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PNKF DATEBOOK

1. Jul 25 through 30, PNKF Junior Seminar.
2. Aug 13, PNKF Iaido and Kendo Shinsa, Sat, 9am-4pm, Kent.
3. Sep 17, PNKF Board, Sat, 1:30-3:30pm, Kent.
4. Oct 1, PNKF Shinpan Seminar, 12noon-5pm, Kent.
5. Oct 22, Tacoma Junior Taikai, Sat, 10am-4pm, Crescent Heights Elementary, 4110 Nassau Avenue NE, Tacoma.
6. Nov 12, PNKF Taikai, Sat, 9:30am, Renton.
7. Nov 19, PNKF Board, Sat, 2-4pm, Kent.
8. Dec 10, Renton Taikai, Sat, report time 9am, start 9:30am, Renton.

OTHER DATES

1. Jul 2/3, All US Championships, Sat/Sun, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
2. Jul 2/3, Canadian National Kendo Championships, Montreal, Quebec.
3. Jul 4 thru 8, Swordsmithing, hands on taught by Muh Tsyr Yee, Guelph.
4. Jul 11 thru 15, Swordsmithing, hands on taught by Muh Tsyr Yee, Guelph.
5. Jul 22/24, AUSKF Summer Kendo Camp will be held at Carlisle University in Covington, Kentucky. Kendo promotional examinations will be held at the conclusion of the camp.
6. Jul 27/Aug 3, ZNKR Foreign Kendo Leaders' Camp, Kitamoto, Saitama, Japan.
7. Aug 5/6/7, NCKF Seminar.
8. Aug 27/28, 50th Anniversary of the Hawai'ian Kendo Federation, Celebration and Taikai.
9. Sep 29/Oct 2, AUSKF Iaido Seminar, Tournament and Shinsa, Thu/Fri/Sat/Sun, Charles H. Wilson Park Gym, 2200 Crenshaw Blvd, Torrance, California. For information, contact Dennis Ralutin, (213) 793-6722, dmralutin@yahoo.com.

PNKF JUNIOR GASSHUKU, JULY 25-JULY 30, 2005

Once again this year by popular request from the PNKF juniors, there will be an excellent week-long Summer Gasshuku (seminar) the week of July 25 through 30. The curriculum will include kamae, ashisabaki, maai, renzoku uchi, keiko, and shiai. Participants will be attending the regular evening practices of selected Dojo, with the addition of a full day session on Saturday. The primary instructors for the Gasshuku are Jeff Marsten, Curtis Marsten, and David Yotsuuye supported by other additional instructors. Details will be sent to all PNKF Dojo. Schedule:

Monday -	July 25, Highline
Tuesday -	July 26, NO PRACTICE
Wednesday -	July 27, Kent
Thursday -	July 28, Sno-King
Friday, -	July 29, Bellevue
Saturday -	July 30, Kent, with party at C. Marsten home afterwards

SAN JOSE KENDO DOJO ANNUAL TOURNAMENT - June 18, 2005, San Jose

10 and Under

1st place - D. Williams, CCKF
2nd place - J. Nakazawa, CCKF
3rd place - M. Ota, San Mateo
3rd place - V. Nguyen, CCKF

11-13 Years

1st place - D. Ota, San Mateo
2nd place - R. Choi, Mountain View
3rd place - J. Williams, CCKF
3rd place - J. Kim, Mountain View

14-17 Years

1st place - F. Michioka, Salinas
2nd place - J. Kim, San Jose
3rd place - Y. Ra, San Jose
3rd place - B. Joo, San Jose

Adult Kyu

1st place - V. Kii, Salinas
2nd place - A. Lelong, San Jose
3rd place - N. Jimenez, CCKF
3rd place - C. Sciortino, Rancho Cordova

Women

1st place - K. Kikunaga, San Jose
2nd place - M. Cabral, Sacramento
3rd place - A. Chi, Oakland
3rd place - L. Tanaka, San Jose

1-3 Dan

1st place - A. Okuma, San Jose
2nd place - T. Shima, San Jose
3rd place - T. Sakano, Oakland
3rd place - T. Kono, Palo Alto

4 Dan and Up

1st place - Y. Onitsuka, Salinas
2nd place - J. Eitoku, Salinas
3rd place - N. Otani, CCKF
3rd place - S. Hamamatsu, Palo Alto

Youth Team

1st place - Salinas (Adam Eitoku, K. Yokota, A. Eitoku, M. Hara, F. Michioka)

Senior Team

1st place - Salinas (K. Michioka, J. Eitoku, S. Onitsuka, V. Kii, Y. Onitsuka)

