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PNKF DATEBOOK

1. Feb 23, PNKF Shinsa, Sat, Iaido 9am-12noon; Kendo 12:30-5pm, Bellevue.
2. Mar 1, PNKF Board, Sat, 2:20-4:30pm, Kent.
3. Mar 15, Highline Taikai, Sat, 10am, White Center Community Center.
4. Apr 19, PNKF Board, Sat, 2:30-4:30pm, Kent.
5. Apr 20, Cherry Blossom Festival (probable date).
6. May, UW Taikai, place, date, and time not yet determined.
7. May 3, PNKF Shinpan Seminar, Sat, 12noon-5pm, Kent.
8. May 17, Bellevue Junior Taikai, Sat, 9:30am-3pm.
9. Jun 7, PNKF Board, Sat, 2:30-4:30pm, Kent.
10. Jul 28/Aug 2, PNKF Junior Seminar, Mon/Sat (possible dates).
11. Aug 9, PNKF Shinsa, Sat, Iaido 9am-12noon; Kendo 12:30-5pm, Kent.
12. Sep 13, PNKF Board, Sat, 2-4pm, Kent.
13. Oct 11, PNKF Shinpan Seminar, Sat, 12noon-5pm, Kent.
14. Oct 18 or 25, Tacoma Taikai, Sat, 10am-4pm, Curtis High School (possible dates).
15. Nov 1, PNKF Board, Sat, 2-4pm, Kent.
16. Nov 15, PNKF Taikai, Sat, 9:30am, Kent.
17. Dec 20, Kent Taikai, Sat, report time 9am, start 9:30am, Kent.

OTHER DATES

1. Feb 22/23/24, 8th Hong Kong Asian Open Kendo Championships, HK Park Sports Centre.
2. Mar 29, BCKF Senior Championship, Sat, 11am, age 16 and over, 1st Dan and above, Steveston Community Center.
3. Apr 4/5/6, 20th Cleveland Taikai, special guest Kendo Hanshi 8th Dan Kakehashi Masaharu.
4. Apr 26/27, 12th Annual Harvard Invitational Shoryuhai Intercollegiate Taikai.
5. May 2/3/4, London Cup Kendo Taikai, Fri/Sat/Sun, London, UK.
6. May 10, Vancouver Taikai, Sat.
7. Jun 5/6/7/8, AUSKF Iaido Seminar, Championships, and Shinsa, hosted by John Prough Sensei, Japanese Swordsmanship Society Dojo, Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania.
8. Jul 3/4/5, AUSKF Kendo Championships, Las Vegas.
9. 2009, 14WKC, São Paulo, Brazil.

OBUKAN ROSE FESTIVAL TAIKAI - June 9, 2007, Jackson Middle School, Portland

Men's 4 Dan and Up

- 1st place - G. Suzaka, Seattle
2nd place - J. Hancock, Obukan

Men's 1-3 Dan

- 1st place - B. Imanishi, Cascade
2nd place - G. Takano, Everett
3rd place - J. Scherer, Cascade
3rd place - J. Marsten, Highline

Women's Dan

- 1st place - E. Marsten, Highline
2nd place - J. Chen, Sno-King

Junior Team

- 1st place - Spokane
2nd place - Bellevue

Men's Kyu

- 1st place - J. Akahoshi, Obukan
2nd place - S. Day, Kent
3rd place - J. Lamb, Spokane
3rd place - H. Iba, Bellevue

Women's Kyu

- 1st place - S. Jolly, Kent
2nd place - N. Grimes, Sno-King
3rd place - W. Sinclair, Spokane
3rd place - M. Osako, Obukan

Juniors 13-15 Years

- 1st place - P. Yoon, Cascade
2nd place - C. Marsten, Kent
3rd place - G. Burgess, Bellevue
3rd place - T. Iba, Bellevue

Juniors 10-12 Years

- 1st place - S. Cresse, Kent
2nd place - D. Sinclair, Spokane
3rd place - D. Keen, Bellevue
3rd place - S. Hattori, Obukan

Juniors 9 Years and Under

- 1st place - T. Marsten, Kent
2nd place - W. Monahan, Obukan
3rd place - J. Hunt, Obukan
3rd place - C. Walcott, Obukan

Senior Team

- 1st place - Cascade
2nd place - Highline
3rd place - Spokane
3rd place - Obukan

3rd INTERCOLLEGIATE KENDO TOURNAMENT - January 19, 2008, London, Ontario

Basic Skill Team Match

Advanced Team Match

1st place - Western Ontario A	1st place - Western Ontario A
2nd place - Western Ontario B	2nd place - Toronto A
3rd place - Western Ontario C	3rd place - York
3rd place - Toronto A	3rd place - Waterloo A

Women's Open

1st place - L. Ma, Guelph
 2nd place - T. Ichikawa, York
 3rd place - K. Funahashi, Toronto
 3rd place - M. Land, Toronto

