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### PNKF DATEBOOK

1. Jun 6, 7, 8, PNKF Iai Seminar and Shinsa, Fri/Sat/Sun, Meadowbrook.
2. Jun 7, Godo Keiko, Sat, 5-7pm, Tyee Community Gym.
3. Jun 21, PNKF Board, Sat, 2:30pm, Renton.
4. Jul 26, PNKF Board, Sat, 2:30pm, Renton.
5. Aug 9, PNKF Kendo and Iaido Shinsa.
6. Sep 20, PNKF Board, Sat, 2:30pm, Renton.
7. Oct 18, PNKF Board, Sat, 2:30pm, Renton.
8. Nov 8, PNKF Taikai, Sat, 9:30am, Renton.
9. Nov 22, PNKF Board, Sat, 2:30pm, Renton.
10. Dec 13, Renton Taikai, Sat, 10am, Renton.

### OTHER DATES

1. Jun 7, Shidogakuin 10th Anniversary Tournament, Thoreau Middle School, Fairfax VA.
2. Jun 8, Shidogakuin Shinsa, American Dance Institute, Rockville, MD.
3. Jun 15, Leeward Oahu Taikai, Mililani.
4. Jun 26/Jul 1, 3rd World Naginata Championship and surrounding events sponsored by the International Naginata Federation (INF), San Jose State University.  
3rd World Naginata Championship Tournament, Sat, June 28, 9am- 5pm.  
INF Friendship Tournament, Sun, June 29, 9am-12:30pm.  
INF Naginata Seminar, Mon, Jun 30-Wed, Jul 2, 9am-5pm.  
Other events also planned, including INF Shinpan Seminar, INF General meeting, and many daily practices. For more information contact: Mr. Raymond Sosnowski, <110742.522@compuserve.com>.
5. Jul 1/9, 2003, 12WKC, Glasgow, Scotland. <http://www.kendochampionships.com>
6. Jul 17/20, Guelph School of Japanese Sword Arts, Sat/Sun, Guelph, Ontario, Canada.
7. October, 2003 AUSKF National Kendo Seminar is proposed to be held at the Citadel, in Charleston, South Carolina.
8. October, SWKIF Fall Seminar and Promotional Exams, Omaha.

**PNKF IAI SEMINAR AND SHINSA** The PNKF will be hosting an Iaido Seminar and Shinsa June 6, 7, and 8, 2003, featuring a return visit of Noguchi Hideo, Iaido Kyoshi 8th Dan. Noguchi Sensei teaches the Muso Shinden Ryu and Zen Ken Iai curricula. Also accompanying him will be other teachers, including Aoki Shigehiro, Iaido Kyoshi 7th Dan, and Suzuki Sensei, Iaido 5th Dan. The location is the Meadowbrook Community Center, 10517 35th Avenue N.E., Seattle WA 98125 for all three days of the seminar. Times will be Friday 7-9pm, Saturday 10am-5pm, and Sunday 10am-3pm. Copies of the forms and any updated seminar information will be available at the PNKF website <http://www.kendo-pnkf.org/> Deadline for applications and fees is Wednesday, June 4. Please address all questions and inquiries to: Brian Blomquist [brianb@concur.com](mailto:brianb@concur.com) phone: 206-300-6416

**SNO-KING KENDO CLUB** At its May 3 meeting, the PNKF Board voted unanimously to grant probationary Dojo status to **Sno-King Kendo Club**. Sno-King practices at the Bitterlake Community Center, 13035 Linden Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133 (One block west of N 130th Street and Aurora Avenue N), Thursdays, 7:40-9pm. Instructors are Jeffrey Marsten and Rory Elliott. Club President is Gregory Wharton, and the Treasurer is Chris Weaver. Members of Sno-King have already won a few trophies at events like the Highline Taikai and the UW Taikai. The Club website is <http://www.kendo-pnw.org/sno-king/sno-king.htm> Congratulations and welcome, Sno-King!

**NORTHWEST KENDO CLUB NEWS** Northwest has a new Tuesday evening practice in Issaquah at Vasa Hall on West Lake Sammamish Parkway, 7-9pm. The Wednesday practice in Ballard is temporarily suspended for the summer starting in June.

**PASSAGE** A friend of the PNKF and one of the most famous kenshi of the 20th Century, **Nakamura Taizaburo**, passed away peacefully in his sleep at age 92 on May 13, 2003. ZenKenRen Kendo Kyoshi 7th Dan, Kokusai Budoin Kendo Hanshi 8th Dan, Jukendo Hanshi 8th Dan, Kyudo 4th Dan, senior master of Battodo for the Zen Nippon Butokukai, Special Battlefield Kenjutsu Instructor, founder of the All Japan Toyama Ryu Iaido Federation, and Hanshi 10th Dan in the Nakamura Ryu Happpo Giri Battodo, Nakamura Sensei was born January 1, 1911. A

