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DATEBOOK

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1. The next WSKF Board meeting is Saturday, October 10, 6:00 p.m., at Imperial Lanes. This is also the deadline to have all Shinkyu Shinsa applications and fees in to Doug Imanishi, and all Board Election ballots in to Jeffrey Marsten.
2. There will be a special scorekeeping seminar at the Seattle practice Sunday, October 11, 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. at Saint Peter's Gym.
3. The next WSKF Practice is Friday, October 16, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at Northwest Center. This practice will also be a shinpan seminar for the WSKF Taikai.
4. There will be a special Taikai Preparation meeting on Sunday, October 18, 6:00 p.m., at Imperial Lanes.
5. The WSKF Taikai will be Saturday, November 14, 10:00 a.m., at Highline High School, 225 South 152nd Street. The Taikai is a tremendous job, and the effort of all kenshi and kendo supporters is essential, so please let your dojo head know right away that you're available to help make our Taikai a success again this year.
6. Shinkyu Shinsa will be Sunday, November 15.

TRANSITION

Two of the sensei who founded WSKF in 1975 are retiring this month. Rod Nobuto Omoto and Yoshihiko Tanabe have resigned from kendo effective the last day of September, just twenty years after re-organizing the post-war Tacoma Buddhist Temple Kendo Club in 1967. Omoto Sensei and Tanabe Sensei have entrusted us with a firm foundation and a beautiful edifice, and blessed us with the confidence that we can carry on from here. There is no way we can really thank them enough for all that they've done for kendo. Perhaps the thing they would like the most would be for us to redouble our efforts to practice as hard as we can, and do our suburi every day. Thanks are also due to Mrs. Omoto and Mrs. Tanabe who have sacrificed a great deal in their own unselfish support of kendo all these years. With deep appreciation we certainly wish them and Omoto Sensei and Tanabe Sensei all the best in their retirement.

TACOMA KENDO CLUB NEWS

With the retirement of Omoto Sensei and Tanabe Sensei, direction of the Tacoma Kendo Club has been turned over to George Bucholtz and Akio Minakami. The club will be moving out of the Tacoma Buddhist Temple as soon as new quarters can be secured. KENYU will carry details as soon as they're available, but meantime please call George (938-0497) for updates as to time and place of practice.

CONGRATULATIONS

David and Cathy Yotsuuye welcomed the arrival of their new son, Brandon Teruo, on Sunday, September 13, at 6:50 a.m. Brandon was six pounds, twelve ounces, and twenty inches long. His sister, Ashley, who will be two in December, is delighted with her new brother. Again, congratulations!

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IAIDO FEDERATION NEWS

A contingent consisting of Murosako Sensei, Andy Chin, Dick Anderson, and Tom Bolling went to Vancouver, BC, to attend the iai seminar conducted by Tadatoshi Haga on August 22. Haga Sensei, who is Asaoka Sensei's teacher, is hachidan in kendo and iaido and a member of the All Japan Kendo Federation Seitei Iai Committee, and he updated us on the latest changes and thinking concerning the curriculum. Then, on Saturday, September 19, most of the Iai Federation gathered at Joe Jordan's ranch east of Duvall for a gala potluck. The weather was perfect and everyone had a great time helping Murosako Sensei catch some fish to stock the stream running through his garden, playing with Joe's beautiful horses, eating, and drinking up a storm.

4TH US CHAMPIONSHIPS

All the members of the WSKF teams consistently demonstrated excellent form and sincere fighting spirit in New York. Yoshi Kato and Yasuharu Ogushi won first and second place respectively in the goodwill matches. Everyone came home confident and eager to pursue their further development.

VISITING SENSEI

Bob Baxter's teacher in Japan, Hisaya Shoji, an exponent of the Hokushin Itto Ryu in the lineage of Chuzou Sato, visited WSKF and practiced with us on August 19 and 21. Four of his students were with him, and they all went on to Boise, Idaho to visit Bob's new dojo there. It was fascinating to have an introduction to the special shinai and waza of Chiba Shusaku's famous school. On August 12 Eto Sensei's friend Susumu Nishiyama of Tokyo also visited WSKF and gave us all an extremely pleasant evening of keiko.

THE LAST WORD

"All strategy is based on deception. Move when it is advantageous, and create changes in the situation by dispersal and concentration of forces. Let your swiftness be like the wind, your leisureliness like the forest; in attacking burn like fire, in standing settle like a mountain. With plans as unfathomable as dark clouds, when you act, fall like a thunderbolt." --Sonshi, Heiho.