 2002, Steveston.

Beginners Category

1st place - M. Hamanaka, UBC
2nd place - T. Hamanaka, UBC
3rd place - G. Tsang, Sunrise
3rd place - S. Enomoto, Vancouver

10 Years Old & Under Category

1st place - M. Umezawa, Vancouver
2nd place - R. Murao, Steveston
3rd place - E. Kita, Renbu
3rd place - KW Kim, Vancouver

11 to 13 Years Old Category

1st place - R. Marumo, Sunrise
2nd place - Y. Mizutani, Renbu
3rd place - J. Lee, Steveston
3rd place - H. Fukushima, Vancouver

14 to 15 Years Old Category

1st place - B. Imanishi, Cascade
2nd place - S. Marumo, Sunrise
3rd place - R. Campbell, Steveston
3rd place - K. Marus, Steveston

Red & White Competition

1st place - G. Mizutani, Renbu
2nd place - Y. Mizutani, Renbu
3rd place - K. Wang, Cascade
3rd place - A. Piggot, Renbu

Kendo Kata Demonstration

M. Hamanaka, UBC
T. Hamanaka, UBC

Results courtesy of Ian Miki.

THE LAST WORD So my goal is to try and minimize those negative traits in my keiko so my students can do better kendo than I do. It is my long-term goal that all of them pass me by and become a much higher level than I am. --Jeff Marsten, "Seven," **Kendo World**, v.1, n.2, p.47.

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