Men's Open

1st place - K. Lee, Waterloo
 2nd place - E. Jung, Toronto
 3rd place - A. Reynolds, Toronto
 3rd place - R. Yasumura, Waterloo

46th ANNUAL STEVESTON KENDO TOURNAMENT - February 9, 2008, McMath High School

10 Years and Under

1st place - J. Tubajon, Steveston
 2nd place - Yu Okada, Hawai'i
 3rd place - T. Samkange, Bellevue
 3rd place - C. Kim, Renfrew

11 to 13 Years

1st place - K. Knecht, Renfrew
 2nd place - Ja Tubajon, Steveston
 3rd place - S. Cresse, Kent
 3rd place - C. Marsten, Kent

14 to 15 Years

1st place - B. Fukutomi, Hawai'i
 2nd place - C. Mills, Kent
 3rd place - P. Yoon, Cascade
 3rd place - R. Murao, Steveston

Junior Team

1st place - Kent
 2nd place - Hawai'i
 3rd place - NCKF
 3rd place - Steveston

Non-Degree 0-4 Kyu

1st place - YK Kwon, Central
 2nd place - M. Chang, Central
 3rd place - HL Ko, Steveston
 3rd place - J. Clark, Sunrise

Non-Degree 1-3 Kyu

1st place - Ad Eitoku, NCKF
 2nd place - A. Choe, SCKF
 3rd place - P. Cresse, Kent
 3rd place - T. Kumagai, NCKF

Ladies 1 Dan and Under

1st place - L. Murao, Steveston
 2nd place - H. Yamada, Vancouver
 3rd place - N. Grimes, Sno-King
 3rd place - N. Ton, Seattle

Ladies 2 Dan and Above

1st place - A. Takado, Spokane
 2nd place - S. Choi, SCKF
 3rd place - M. Taguchi, Renfrew
 3rd place - E. Marsten, Highline

1-2 Dan

1st place - B. Chung, Steveston
 2nd place - SH Jung, Vancouver
 3rd place - K. Umeda, NCKF
 3rd place - J. Hatakeyama, NCKF

3 Dan

1st place - T. Hori, SCKF
 2nd place - F. Itokazu, SCKF
 3rd place - N. Nakano, Steveston
 3rd place - K. Miyamoto, Ontario

4 Dan and Above

1st place - C. Yang, SCKF
 2nd place - D. Taguchi, Renfrew
 3rd place - J. Brown, SCKF
 3rd place - T. Ariga, Butokuden

Senior Team

1st place - SCKF
 2nd place - Univ of Victoria
 3rd place - Youshinkan
 3rd place - Renbu

GRATITUDE TO GARY IMANISHI SENSEI

Pat Yoshitsugu Murosako Sensei reports that on January 27, he and Rod Nobuto Omoto Sensei and Paul Kurose Sensei honored Gary Y. Imanishi Sensei with a special luncheon at Anthony's in Tacoma in deep appreciation of the ShiOnKai which Imanishi Sensei and Cascade Kendo Kai had sponsored on September 30, 2006. Kiyoshi Yasui Sensei was not able to be present, but he joined the other three in also expressing his thanks for the ShiOnKai.

THE LAST WORD

Jiri-sobo (Forgetting principles and technique) -- the stage after Jiri-itchi (Unification of principles and technique) Kendo is a way of cultivating the body and mind by training in accordance with the principles of the sword. As such, you must be able to demonstrate an understanding of this concept when attempting high-level promotion examinations. In the days when warriors actually fought with swords, they would rarely make the first attack. Instead, they coaxed their opponents into thinking that they had a good chance to attack, and just as they were about to launch their assault, they would nip it in the bud. This is the concept of *sensen-no-sen*.

When you are sitting a grading [taking a shinsa], you only have two minutes (or less) to demonstrate your level of Kendo proficiency. During that time, how do you make your opponent attack? How do you confuse or unsettle them? These are the things you need to keep in mind in the course of your everyday training. If you truly take your training as a life-death encounter, you will naturally put emphasis on taking the first point. It is important to train with an attitude that is unforgiving of failure to achieve this.

Elegance and beauty in technique is not something that can be faked. It can only be demonstrated through continuous training with these points in mind. By doing so, your *waza* will become second nature, and an air of grace will naturally manifest itself in your movement. An old teaching suggests that any *waza* that can be explained is not real. In other words, to be genuine, it must be done unconsciously and naturally. This is *jiri-itchi*, and is the unification of technique and mind; an important goal in your training. However, to make acquisition of this level of mastery useful to society, you must then forget your fixation with technique and mind (*jiri-sobo*). Only then can it be natural. That is the next level of mastery, and what we as *kendoka* should aspire to. This is to better the self for the betterment of society.

--Oka Kenjiro, "Always keep the 'principles of the sword' in mind when training," *Hanshi Says, Kendo World* 4.1, 2007, p. 98.

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