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PNKF DATEBOOK

1. Apr 29 thru May 5, 3rd US Niten Ichi Ryu Musashi Kai Kendo Seminar, hosted by Idaho Kendo Club, Boise. Heido 9th Dan Kendo Kyoshi 7th Dan Sasaki Hirotsugu, Heido 8th Dan Kendo Renshi 6th Dan Sato Futoshi, Heido 6th Dan Kendo 4th Dan Inoue Mitsuru, Heido 6th Dan Kendo 4th Dan Fujita Shigeru, and Heido 5th Dan Kendo 4th Dan Kashima Kazuhiko.
2. May 1, PNKF Board, Sat, 3-5pm, Renton.
3. May 22, Bellevue Junior Taikai, Sat, 9:30am-3pm.
4. Jun 5, Rose Festival Taikai, Sat, 10am, Cascade College, 9101 East Burnside Street, Portland.
5. Jun 17/20, Budo from Hiroshima, Obukan Summer Camp, campus of Linfield College, Oregon.
Iaido - Iaido Kyoshi 8th Dan Okuda Kazuma, Iaido Kyoshi 7th Dan Urabe Hisashi, and Iaido 5th Dan Ikeoka Haruko; **Jodo** - Jodo, Iaido, and Judo 7th Dan Fujita Takeshi; **Kendo** - Kendo Kyoshi 7th Dan Yoshihara Tadanori, Nakamoto Masaharu, Sasaki Sadao, and Tsuchida Kichibee.
Questions or interest in registration, please email Adam Hogan: bamboo4683@yahoo.com.
6. Jun 19/25, 4th PNKF Women's Kendo Seminar, with Kendo Renshi 6th Dan Mayumi Katsura, Bitter Lake Community Center.
7. Jun 26, PNKF Women's Kendo Tournament, Sat, 9:30am, Renton Community Center, 1715 Maple Valley Highway.
8. Jul 10, meeting of people interested in PNKF Team, Sat, 10am-12noon, Kent.
9. Jul 10, PNKF Shinpan Seminar, Sat, 12noon-5pm, Kent.
10. Jul 24, PNKF Board, Sat, 3-5pm, Renton.
11. Aug 7, PNKF Shinsa, Feb 27, PNKF Shinsa, Sat, Iaido 9am-12noon; Kendo 12:30-5pm, Kent.
12. Aug 20-24, Spokane Summer Camp, Fri-Tue (tentative).
13. Sep 18, PNKF Board, Sat, 3-5pm, Renton.
14. Oct 2, PNKF Shinpan Seminar, Sat, 12noon-5pm, Kent.
15. Oct 9/10, PNKF Iaido Seminar, Sat/Sun, Rain City Fencing, 1776 136th Place NE, Bellevue, WA.
16. Oct 23, Tacoma Taikai, Sat, 10am-4pm (tentative).
17. Nov 6, PNKF Taikai, Sat, 9:30am, Kent.
18. Nov 13, PNKF Board, Sat, 3-5pm, Renton.
19. Nov 20, Kent Taikai, Sat, report time 9am, start 9:30am, Kent.

OTHER DATES

1. May 8, Steveston Taikai, Sat, 9:30am, McMath High School, 4251 Garry Street, Richmond BC.
2. May 15, Ito Tsutomu Cup Team Shiai and Ito Youth and Women's Tournament, Sat, 8am, with Ito Koetsu (son of Ito Tsutomu) and other guests, Susan M. Duncan Family YMCA, 6350 Eldridge Street, Arvada, Colorado.
3. May 29, BC Junior Taikai, Sat (tentative).
4. Jun 9/10/11/12/13, AUSKF Iaido Seminar, Wed/Thu/Fri/Sat/Sun, Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas. Please see: <http://www.rivercityiaido.com/2010%20Summer%20Camp/index.html>
5. Jul 2/3/4, AUSKF Kendo Seminar and Shinsa, Fri/Sat/Sun, with Kendo Hanshi 8th Dan Hamazaki Mitsuru, and Kendo Kyoshi 8th Dan Sato Keio, Pacific Lutheran University, 12180 Park Ave. S, Tacoma, WA.
6. Jul 24/25, AUSKF Junior Open Championship, Sat/Sun, Buchser Middle School, 1111 Bellomy Street, Santa Clara, California.

