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## PNKF DATEBOOK

1. Oct 4, Godo Keiko, Sat, 1:30-3:30pm, Tyee.
2. Oct 18, PNKF Board, Sat, 2:30pm, Renton.
3. Oct 25, Tacoma Junior Taikai.
4. Nov 1, Godo Keiko, Sat, 1:30-3:30pm, Tyee.
5. Nov 8, PNKF Taikai, Sat, 9:30am, Renton.
6. Nov 22, PNKF Board, Sat, 2:30pm, Renton.
7. Dec 6, Godo Keiko, Sat, 1:30-3:30pm, Tyee.
8. Dec 13, Renton Taikai, Sat, 10am, Renton.

## OTHER DATES

1. Oct 11/12, AUSKF Summer Kendo Seminar, the Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina.
2. Oct 19, Northeastern Regional Iaido Seminar, Sun, 10am-6pm, Community Education and Recreation Center of Jersey City, NJ. Instructors are Kato Shozo sensei and Thomas Hooper sensei. Detailed information and registration materials can be obtained by sending an email to: [pam\\_a\\_parker@yahoo.com](mailto:pam_a_parker@yahoo.com) Pam Parker, Ken Zen Dojo.
3. October, SWKIF Fall Seminar and Promotional Exams, Omaha.
4. Nov 8/9, AUSKF Board meeting, Los Angeles.
5. Feb 21/22, 4th Asian Tournament, Sat/Sun, Hong Kong Park Indoor Games Hall Complex, Hong Kong Island. All kenshi are welcome to participate, whether from Asia or not.

## PNKF BOARD ELECTIONS

Curtis Marsten, PNKF Vice President, reports that the deadline has passed for submittal of candidates for the **PNKF Board of Directors**. The number of candidates did not exceed the number of seats available so no election will be held. The following members will serve as the **2003/2004 PNKF Board of Directors** to be seated at the November meeting: **Thomas Antush** (Highline), **Brian Blomquist** (Everett), **Tom Bolling** (Bellevue), **C.J. Chaney** (Bellevue), **Brian Edwards** (Everett), **Nate Jacobson** (UW), **Shinichi Koike** (Northwest), **Curtis Marsten** (Kent/Renton), **Elizabeth Marsten** (Highline), **Neil Sunderland** (Kent/Renton), **John Tischler** (Renton), **Manabu Yabe** (Seattle), **Moki Yoshikawa** (Tacoma), and **David Yotsuuye** (Bellevue).

## MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM ELIZABETH MARSTEN

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the members of the PNKF for their support both on and off the floor in my preparation for the 12th World Kendo Championships. Especially the 2002 PNKF Nationals Team, coaches Jeff Marsten, Rory Elliott and David Yotsuuye Senseis, whom I would like to dedicate this performance to. I would also like to thank the members and the Board of Directors for their financial support. I tried my best to not only represent my country and show world class kendo, but to also be an example of PNKF kendo as a whole, as it took much more than a single dojo to get where I am today. My performance was a collaborative effort of many dojos, senseis, teammates, family and friends. They provided me with the inspiration needed to not only make and complete the team, but became my reason for being there at the 12WKC. Thanks so much! Elizabeth Marsten, Women's Team USA 2003.

## PNKF JUNIOR GASSHUKU, JULY 21-27 A HUGE SUCCESS

The week-long Summer Gasshuku (seminar) at the end of July was very successful, attended by some 29 students. The curriculum covered kamae, ashisabaki, maai, rensoku uchi, keiko, and shiai. There was also a special shinsa at which 13 of the Gasshuku participants tested, all of them passing brilliantly with flying colors (see results below). Participants attended the regular evening practices of four area Dojo, with the addition of two daytime sessions at Tyee Community Gym on the weekend. The primary instructors for the Gasshuku were Jeff Marsten, Curtis Marsten, David Yotsuuye, and Vicki Marsten, supported by other additional instructors.

## SHINKYU SHINSA

**KENDO SHINSA, Saturday July 27, 2003, PNKF Junior Gasshuku, Kent.**

**6TH KYU:** Ryun Boyles (Kent), Conor Marsten (Renton).

**4TH KYU:** Leo Cherng (Bellevue), Ross Henderson (Sno-King), Kyoka Hinami (Bellevue), Katie Hubbard (Bellevue), Marina Montes (Bellevue), Nicholas Sherrow-Groves (Bellevue), Jahan Vafaezadeh (Bellevue), Tristan Williams-Burden (Bellevue).

3RD KYU: Masahisa Inose (Obukan).  
2ND KYU: Kathy Kang (Bellevue).  
1ST KYU: Joshua Koplin (Bellevue).

