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1. Sep 8/9/10, Idaho Kendo Kai Seminar, with Umemura Toshihiko, Kendo 7th Dan, of Noma Dojo, Fri/Sat/Sun, Boise. <http://www.idaho-kendo.com>
2. Sep 30, PNKF Board, Sat, 2-4pm, Kent.
3. Oct 14, PNKF Shinpan Seminar, Sat, Kent.
4. Oct 21, Tacoma Junior Taikai, Sat, 10am-4pm, Curtis High School 8425 40th Street W, University Place, WA 98466.
5. Nov 4, PNKF Board, Sat, 2-4pm, Kent.
6. Nov 18, PNKF Taikai, Sat, 9:30am, Kent.
7. Dec 2 or 9, tentative dates, Kent Taikai, Sat, report time 9am, start 9:30am, Kent.

OTHER DATES

1. Sep 28/29/30/Oct 1, AUSKF Iaido Camp, Thu/Fri/Sat/Sun, Corryville Recreation Center, 2823 Eden Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, hosted by the Northern Kentucky Kendo Club. Sensei are Takeshi Yamaguchi, Iaido Renshi 7 Dan - Chief Instructor; Shozo Kato, Iaido Kyoshi 7 Dan; Tatsuhiko Konno, Iaido Renshi 7 Dan; Yoshitsugu Murosako, Iaido Renshi 7 Dan; Ichiro Murakami, Iaido 6 Dan; Thomas Hooper, Iaido Renshi 6 Dan; and Dick Anderson, Iaido 6 Dan. Fee \$105.00 or \$145.00 non-AUSKF. Food and Shinsa fees additional.
September 28, 29 Iaido Seminar
September 30 Taikai
October 1 Shinsa
2. Dec 8-10, 13WKC, Taipei, Taiwan.

IDAHO KENDO KAI SEMINAR, September 8/9/10, 2006, Boise.

Visiting Sensei Umemura Toshihiko, Kendo 7th Dan, Noma Dojo, Tokyo Japan.

Sep 7, Thu - Arrive from Japan, 5:18pm via UA 838/6386

Sep 8, Fri - Kendo Seminar; 7-9pm (YMCA)

Sep 9, Sat - Kendo Seminar Kata; 9-10:30am (Stroud Dojo)
Kendo Seminar Kihon; 12-1:30pm (YMCA)
Kendo Seminar Waza; 2-4pm (YMCA)
Kendo Seminar Open Keiko; 4:30-5:30pm (YMCA)
BBQ Party, 7pm

Sep 10, Sun - Kendo Seminar Kihon; 10-11am (Stroud Dojo)
Kendo Seminar Bokutoh Kihon Waza; 11-12noon (Stroud Dojo)
Kendo Seminar Waza; 2-3:30pm (YMCA)
Kendo Seminar Open Keiko; 4-5pm (YMCA)

Sep 11, Mon - Sightseeing, Stanley-Sun Valley?

Sep 12, Tue - Kendo 7:30-9pm (YMCA)

Sep 13, Wed - Farewell Dinner

Sep 14, Thu - Depart to Japan, 10:01am via UA 6382/837

"WHITE NIGHTS" KENDO FESTIVAL - July 23/26, 2006, St. Petersburg, Russia

From 23rd till 26th of July an annual "White Nights" Kendo festival took place in St. Petersburg, Russia. This year the festival was attended by 55 participants from Russia, Moldova and Uzbekistan, as well as a delegation from the Marunouchi KenYuKai Kendo club, Tokyo, which included: Watanabe Tadashi, Kendo Kyoshi 7th Dan; Hirata Tomihiko, Kendo Kyoshi 7th Dan; Nawata Shizuo, Kendo Kyoshi 7th Dan; and Sakata Noriko, Kendo 5th Dan.

The festival consisted of a Kendo seminar, taught by the guests from Japan and a tournament. The event was a big success and the organizers and participants are very grateful to the Sensei from Japan who have made it possible by generously donating their time to teach Kendo in Russia.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Individual (men)

- 1st place - V. An (St. Petersburg, Russia)
2nd place - K. Zhukov (St. Petersburg, Russia)
3rd place - A. Ovchinnikov (Moldova)
3rd place - A. Straustie (Moldova)

Individual (women)

- 1st place - T. Shilnikova (Ekaterinburg, Russia)
2nd place - M. Morozova (St. Petersburg, Russia)
3rd place - Y. Kruglova (Ekaterinburg, Russia)
3rd place - A. Kazakova (St. Petersburg, Russia)

Teams

1st place - Gekken Kendo Club (St. Petersburg, Russia)
2nd place - Moldova Kendo Federation (Moldova)
3rd place - Voronezh Kendo Federation (Voronezh, Russia)
3rd place - St. Petersburg Kumdo club (St. Petersburg, Russia)

Kantosho - M. Vatolin (Gekken Kendo Club, St. Petersburg)

SHINKYU SHINSA

KENDO SHINSA, July 30, 2006, Kent.

