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PNKF DATEBOOK

1. Apr 18/19/20, Cherry Blossom Festival.
2. Apr 19, PNKF Board, Sat, 2:30-4:30pm, Kent.
3. May, UW Taikai, place, date, and time not yet determined.
4. May 17, Bellevue Junior Taikai, Sat, 9:30am-3pm.
5. Jun 7, Portland Rose Festival Taikai, Sat.
6. Jun 7, PNKF Board, Sat, 2:30-4:30pm, Kent.
7. Jul 19 or 26, PNKF Shinpan Seminar, Sat, 12noon-5pm, Kent.
8. Jul 28/Aug 2, PNKF Junior Seminar, Mon/Sat (possible dates).
9. Aug 9, PNKF Shinsa, Sat, Iaido 9am-12noon; Kendo 12:30-5pm, Kent.
10. Sep 13, PNKF Board, Sat, 2-4pm, Kent.
11. Oct 4, PNKF Shinpan Seminar, Sat, 12noon-5pm, Kent.
12. Oct 18 or 25, Tacoma Taikai, Sat, 10am-4pm, Curtis High School (possible dates).
13. Nov 1, PNKF Board, Sat, 2-4pm, Kent.
14. Nov 15, PNKF Taikai, Sat, 9:30am, Kent.
15. Dec 20, Kent Taikai, Sat, report time 9am, start 9:30am, Kent.

OTHER DATES

1. Mar 28/29/30, 2008 Naginata Seminar and 7th Annual New York Open Naginata Championship, Community Education and Recreation Center, Jersey City, New Jersey.
2. Mar 29, BCKF Senior Championship, Sat, 11am, age 16 and over, 1st Dan and above, Steveston Community Centre.
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, 10am, BCIT, SE16 bldg 3700 Willingdon Ave, Burnaby, BC.
7. May 31, BCKF Junior Taikai, Sat, 11am (please arrive by 10:30am), all children age 15 and under, including beginners with no bogu, BBQ following, Steveston Community Centre.
8. Jun 5/6/7/8, AUSKF Iaido Seminar, Championships, and Shinsa, hosted by John Prough Sensei, Japanese Swordsmanship Society Dojo, Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania.
9. Jul 3/4/5, AUSKF Kendo Championships, Las Vegas.
10. Jul 25-Aug 1, 2008 AJKF Foreign Kendo Leader's Summer Seminar for those who are instructors presently or potential instructors, with Kendo 3 Dan or Higher Dan in principle, or those having proficiency equivalent to 3 Dan or above; deadline for application, April 10, 2008.
11. 2009, 14WKC, São Paulo, Brazil.

2008 SHIDOGAKUIN ANNUAL YOUTH AND COLLEGIATE TOURNAMENT - March 9, 2008, Keio Academy of NY

A Division (up to 10)

- 1st place - Kodai Koyanagawa, Shido CT
2nd place - Walker Manning, Shido CT
3rd place - Aoiko Abe, Kyudokan
3rd place - Gen Kaneko, Shido NJ

B Division (11-12)

- 1st place - Yasuaki Onishi, Shido NY
2nd place - Anson Yan, Shido DC
3rd place - Ryuichi Kuraoka, Shodokan
3rd place - Miki Konishi, Shido DC
Fighting Spirit - Masaki Hirano, Shido CT

C Division (13-15)

- 1st place - Tetsuro Akamatsu, Keio
2nd place - Taishi Kato, Shido CT
3rd place - Sean Fitzpatrick, Shido DC
3rd place - Yudai Koyanagawa, Shido CT
Fighting Spirit - Daihachi Yagi, Shido NY

D Division (16-18)

- 1st place - Shota Nishimura, Yushinkan
2nd place - Kohei Tanigawa, Keio
3rd place - Kensuke Ishii, Keio
3rd place - Ryota Nishimura, Yushinkan
Fighting Spirit - Eric Yan, Shido DC

E Division (19 and up) Mudansha

- 1st place - Charles Zhu, Cornell
2nd place - Matthew Leong, Shido NJ
3rd place - Jeff Mitchell, Godaiken
3rd place - Jason Husch, Shido DC
Fighting Spirit - Jullian Brown-Wallace,
Toronto

