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PNKF DATEBOOK

1. Feb 28, PNKF Kendo and Iaido Shinsa, Sat, Bellevue (Highland Park Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road, Bellevue).
Iaido Seminar/Shinsa: 9am-12noon.
Kendo Shinsa: 12:30-3pm.
Godō Keiko to follow the Kendo Shinsa.
2. Mar 6, Spokane Kendo Seminar, Sat.
3. Mar 13, 28th Anniversary Highline Mudansha Taikai, Sat, 10am; all participants must be ready by the 9:45am roll call.
4. Mar 20, PNKF Board, Sat, 2pm, Kent.
5. Apr 10, UW Taikai (TENTATIVE DATE).
6. May 1, Bellevue Junior Taikai, Sat, 10am.
7. May 8, PNKF Board, Sat, 2pm, Kent.
8. Jul 10, PNKF Board, Sat, 2pm, Kent.
9. Aug 7, PNKF Kendo and Iaido Shinsa, Sat, Kent.
10. Aug 14, North American Women's Championship, Renton.
11. Sep 25, PNKF Board, Sat, 2pm, Kent.
12. Nov 13, PNKF Taikai, Sat, 9:30am, Renton.
13. Nov 20, PNKF Board, Sat, 2pm, Kent.
14. Dec 11, Renton Taikai, Sat, 9:30am, Renton.

OTHER DATES

1. Feb 14, Steveston Taikai, Sat, 10am.
2. Feb 15, 6th Annual West Coast Iaido Embu, Sunday, Steveston Martial Arts Center.
3. Feb 14/15, 6th Detroit Open Kendo Rensei Tournament and Seminar, conducted by All Japan Champions and All Japan Miyazaki Masahiro and Miyazaki Fumihiro, Kyoshi 7th Dan, Instructors of the Kanagawa Prefectural Police.
4. Feb 21/22, 4th Asian Tournament, Sat/Sun, Hong Kong Park Indoor Games Hall Complex, Hong Kong Island. Open to kenshi of all nations.
5. Mar 13/14, IKF America Zone Shinpan Seminar, Sat/Sun, Toronto.
6. Mar 20, 14th Annual Cleveland Kendo Tournament / Greater Northeastern US Kendo Federation Championships, Sat, 9am, Woodling Gymnasium, Cleveland State University.
7. Mar 21, GNEUSKF Shinsa, Sun, 10am.
Forms and information are available for both Championships and Shinsa at:
<http://kendoka.org/forms/cleveland04.pdf>
8. Mar 21, 9th Annual Kenshikan Taikai, Sun, 8:30am, Kaimuki District Park, Honolulu.
9. Apr 17/18, 8th Annual Harvard-Radcliffe Invitational Shoryuhai Intercollegiate Kendo Tournament.
10. Jul 23/24/25, AUSKF Summer Camp.
11. Jul 28/Aug 4, Foreign Kendo Leaders' Seminar 2004 AJKF Kitamoto Summer Kendo Camp for kenshi 3rd Dan and above, Gedatsukai Kenshu Center, Kitamoto, Saitama, Japan. Application must be turned in to the AUSKF President by March 20, 2004. Please refer to PNKF President CJ Chaney (or your regional Federation President) if you are interested in attending.
12. Oct 9, AUSKF Shinpan Seminar for Northwest Zone, Sat, 8:30am-9pm, Buchser Middle School, 1111 Bellomy Street, Santa Clara, California.
13. Jul 2/3, 2005, All US Championships.

PNKF INVITATIONAL NORTH AMERICAN WOMEN'S TEAM KENDO CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

The PNKF will host its second Women's Team Championship on August 14th, 2004 at Renton. The format will be the same as the first. Five person teams will be invited from Canadian regional Federations, Hawaii, Mexico and the AUSKF Regional Federations. Each Federation is allowed two teams with a minimum of 3 participants. Our special guest will be Hoshina Sensei, 6th Dan from Nihon Physical Education University. She was team captain of the Tokyo Women's Team in the national women's team championships. Several practices and a seminar are planned during the week prior to the tournament. Invitations will be sent out as soon as all details are finalized. An individual event is planned to be held after completion of the team events. Last time teams from Northern California, Hawaii, British Columbia, Manitoba, SouthwestUSKF, SEUSKF and PNKF.

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Honored Guest - Kendo Kyoshi 8th Dan Hironori Yamada

9 Years and Under

1st place - J. Tubajon, Steveston
2nd place - K. Fujii, Seattle
3rd place - S. Fujita, Renbu
3rd place - J. Dande, Renbu

10 to 12 Years

1st place - A. Fujii, Seattle
2nd place - A. Kwan, Steveston
3rd place - M. Umezawa, Vancouver
3rd place - H. Saito, Vancouver

13 to 15 Years

1st place - R. Campbell, Steveston
2nd place - H. Fukushima, Vancouver
3rd place - K. Kuzume, Obukan
3rd place - L. Murao, Steveston

Women's

1st place - M. Hayashi, Vancouver
2nd place - H. Fukushima, Vancouver
3rd place - M. Akitaya, Vancouver
3rd place - I. Nagano, UBC

16 to 20 Years

1st place - G. Suzaka, UW
2nd place - K. Ito, Youshinkan
3rd place - F. Gomez, Vancouver
3rd place - K. Kobayashi, Youshinkan

21 to 30 Years

1st place - K. Tanaka, Bellevue
2nd place - T. Saito, Renbu
3rd place - D. Taguchi, Sunrise
3rd place - N. Akitaya, Vancouver

31 to 40 Years

1st place - D. Ara, Renbu
2nd place - M. Asaoka, Youshinkan
3rd place - K. Kim, UBC
3rd place - D. Imanishi, Seattle

41 Years and Over

1st place - Y. Taguchi, Sunrise
2nd place - M. Yabe, Seattle
3rd place - S. Shiono, Calgary
3rd place - R. Goh, Northwest

Junior Team

1st place - Cascade
2nd place - Steveston

Senior Team

1st place - Vancouver
2nd place - U Victoria

THE LAST WORD

Hayashizaki Kansuke once said of the attitude essential after the "yaa" and "tou" of the first *kata*: *"Even if your foe is greatly evil, don't draw your sword, or let your foe draw theirs. Don't cut, and don't be cut. Don't kill, and don't be killed. Help them transform into a good person. If they still won't comply, then send them to the next world."* The "yaa" and "tou" of *ippon-me* are not the result of the so-called three poisons in Buddhism (*sandoku*- hatred, desire, and ignorance), but are a manifestation of right versus right. However, the result is death for the loser of the encounter, and such killing is the most serious of the cardinal sins in Buddhism. Thus, serious penance is required. It is thought that penance is a way of self help. Penance also refocuses the thrill of the fight to the thrill of the Buddhist way. This not only a way of helping the self, but also extends to helping others. This in turn goes even further towards making up for sins committed. In *kenjutsu*, the victor survives and the loser is killed. The victor, therefore, must engage in penance for the sin of taking the life of another. This penance is the beginning of the *kenjutsu* to *Kendo* metamorphosis.

So, in the *zanshin* demonstrated in *ippon-me*, not only must a flawless posture with situational awareness leaving no opening for reprisal be assumed, but also, *shidachi* must feel a sense of penance for the act of theoretically taking the life of another in the clash of right versus right. This feeling of penance becomes entwined with the choice of technique utilized in *nihon-me*.

--Inoue Yoshihiko, **Kendo Kata: Essence and Application.**

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