**IAIDO SHINSA, Saturday, August 9, 2003, Kent.**

1ST KYU: Mitchell McEwen (Everett), Scott North (Everett).  
1ST DAN: Brian Edwards (Everett), Kenneth Raichle (Everett), David Schellenger (Obukan)  
Neil Sunderland (Renton).

**KENDO SHINSA, Saturday August 9, 2003, Kent.**

5TH KYU: Trevor Kellams (Seattle), Jun Lee (Seattle), Stephen Matsuba (Seattle), Rhys Ringwald (Cascade), Steven Roosevelt (Idaho), Rob Schreiber (Idaho), Haruka Takano (Seattle), Kane Woo (Seattle).  
4TH KYU: Tomasz Chmielewski (Renton), Lance Clifford (Big Sky), Andie Letourneau (Obukan), Colleen Sanders (Kent), Nancy Ton (Seattle).  
3RD KYU: Joshua Ferguson (Kent), Jerry Helmick (Obukan), Tri Hoang (Seattle), Michael Hood (Kent), Tadahiro Inose (Obukan), Nate Jacobson (UW), Joe Lin (Cascade), Bryanna Lindsey (Renton), Takashi Maruo (UW), John Morse (Obukan), Karim Naguib (Bellevue), Stevie Olver (Tacoma), Jon Powell (Sno-King), Casey Schneider-Mizell (UW).  
2ND KYU: Julie Chen (Sno-King), Brian Edwards (Everett), Jacob Friedman (Everett), Guadalupe Fuentes (Idaho), Hyundae Kim (UW), Mitchell McEwen (Everett), Ken Raichle (Everett), Brendan Vanous (Bellevue), Mark Verrey (Sno-King), Chris Weaver (Sno-King).  
1ST KYU: Jeff Bennett (Seattle), Hiro Fukumoto (Seattle), Kousuke Kuzume (Obukan), Noah Ober (Seattle).  
1ST DAN: Brian Blomquist (Everett), Darrick Lew (Bellevue), HaNa Paik (Highline), Chris Tilt (Obukan), Leonid Tsybert (Bellevue).  
2ND DAN: Albert Kang (Northern Cal, Berkeley), Arthur Oki (Cascade), David Schellenger (Obukan).

**KENDO SHINSA, Saturday September 20, 2003, Alaska.**

5TH KYU: Lee Breinig (Alaska).  
4TH KYU: Alaska Retes (Alaska)  
3RD KYU: Tom Dillon (Alaska), Ann Lethin (Alaska), Lynn Lethin (Alaska), Nate Link (Alaska), Shaun Parker (Alaska), Brett Troute (Alaska).  
2ND KYU: Litheus Retes (Alaska), Nathan Retes (Alaska).  
1ST KYU: Gearge Retes (Alaska), Zachary Seymour (Alaska).  
1ST DAN: John Russo (Alaska).

**PASSAGE**

Lifelong kenshi and active supporter of the PNKF Takeo Ted Imanishi passed away August 9, 2003 after a protracted, noble, and exemplary battle with cancer. Ted Imanishi was born in Seattle November 20, 1923. He was most active in Kendo in the pre-War period, and often shared stories from that era. His father, Umajiro Imanishi, head instructor at Seattle Kendo Kai, was arrested by the F.B.I. December 8, 1941 for the crime of being an important community leader in the form of a Kendo teacher, and spent the War in a Federal penitentiary. By mid-1942 the rest of the family had been sent to Camp Minidoka, from which Ted Imanishi was drafted in 1944 and served in a three-man machine gun crew in "Dog" Company of the legendary 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the most decorated unit in American military history. Following the War, he completed apprenticeship as a carpenter, built a business as a cabinetmaker, and eventually became a highly respected general contractor famous for his immaculate craftsmanship and integrity. On October 7, 1951 he married Toshiko Okada. Three of their five children, Teresa, Douglas and Daryl, have become prominent kenshi in the PNKF. In addition there are also two more daughters, Arlene and Kathleen. In 1984 we held the Third United States Kendo Championships in Seattle. Under the taikai chairmanship of David Yotsuuye, the Fund Raising Committee was Yosh Tanabe, Kiyoshi Yasui, and Ted Imanishi. Ted involved his brother Yosh Imanishi in the fund raising activity as well, and this Committee raised many thousands of dollars for a great taikai which finished in the black, and left the Federation a legacy. Ted Imanishi attended Seattle Kendo Kai practice every Sunday, and always went to every major regional taikai. Over the years, he was consistently available for help and support in Kendo activities. We miss him, and our heartfelt condolences go to his wife Toshiko, his sister Hats, children, grandchildren, and all the family.

**THE LAST WORD**

The practice of reiho (etiquette) helps us to control our raw emotions and cultivate respect and humility. --Jinichi Tokeshi, **Kendo: Elements, Rules, and Philosophy.**

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