PNKF TEAM MEETING

There will be a meeting July 10, 10am at Kent, of all who are interested in the PNKF Team.

34th ANNUAL UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON INVITATIONAL KENDO TOURNAMENT - April 3, 2010

Women's Open

1st place - E. Marsten, Highline
2nd place - T. Ying, Highline
3rd place - N. Grimes, UW
3rd place - N. Suen, Seattle

4 Dan and Above

1st place - T. Yamada, Vancouver
2nd place - N. Tanimura, Seattle
3rd place - G. Suzaka, Seattle
3rd place - W. Robillard, Steveston

0-4 Kyu

1st place - D. Oh, UW
2nd place - E. Dominey, UW
3rd place - K. D'Souza, Steveston
3rd place - N. Tamaki, UW

1-3 Kyu

1st place - D. Tsai, UW
2nd place - T. Ernst, Bellevue
3rd place - N. Jang, WU
3rd place - D. Coombs, Obukan

1-2 Dan

1st place - R. Murao, Steveston
2nd place - Y. Sasagake, Bellevue
3rd place - B. Kuster, Spokane
3rd place - T. Iba, Sno-King

3 Dan

1st place - N. Nakano, Steveston
2nd place - S. McNally, Spokane
3rd place - M. Sinclair, UW
3rd place - L. Tsybert, Bellevue

Teams

1st place - Seattle A (M.Mizuuchi,H.Christianson,G.Suzaka,S.Guidi,N.Tanimura)
2nd place - UW A (Y.Shim,M.Sinclair,F.Wessbecher,N.Grimes,D.Tsai)

Kazuo and Tomo Shoji Inspirational Award - Lan VoBa

14th HARVARD INVITATIONAL SHORYUHAI INTERCOLLEGIATE KENDO TOURNAMENT - April 10/11, 2010

Teams

1st place - UCLA A (Siedlecki,Amano,
Shinoyamada,Sano,Yokoyama)
2nd place - UW (Y.Shim,M.Sinclair
F.Wessbecher,N.Grimes,D.Tsai)
3rd place - Soka U A (Jurado,Nakagome,Mori,Matsukira,Takino)
3rd place - Stonybrook A (Hur,Kim,Lee,Jang,Suh)

Individuals

1st place - Hideto Kinjo, UC Riverside
2nd place - Julian Amano, UCLA
3rd place - Tenji Takino, Soka U
3rd place - Alex Eitoku, Boston U

PASSAGE

On March 4, Kendo Kyoshi 7th Dan and Iaido 6th Dan Gordon Warner passed away at age 97. Born October 24, 1912 in Pasadena, California, and a scholar with a BA and MA from USC, and a Ph.D. from UC Berkeley, Warner Sensei was known to all kenshi for two books, *This is Kendo: the Art of Japanese Fencing* (co-authored with his friend the famous pacifist, clergyman, politician, 16th Soke of the Ono-ha Itto Ryu, and Kendo Hanshi 10th Dan Sasamori Junzo) and *Japanese Swordsmanship: Technique and Practice* (co-authored with noted Koryu practitioner and scholar Donn Draeger), and he was also founding editor of and frequent contributor to *Black Belt* magazine. At USC he was a powerful athlete on the varsity swim team, and at that time also began studying Judo and Kendo prior to graduating and joining the US Marine Corps as a second lieutenant. In 1937 he began to study Kendo with Mori Torao Sensei, and traveled to Noma Dojo in Japan with Mori Sensei's letter of invitation. There he studied with the great Kendo Hanshi 10th Dan Mochida Moriiji, received Kendo 1st Dan after two years of training, and also began Iaido. In 1939 he returned to the United States with a parting gift of a sword which had survived the Battle of Sekigahara, a family heirloom to this day for Warner Sensei's children Ion and Tomoe. In the onset of World War Two, Warner Sensei was called to active duty, and was a hand-to-hand combat instructor until being deployed to the South Pacific. He has told how during the Battle of Bougainville when his group was impossibly pinned down by the well-dug-in enemy, he used the ruse of loudly calling out a command to them in Japanese to "Fix bayonets! Charge!" whereupon the enemy troops obediently rose up out of their well-protected cover and were mown down by the Marines. He was the first person to raise a US flag on the island. It was later in the same battle that Warner Sensei's left leg was irreversibly shattered by a heavy machinegun bullet, requiring it to be amputated below the hip. He was awarded the Navy Cross. Returning stateside, he continued his education, while meantime Mori Sensei helped him develop strategies for practicing Kendo using a custom hardwood prosthetic leg, and specializing in jodan and nito attacks. He reported that when he eventually made his way back to Noma Dojo and went out on the floor and nito practiced, afterward the only thing Mochida Sensei said was "Oh, you're back." Such was the indomitable Kendo/Marine Corps spirit of Warner Sensei, who deflected adulation about his doing Kendo after losing one leg by calling it "merely an incident of war." On November 3, 2002, Warner Sensei was a guest of honor at the 50th All Japan Kendo Championship. His son reports that he bore his final days with calm and dignity, and "kept his bushido spirit to the very end." Robert Stroud Sensei relays this advice from Warner Sensei: "He told me that if I wanted to do what he had (in Kendo) all I had to do was go to the Dojo every day, and survive whatever happens."