6TH KYU: Mikayla Blomquist (Bellevue), Sean Capdeville (Big Sky), Joseph Chong (Cascade), Alex Lee (Cascade), Ken Maddy (Bellevue), Andrew Mitchell (Big Sky), Trent Yamada (Bellevue), Richard Yoon (Cascade). **5TH KYU:** Atsushi Kato (Cascade), Thomas Matsumiya (Bellevue), Joanne Nguyen (Cascade), Patrick Yoon (Cascade). **4TH KYU:** Sean Blanch (Meadowbrook), Erin Bliss (Meadowbrook), Wei-Ju Chen (Seattle), Ben Han (UW), Tad Iba (SnoKing), Shelly Jang (UW), Peter Lim (Cascade), Steven Lowe (UW), Lowell Young (Seattle). **3RD KYU:** Lee Anderson (Big Sky), Jahyen Chung (Cascade), Paul Cresse (Kent), Jan Higaki (Cascade), Shiloh Jolly (Kent), Scott Kawamoto (Obukan), Todd Lee (Kent), Conor Marsten (Kent), Challen Mills (Kent), Alice Moon (Kent), Joshua Ross (Bellevue), Erica Tam (UW), Jan VanYsslestyne (Seattle). **2ND KYU:** Tyler Abe (Cascade), Tim Bishop (Cascade), Gordon Burgess (Bellevue), Ian Burns (Obukan), Rick Carroll (Meadowbrook), Portia Considine (Obukan), Ian Cresse (Kent), Stephen Day (Kent), Janell Frazier-Day (Kent), Bill Frenchu (SnoKing), Harvey Jewett (Spokane), Shilo Kistler (Meadowbrook) Keenan Komoto (Kent), Billy Kuster (Spokane), Chris Rafael (Meadowbrook), Dan Robinson (Spokane), Robert Shields (Cascade), Wendy Sinclair (Spokane), Shawn West (Spokane), Sandy Wong (Bellevue) **1ST KYU:** Jared Burns (Obukan), Khoi Duong (Kent), James Hunter (Obukan), Perry Hunter (Obukan), Hide Iba (Bellevue), Tammy Keen (Everett), Naoshi Kiguchi (Spokane), Sean McNally (Spokane), Greg Phancenek (Seattle), Steven Roosevelt (Idaho), Peter Thurwachter (Bellevue), Jason Wang (Cascade), Anthony Zee (Bellevue). **1ST DAN:** Steve Guidi (Seattle), Taryn Imanishi (Cascade), Nate Jacobson (UW), Kathy Kang (UW), Albert Lin (Spokane), Kyle McDaniel (Seattle), Zachary Seymour (Alaska), Sergey Shilov (Bellevue), Glenn Walker (Obukan). **2ND DAN:** Brian Amadio (AEUSKF), Eugen Dumitrescu (Seattle), Pidipong Jaidee (SnoKing), Darrick Lew (Bellevue), Andrew Parker (Highline), Brendan Vanous (Bellevue). **3RD DAN:** Eric Dycus (Bellevue).

IAIDO SHINSA, August 12, 2006, Kent.

3RD KYU: German Gil (Musokai), Mart Hughes (Obukan), Stephen Matsuba (Seattle), Grant McCallum (Musokai), Juan Zapata (Musokai). **2ND KYU:** Jared Burns (Obukan), Portia Considine (Obukan), Eugen Dumitrescu (Seattle), Hiroaki Fukumoto (Seattle), Chun-Fang Huang (Obukan), Ben Kim (Musokai). **1ST KYU:** Harmon Blanch (Musokai), Rene Fox (Musokai), Joe Jordan (Musokai), Chris Merritt (Obukan).

KENDO SHINSA, August 20, 2006, Fukushima, Japan.

6TH DAN: Katsunori Osuga.

PASSAGE

A few more notes on **Hashimoto Ryutaro**.

His actual rank at the time of his death on July 1, 2006 was Kendo Renshi 6th Dan. The All Japan Kendo Federation had granted him Renshi while he was still 5th Dan, and subsequently in November 2005 he passed the 6th Dan shinsa.

News of Hashimoto Sensei's passing came as a particularly heavy blow to his friends in Nepal. He was heading the celebration committee in Japan and slated as the guest of honor for the Golden Jubilee Celebration of Nepal-Japan Diplomatic Ties to be held in September. Hashimoto Sensei started pouring funds into Nepal ever since his first visit to that country when he was a member of the Japanese Diet, and continued to do so later as Finance Minister and then Prime Minister of Japan.

The impetus stemmed from a group of doctors inviting him to his first visit to the Kanti Children's Hospital in 1984. "He was staying at Hotel Yak & Yeti. Since so much was being done by Japan for the Teaching Hospital, we met him and asked if anything could be done for Kanti. He visited the hospital and almost broke down in tears seeing the pitiful state it was in," said pediatrician Dr. Manindra Raj Baral, who was then the hospital's director and is now its chairman. Following that, he channeled huge amounts of money to upgrade the Children's Hospital's infrastructure, and always made it a point to visit the hospital and deliver private donations which he had collected. "Every time he came, he brought along something. He even sent the hospital the gifts received by his children during their marriage," Dr. Baral said.

In addition, Hashimoto Sensei initiated the Kathmandu/Matsumoto sister city relationship, and this resulted in the building of the multi-purpose Martial Art Center in Nayabazaar.

[source: eKantipur.com, <http://www.kantipuronline.com/kolnews.php?&id=78389>, July 2, 2006]

THE LAST WORD

The Spirit of Kendo relates to the fundamental matters of life and death. The Bushi, the Samurai warriors of the past, dealt with these essential matters as a course of necessity. Arising from this harsh existence, and their study of both body and spirit, they found a way to live their lives with dignity. This elevated manner of living can still be learned through the daily training and study of Kendo. Beyond the mere outcome of win or loss of matches, we can often see refined elegance in the countenance of polished Kendo men and women. --Jun Takeuchi, IKF Secretary General, letter of greeting, **12WKC Programme**, p. 6.

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