F Division (19 and up) Yudansha

- 1st place - Masakazu Nakamura, Kyudokan
2nd place - YonMok Lee, Rutgers
3rd place - Tadahiro Kaburaki, Cornell
3rd place - Lui Kawasumi, Brown
Fighting Spirit - Michael Manning,
Shido NY

Kato Cup

- Tetsuro Akamatsu, Keio

Mitsukoshi Cup

- 1st place - Rutgers A
2nd place - Yushinkan A
3rd place - Cornell
3rd place - Shodokan

32nd ANNIVERSARY HIGHLINE MUDANSHA TAIKAI - March 15, 2008, White Center

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| 1st place - F. Wessbecher, Cascade | 2nd place - S. Burgess, Bellevue |
| 3rd place - M. DeJong, Highline | 3rd place - N. Grimes, Sno-King |
| 4th place - C. Thompson, Spokane | 4th place - W. Chen, Northwest |
| 4th place - B. Kuster, Spokane | 4th place - P. Cresse, Kent |

TEAMS

1st place - 18 points 2nd place - Team Wessbecher and Bellevue 11 points each
3rd place - Kent 10 points

PASSAGE

Mitsuzuka Takeshi, Iaido Kyoshi Hachidan. On March 5, 2008, Mitsuzuka Sensei passed away from liver cancer. He was 83 years old. His home was in Warabi, Saitama, where he was retired from the police force. A direct student of Nakayama Hakudo Sensei (1869-1958), Mitsuzuka Sensei began training in Iai in about 1955. He is well known in Iai circles as the person who wrote the beautiful calligraphy and appeared in the photographs illustrating the first 10 kata of the ZenKenIai in *Japanese Swordsmanship - Technique and Practice*, by Gordon Warner and Donn F. Draeger (New York, Weatherhill, 1982). He first arrived in the United States at about the age of 50 in the summer of 1976 invited by Ray Otani Sensei to contribute to a seminar at the New York Iaikai. Asked to demonstrate his Iai, Mitsuzuka Sensei showed Shohatto, and said that everything he knew about Iaido was in that kata. If people couldn't see it, that wasn't his problem but theirs. Mitsuzuka Sensei was adamant about staying away from the Kendo Federation, preferring the freedom of his own venue in an organization called the Sanshinkai. He was also widely influential among Aikido people who do Iai, such as Seattle's own Bruce Bookman. Mitsuzuka Sensei is survived by his wife Hiroko, his son Munehiro, who is also active in Iai, and his grandson. The editor thanks Craig Hocker Sensei and John Prough Sensei for kindly contributing to this article.

Nakabara Torataro, Kendo Hanshi Hachidan. On March 10, 2008 Nakabara Sensei passed away in Los Angeles age 94. Born November 23, 1913 in Yamaguchi-ken, he came to the United States in 1957. He was past president of the Southern California Kendo Federation, and from 1969-1990 he was president of the Kendo Federation of the United States of America. His was the official signature on everyone's menjo for more than two decades. Nakabara Sensei was the leading example and inspiration for countless Iai students. An 8mm film of his demonstration taken by Konno Sensei at the 1981 WSKF Taikai was for many years the gold standard of the proper performance of the ZenKenIai. His physique appeared frail and elderly, but when he put on bogu, his Kendo was unquestionably that of a monstrosly powerful and genuine hachidan. He will always remain a very beloved figure in American Kendo. The editor is grateful to Norman Otani Sensei for contributing to this article.

SHINKYU SHINSA

IAIDO SHINSA, February 23, 2008, Bellevue.

3RD KYU: David Camp (Tri-Cities), Hayes Lanier (Musokai), David Lau (Musokai), Emily Morgan (Musokai), John Morrow (Musokai). **2ND KYU:** Matthew Camp (Tri-Cities), Clarito Zapanta (Musokai). **1ST KYU:** Wesley American Horse (Everett), James Boyd (Everett), Frank Hauser (Alaska), Ryosuke Ito (Everett), Thomas Petchel (Tacoma), Brian Railing (Musokai), Sam Sutherland (Obukan), Anthony Zee (Sno-King). **1ST DAN:** Hiroaki Fukumoto (Seattle), Tim Roth (Tacoma). **2ND DAN:** René Fox (Tri-Cities), Marcus Phung (Musokai).

