

# 剣 Kenyu 友

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1. Oct 14, PNKF Shinpan Seminar, Sat, 12noon-4:45pm, Kent.
2. Oct 21, Tacoma Junior Taikai, Sat, 10am-4pm, Curtis High School  
8425 40th Street W, University Place, WA 98466.
3. Nov 4, PNKF Board, Sat, 2-4pm, Kent.
4. Nov 18, PNKF Taikai, Sat, 9:30am, Kent.
5. Dec 9, Kent Taikai, Sat, report time 9am, start 9:30am, Kent.

## OTHER DATES

1. Oct 15, BCKF Sho-Dan/Non-Degree Tournament, Sun, 10:00am (registration 9:30am), Steveston Community Center, 4111 Moncton Street, Richmond, BC. Entry fee \$20 per person, and Bento fee \$10 per person, may be paid on tournament day. Tournament is open to Sho Dan and below, and there will also be events for people not yet in bogu.
2. Nov 12, AUSKF Kodansha Exam, Sun, 1:30pm, Chuo Dojo, 202 N. Saratoga Street, Los Angeles.
3. Dec 8-10, 13WKC, Taipei, Taiwan.

## 2006/2007 PNKF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

From: Elizabeth Marsten, Vice President. 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 2006-2007 PNKF Board of Directors to be seated at the November 4, 2006 meeting.

Thomas Antush (Puyallup), Brian Blomquist (Everett), Thomas Bolling (Bellevue), Brian Edwards (Everett), Perry Hunter (Obukan), Daniel Ichinaga (Seattle), Doug Imanishi (Seattle), Kathy Kang (UW), Shinichi Koike (Northwest), Curtis Marsten (Kent), Stephen Matsuba (Seattle), Neil Sunderland (Kent), Chris Weaver (Sno-King), Moki Yoshikawa (Tacoma), and David Yotsuuye (Bellevue).

J. Marsten (Highline) and K. Yasui (Seattle) continue as Advisors.

## OMOTO SENSEI 88th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Saturday September 9 was Rod Nobuto Omoto Sensei's Beiju or 88th birthday. His daughters Norma and Charlotte asked him what he wanted for his birthday party, and he said he'd like to keiko with his friends. So from 10:00 to 11:30am everyone had Kendo keiko, and from 11:30am to 2:00pm a fabulous luncheon was served to all the kenshi and guests at the Tacoma Kendo and Iaido Club Dojo in the South Park Community Center.

Dozens of ken-yu old and new enjoyed a vigorous keiko with the birthday boy and with each other. Ogushi Yasuhiro Sensei traveled all the way from Japan especially for the occasion and brought a gift of a special gold costume, including a large gold hat, to be worn specifically for the Beiju. Omoto Sensei looked wonderful, and radiantly happy, dressed in gold from head to toe and surrounded by people who love him dearly.

## YASUI SENSEI 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Thursday September 28 was Kiyoshi Yasui Sensei's 90th birthday. Seattle Kendo Kai presented him with a commemorative plaque for his lifetime of contributing to Kendo at Sunday's practice, October 1.

Born in Seattle in 1916, he was sent to Japan for school. Since his return in the mid-1930's he has been one of the most loyal and helpful members of Seattle Kendo Kai, continuously and faithfully active except when World War II interrupted Kendo in this region. Along with Umajiro Imanishi Sensei and Kaz Shoji Sensei it was Yasui Sensei who was instrumental in reviving Seattle Kendo Kai in the 1960's and since Imanishi Sensei withdrew out of medical necessity, Yasui Sensei has been the Dojo's Senior Instructor.

## SHIONKAI

A solemn and joyous ShiOnKai (Shi=Master, On=Gratitude, Kai=Gathering) was hosted by Cascade Kendo Kai on Saturday September 30 at Ivar's Salmon House to honor Paul Kurose Sensei, Pat Yoshitsugu Murosako Sensei, Rod Nobuto Omoto Sensei, and Kiyoshi Yasui Sensei as the living transmission of all our most prized values in the PNKF.

The master of ceremonies, Gary Imanishi Sensei, also took the opportunity to thank the many, many people both prominent and behind-the-scenes, living and deceased, whose sacrifice and constant support have made PNKF Kendo possible over the decades. Mothers were particularly singled out for praise and profound thanks. An especially moving introduction was given to the New Horizons Kendo Club, a group of men and women in their 70's and 80's who in the last few years have all begun practicing Kendo for the first time.

The ShiOnKai was also saluted with wonderful remarks by Kazuo Tanaka, the Honorable Consul General of Japan; Ron Chew, Executive Director of the Wing Luke Museum; Dale Watanabe, Commander of the Nisei Veterans Committee; and Diane Mortenson, Community Center Coordinator, Community Center at Mercerview, City of Mercer Island Parks and Recreation.

The banquet room was lavishly decorated for the event with lovely flowers and delicious treats,

and with very large supergraphics of rare old historic photographs of area Kendo scenes. Each guest was also seated at a placemat consisting of one of these photos, and at the end was presented with a very valuable souvenir book containing all of the photographs. Thank you, Cascade, for making this ShiOnKai take place.