On March 7, Kendo and Iaido Hanshi 8th Dan Haga Tadatoshi passed away at age 92. Born in Hiroshima Prefecture March 26, 1917, he graduated from Kokushikan University, and taught in Kokushikan Middle School. With World War Two he was a Kendo teacher for the Naval Aviation Academy in Mie Prefecture. After the War he moved to Shizuoka prefecture in 1946. He continued his work as a high school teacher including at Nakaogakuen and Shiba Shoguo. His elder brother Haga Junichi was a deshi of Nakayama Hakudo and together with Nakakura Kiyoshi and Nakajima Goro was one of the famous Sanba Garasu ("Three Crows"). Because of this relationship, Haga Tadatoshi was a direct student of Nakayama Hakudo. Other teachers who were major influences on him include Ogawa Chutarō, Saimura Goro, Ono Jyu, Okano Mataichi, Koshiro Mitsumutsu, and Oshima Haruki. Because of our close ties with his friend and student Kendo Hanshi 8th Dan Asaoka Mitsuru, and through Asaoka Sensei's great generosity, we in the PNKF benefitted immensely from Haga Sensei's visits here every summer for thirteen consecutive years from 1986 through 1999, and were able to gain tremendous insights into Kendo and Iaido from him. Haga Sensei was influential in the upper leadership of All Japan Kendo Federation, the All Japan Kendo Dojo Federation, and the Shizuoka Prefecture Kendo Federation. With his background in elementary and middle school teaching, he gave us especially effective insights into working with children. Haga Sensei was a sharp critic of Kendo who contributed to the literature, including articles in March 1992 and March 2003 *Kendo Jidai*, and a major passionate 23 page interview in the October 2006 *Kendo Nippon* on mind and technique, emphasizing his concern for the emotional spirit and philosophy of Kendo and Iai. He was also the author of *Kendo no Uta*, a book using poems to teach important Kendo principles. He invented pedagogical games such as cutting newspaper with shinai, and having shiai in which participants match their performance of the Nihon Kendo Kata. Along the same lines, he was a strong advocate of taikai for Iai shiai. Haga Sensei was very active, participating in the All Japan East West Taiko, the National Athletics Meet, the Prefectural tournament, and the games in celebration of the Meiji Centennial. Haga Sensei's students were also thrilled by his cameo appearance in the famous *Kendo's Gruelling Challenge* video documenting Ishida Kenichi's passing the 8th Dan Shinsa. On July 2 and 3, 1991, the great Hanshi 9th Dan Nakakura Kiyoshi and his wife were personal guests here in the Des Moines home of Curtis Marsten Sensei. This happened to occur during one of Haga Sensei's extended stays with us, and it was absolutely incredible to sit in Marsten Sensei's livingroom and listen to Haga Sensei and Nakakura Sensei reminisce about the old days with Nakayama Hakudo, Ueshiba Morihei, and other legendary figures. In June 1998 Haga Sensei arranged for 8th Dan Narasaki Masahiko, Nakanishi Yasushi, and Yamazaki Takashige to attend the opening of Asaoka Sensei's Unison Dojo in North Vancouver. In the fall of 1998, Haga Sensei bestowed the name of his own Yushinkan Dojo on Asaoka Sensei's Dojo, thus permanently signaling the direct transmission from Nakayama Hakudo. All those who have known and studied with Haga Tadatoshi Sensei count themselves among the most fortunate kenshi in the world.

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KENDO SHINSA, April 17, 2010, Shanghai, China.

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