KENDO SHINSA, February 23, 2008, Bellevue.

6TH KYU: Jennifer DeJong (Highline), Arius Jackson (Puyallup), Edward Park (Bellevue), Austin Yoon (Bellevue). **5TH KYU:** Zach Boyd (Cascade), Celine Cheung (Cascade), Edwina Choung (Cascade), Tosh Samkange (Bellevue), Mina So. **4TH KYU:** Mia Abe (Bellevue), Noelle Bruce (Idaho), Sanghoon Chong (Northwest), Micah Drew (Idaho), Melanie DeJong (Highline), Corrine Fish (Bellevue), Jane Kang (Northwest), Danielle Keen (Bellevue), David H. Kim (Bellevue), Edward Liou (Bellevue), Noel Paul (UW), Kat Plummer (Idaho), Kathleen Shuster (Kent), Andy Sinclair (Spokane), Courtney Symmes (Highline), William Wilson (Tacoma), Raeanne Wolfley (Puyallup), Trent Yamada (Bellevue), Patrick Yoon (Cascade). **3RD KYU:** Lisa Abe (Bellevue), Sharon Blomquist (Bellevue), Gregory Brown (Obukan), Erica DeJong (Highline), Mary DeJong (Highline), Jordan Duplain (Spokane), Mark Frederick (Northwest), Roddy Garth (Meadowbrook), Ariel Goh (Seattle), Brandon Goh (Seattle), Joshua Hansell (Seattle), Joseph Hilby (Idaho), Christian H. Kim (Bellevue), Christian J. Kim (Bellevue), John Kliem (Tacoma), Justin Lamb (Spokane), Ken Maddy (Bellevue), Mayumi Maddy (Bellevue), Thomas Matsumiya (Bellevue), Matt Miller (Idaho), Stefan Moore (UW), Mark Roddy (Meadowbrook), Young Shim (Bellevue), Nick Shiosaki (Pocatello), Daniel Sinclair (Spokane), John-Paul Stroud (Idaho), Adam Waterreus (Spokane). **2ND KYU:** Sean Cresse (Kent), Sean Flynn (Idaho), Debbie Holden (Tacoma), Kathy Liao (UW), Nikolias Mikelsons (Kent), Bert Tsutakawa (Highline), Frank Wessbecher (Cascade). **1ST KYU:** Tyler Abe (Cascade), Weiju Chen (Northwest), Hitomi Higori (Obukan), Ruth Kim (Bellevue), Shilo Kistler (Cascade), Gerhard Nuffer (Obukan), Stevie Olver (Tacoma), Austen Samkange (Bellevue), Robert Shields (Cascade), Jan VanYsslestyne (Seattle), Teri Yoshikawa (Tacoma), Lei Yu (Northwest). **1ST DAN:** Jason Akahoshi (Obukan), Jared Burns (Obukan), Perry Hunter (Obukan), Hana Lee (Highline), Scot Maxon (Meadowbrook), Wendy Sinclair (Spokane), Haruka Takano (Seattle), Jason Wang (Cascade), Chris Weaver (Sno-King). **2ND DAN:** Lance Clifford (Big Sky), Ryosuke Ito (Everett), Apurva Jantrania (Obukan), Sean McNally (Spokane), Ikaika Yoshikawa (Tacoma), Anthony Zee (Sno-King). **3RD DAN:** Huicheng Chang (Obukan), Julie Chen (Sno-King), Hiroaki Fukumoto (Seattle), Chris Tilt (Obukan), Leonid Tsybert (Bellevue), Marcus Tobias Weidner (UW). **4TH DAN:** Rhett Atagi (Idaho), Ryan Atagi (Idaho), Jonathan Byrd (Pocatello), Lonny Hancock (Obukan), Jeffrey Marsten (Highline).

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