#### 2006 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA KENDO FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIPS - September 24, 2006, San Jose

##### 10 Years and Under

1st place - M. Inoue, Salinas  
2nd place - T. Ito, Salinas  
3rd place - S. Park, San Jose  
3rd place - A. Leung, Palo Alto

##### 11-13 Years

1st place - D. Kim, San Jose  
2nd place - A. Kim, San Jose  
3rd place - M. Ota, San Mateo  
3rd place - R. Choi, Mountain View

##### 14-17 Years

1st place - T. Ota, San Mateo  
2nd place - Alex Eitoku, Salinas  
3rd place - Adam Eitoku, Salinas  
3rd place - D. Kim, San Jose

##### Women

1st place - M. Cabral, Sacramento  
2nd place - A. Nakamori, Berkeley  
3rd place - N. Nishimoto, Oakland  
3rd place - S. Mikuni, San Jose

##### Adult Kyu

1st place - V. Kii, Salinas  
2nd place - C. Park, San Jose  
3rd place - A. Nanni, Rancho Cordova  
3rd place - M. Duggan, Mountain View

##### Seniors

1st place - M. Koga, San Mateo  
2nd place - K. Ching, Sacramento  
3rd place - D. Aguero, Salinas  
3rd place - M. Mori, Salinas

##### Yudansha

1st place - Y. Onitsuka, Salinas  
2nd place - A. Okuma, San Jose  
3rd place - T. Sakano, Oakland  
3rd place - G. Harada, Sacramento

##### Youth Team - Sacramento

##### Women's Team - San Jose

##### Adult Team - Salinas

#### AUSKF IAIDO CHAMPIONSHIPS - September 30, 2006, Cincinnati

##### Mudansha Division

1st place - Marcos Altuna, ShidoDC  
2nd place - Michelle Gay, KenZen  
3rd place - David Spina, KenZen  
3rd place - Matthew Blanchard, Doshikai  
Kantosho - Robert Maddox, Meitokukan

##### Yamaguchi Hai (1st Dan and 2nd Dan)

1st place - Paul Shin, ShidogakuinNY  
2nd place - Terry Fukui, KenZen  
3rd place - Paul Tigh, DFWKIK  
3rd place - Jonathan Corum, JSS  
Kantosho - Walter Gallo, SeiZanKen

##### Nakanishi Hai (3rd Dan and Above)

1st place - Pam Parker, KenZen  
2nd place - Yukiko Abe, Northern Kentucky  
3rd place - Jason Hankins, ZenBuKan  
3rd place - Sachiko Prough, JSS  
Kantosho - Samuel Okuno, Norwalk

#### SHINKYU SHINSA

##### IAIDO SHINSA, October 1, 2006, Cincinnati.

**3RD KYU:** Billy DeLancey (Memphis), Conrad DeLancey (Memphis), Amanda Doran (Memphis), Donovan McCain (Memphis), Thomas Petchel (Musokai), Brian Railing (Musokai), Heath Rice (Memphis), Larry Runnels (Memphis), Hiroshi Toriumi (ZenBuKan), Daisuke Ueda (DFWKIK), Adam Wilson (Memphis). **2ND KYU:** Robert Baruch (Washington), Barbra Esher (Washington), Tomoyuki Hirasawa (DFWKIK), James Konrad (Annapolis), Sylvain Leroy (KenZen), Philip Ma (Norwalk), Shauna Toh (Meitokukan). **1ST KYU:** Lee Adamo (JSS), Arthur Cain (JSS), Chao-I Huang (JSS), Robert Maddux, Cheuk Ying Tang (JSS), Lauren Valdata (Annapolis), Jeremy Yamashiro (ZenBuKan), David Yang (JSS). **1ST DAN:** Marcos Altuna (ShidogakuinDC), Matthew Blanchard (DoshiKai), Mark Chevalier (Memphis), Michelle Gay (KenZen), David S. Jones (Charlotte), Martin Kale (DoshiKai), Mark Magpayo (JSS), Robert Souder (GulfCoast), David Spina (KenZen). **2ND DAN:** Donald Crittenden (Memphis), Robert Eitel (Annapolis), Rod Faghani (ShidogakuinDC), Shigemi Matsuyama (Cleveland), Paul Tigh (DFWKIK), Robert Tranchin (DFWKIK). **3RD DAN:** Andre Chen (ShidogakuinDC), Chad Cook (DoshiKai), Jonathan Corum (JSS), Terry Fukui (KenZen), Peter D. Lichtman (Norwalk), Kevin Loughlin (KenZen), Tom Olson (DoshiKai), Paul Shin (ShidogakuinNY). **4TH DAN:** Richard Hill (Emeryville), Jean Kodama (Norwalk), Koichiro R. Tanaka (SanJose), Michael Ugarte (KenZen). **5TH DAN:** Debi Farmer (ShidogakuinNY).

#### THE LAST WORD

We are often told about the value of *mitori-geiko*, or watching someone else's training objectively in order to learn, but few people really take it seriously. What I often see at big federation events are young kenshi lined up to fight a particular sensei, but all the while they are watching the training of another sensei. This is essentially belittling the sensei you are lining up to fence, and I personally would not like to accommodate such a rude person. What is the point of lining up to fight a sensei if you are not prepared to seriously observe their style and movement in order to give your best run? --Arimitsu Masaaki, "Hanshi Says," *Kendo World*, v.2 n.4 2004, page 24-25.

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