Kanto Sho Youth - J. Nam, Mountain View

Adult - M. Hayashi, San Jose

20th ANNUAL LEEWARD OAHU TAIKAI - June 19, 2005, Mililani

Yonenbu Division: 8-10 Years

1st place - Chase Takenaka, Mililani
2nd place - Bradon Ganeko, Aiea Taiheiji
3rd place - Taylor Ganeko, Aiea Taiheiji

Shonenbu Division 11-13 Years

1st place - Mattnew Ito, Kenshikan
2nd place - Braxton Fukutomi, Aiea Taiheiji
3rd place - James Okada, Kenshikan
3rd place - Cody Inouye, SCKF Venice

Seinenbu Division 14 Years and Up

1st place - Shem Kim, Mililani
2nd place - Cael Goodin, Aiea Taiheiji
3rd place - Aaron Kim, Mililani
3rd place - Megan Watanabe, Waipahu Seibukan

Yudansha 1-2 Dan

1st place - Takuma Hirako, Kenshikan
2nd place - Elton Ushio, Lihue
3rd place - Yo Wan Kim, Mililani
3rd place - Colin Maruoka, Aiea Taiheiji

Yudansha 3-5

1st place - Fumihide Itokazu, SCKF Venice
2nd place - Katsushi Chinen, SCKF Venice
3rd place - Shota Nakata, Kenshikan
3rd place - Roxy Kubo, Waipahu Seibukan

Yudansha Masters 3 Dan Above and 36 Years Old

1st place - Lawrence Chun, Mililani
2nd place - Bert Shibuya, Waipahu Seibukan
3rd place - Sang Oh, Kenshikan

Goodwill Team Match: Southern CA Venice/ Obukan Oregon 3
Hawaii Team 2

Kantoshu: James Oka Fighting Spirit Award - Audrey Hayase. Mililani

BRITISH COLUMBIA KENDO FEDERATION JUNIOR TAIKAI - June 25, 2005, Steveston

Beginners (No Armour)

1st place - C. Kim, Sunrise
2nd place - M. Jung, UBC
3rd place - B. Jeong, UBC

10 and Under

1st place - Jack Tubajon, Steveston
2nd place - K. Knecht, Sunrise
3rd place - S. O'Sullivan, Steveston
3rd place - C. Blomquist, Bellevue

11-12 Years

1st place - T. Hamanaka, UBC
2nd place - R. Murao, Steveston
3rd place - Josh Tubajon, Steveston
3rd place - E. Kita, Renbu

13-15 Years

1st place - G. Mizutani, Renbu
2nd place - J. Lee, Steveston
3rd place - D. Manning, Bellevue
3rd place - J. Wang, Cascade

Red & White

1st place - K. Knecht, Sunrise
2nd place - T. Hamanaka, UBC
3rd place - C. Blomquist, Bellevue
3rd place - M. Hamanaka, UBC

SHINKYU SHINSA CORRECTION

KENDO SHINSA, May 15, 2005, Nagoya.

6TH DAN: Eda Chen (GudoSeishinKan Hong Kong).

THE LAST WORD

Daruma also held great appeal for Musashi. His answer to the emperor, "A vast emptiness and nothing sacred," could stand as a summation of the philosophy of swordsmanship Musashi gives in *The Book of Five Rings*, and Musashi would surely have appreciated Daruma's subtle humor as well. And there was more. In Daruma's lectures, Musashi would have found confirmation of his thoughts on swordsmanship and concepts that let him to a deeper understanding of those thoughts. In his essay "The Bloodstream Sermon," Daruma wrote:

Once you hold onto something, you'll be unaware. If you truly want to encounter the Way, don't hold onto anything. All practices, all actions, are impermanent. But this mind isn't somewhere outside the material body of the four elements. Without this mind, we can't move. The body has no awareness. Like a plant or stone, the body has no nature. So how does it move? It is the mind that moves. Apart from motion there's no mind, and apart from the mind there's no motion. But motion isn't the mind. And the mind isn't motion. Motion is basically No-Mind. And the mind is basically No-Motion. But motion doesn't exist apart from the mind, and the mind doesn't exist apart from motion.

Musashi would have read this passage and inwardly nodded in vigorous assent, and it is interesting in this connection that Musashi painted more *suibokuga* of Daruma than of any other subject except Hotei, another Zen saint. Two of his most famous renditions of the first Zen patriarch are quite arresting. One shows Daruma in full Zen concentration, his eyes intently focused toward his nose, and his mouth pulled downward in unflinching determination, the other is a three-quarter view of the Zen master, with enigmatic lines that could suggest anything from anger to self-reproach. In both paintings, the heavy, grounded lines of the robe, the lighter and more sensitive lines of the face and the "vast emptiness" extending above the figure of Daruma reflect Musashi's own intensity, reverence and, once again, little-noted sense of humor. --William Scott Wilson, *The Lone Samurai: The Life of Miyamoto Musashi*.

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