direct Muso Shinden Ryu student of Nakayama Hakudo, Nakamura Sensei was an instructor at the Toyama Military Academy, and an active fighter in the Nanpo Kirikomitai, the most elite of Japan's Imperial units, going into action on numerous occasions armed only with drawn sword. Developer of the "Eiji Happpo Giri Kata" ("eternal" character eight directions cutting forms), based on the classical principle of calligraphy in which all known brush strokes may be found in the kanji "Ei" ("eternal"), Nakamura Sensei strongly advocated an abandonment of the seiza forms and a return to the standing forms of Iai. In particular, he emphasized kesagiri (diagonal cuts), which his battlefield experience led him to understand were the most effective -- and most neglected -- techniques in Kendo. While staying locally in the home of Murosako Yoshitsugu, Nakamura Sensei avidly attended practice at the Kendo Club at the University of Washington and the Team PNKF practices led by Yabe Manabu in preparation for the US Championships of 1987. His penetrating insights into the Kendo of each student and concomitant personal advice have remained with the fortunate kenshi and been cherished ever since. Generous, calm, kindly, aware, and ever-attentive, Nakamura Sensei impressed his PNKF friends with many clear evidences of his spiritual enlightenment. In personal communication with the Kenyu Editor, Nakamura Sensei explained that he had renamed his system from Battojutsu to Battodo to signal his renunciation of war and his conversion to the Katsujinken. Elsewhere he has elaborated on the Katsujinken. "The Life-giving Sword trains and polishes the Self, the road to cultivating yourself and self-discipline." "There should be established a balance of the old and new in all training, but the tendency for showmanship must be removed, sport or competitive aspects eliminated, and the relationship between Kendo and Iaido recognized." Many modern kenshi know nothing of true swordsmanship simply because "the shinai is not a sword." "Only the live blade can instruct in Kendo, the Way of the Sword," Nakamura Sensei said. Though he's now gone on before us, we will continue to take inspiration from his example and his teaching in our daily practice.

#### **28th AUSTRALIAN KENDO CHAMPIONSHIPS - April 19/20, 2003, Sydney New South Wales**

##### **Open Individual**

1st place - Kirby Smith, NSW  
2nd place - Hong Soon Kim, NSW  
3rd place - Yuji Sano, NSW  
3rd place - Stuart Burke, NSW

##### **Kyu Individual**

1st place - James Yu, NSW  
2nd place - Andrew McGrath, VIC  
3rd place - Nick Bartlett, SA  
3rd place - Alvin Chen, VIC

##### **Women's Individual**

1st place - Hayami Aboutalab, VIC  
2nd place - Kate Sylvester, VIC  
3rd place - Melanie Smith, NSW  
3rd place - Claire Chan, VIC

##### **Veterans Individual**

1st place - Hong Soo Kim, NSW  
2nd place - Paul Rixon, NSW  
3rd place - Greg Nichols, QLD  
3rd place - Peter Day, VIC

##### **Junior Individual**

1st place - Kenji Hashimoto, NSW  
2nd place - Mathew Kang, NSW

##### **Dan Teams**

1st place - New South Wales  
2nd place - Queensland

##### **Children's Individual**

1st place - Owen Wynne, NSW  
2nd place - Ryuta Hashimoto, QLD

##### **Kyu Teams**

1st place - New South Wales  
2nd place - Victoria

##### **Women's Teams**

1st place - New South Wales  
2nd place - Victoria

##### **Kata Teams**

1st place - B. Smith/A. Maksay, Vic  
2nd place - K. Smith/T. Itakura, NSW

**Fighting Spirit** - Nicholas Bartlett, SA; Sarah Cranswick, ACT; Daniel Kim, NSW; Mark Woodlands, TAS  
**John Butler Award** - Ted Rixon, NSW

#### **9th NABESHIMA CUP KENDO TAIKAI**

1st place - Makoto Murayama, Houston  
2nd place - Jeffrey Chen, Austin  
3rd place - Takero Kan, Dallas  
3rd place - Hyun Kim, Arkansas

#### **3rd TEXAS OPEN KENDO TAIKAI - April 26, 2003, Dallas**

1st place - Jin-Kee Hyun, Dallas  
2nd place - Curtis Marsten, Renton  
3rd place - Kiyoshi Abe, Dallas  
3rd place - Tetsuji Yamaguchi, Dallas

**Fighting Spirit** - Bryan Mosley, Oklahoma City; Mark Uchida, Colorado Springs; Michael Wei, New Orleans

#### **13th ANNUAL BELLEVUE YOUTH TAIKAI - May 4, 2003, Bellevue**

##### **9 and under**

1st place - J-P. Stroud, Obukan  
2nd place - R. Kawashima, Northwest

##### **10-12 Years**

1st place - M. Rasmussen, Tacoma  
2nd place - D. Holmes, Tacoma  
3rd place - K. Yoshikawa, Tacoma  
4th place - A. Young, Obukan

##### **Junior High School Girls**

1st place - T. Imanishi, Cascade  
2nd place - K. Sasaki, Bellevue  
3rd place - T. Iwanaga, Obukan

##### **High School Boys**

1st place - B. Imanishi, Cascade  
2nd place - H. Paik, Highline  
3rd place - J. Lundell, Renton  
4th place - J. Young, Obukan

##### **Junior High School Boys**

1st place - B. Rasmussen, Tacoma  
2nd place - K. Kuzume, Obukan  
3rd place - J. Akahoshi, Obukan  
4th place - T. Williams-Burden, Bellevue

##### **High School Girls**

1st place - Y. Abe, Tacoma  
2nd place - K. Kang, Bellevue  
3rd place - C. Sanders, Kent

##### **Teams**

1st place - Obukan  
2nd place - Bellevue A

##### **Awesome Spirit Award**

Kathy Kang, Bellevue

**THE LAST WORD** Iai, Kendo, Tameshigiri: San Sha Ittai. Iai, Kendo, Tameshigiri: three agents, one body. --Nakamura Taizaburo, **Kenshinkan** Dojo, calligraphic inscription.  
[http://www.webdiva4hire.com/kenshinkan/sansha\\_ittai.html](http://www.webdiva4hire.com/kenshinkan/sansha_ittai.html)

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