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DATEBOOK

1. The next WSKF Practice is Sunday, July 17, 3:00 to 5:30 p.m., at Seattle.
2. The next WSKF Board meeting is Sunday, July 17, 6:00 p.m., at Imperial Lanes.
3. UW Kendo Club practice will resume Wednesday, June 22, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. PLEASE NOTE: UW will be meeting at the Hec Ed

Pavilion Addition Gym (same place as the US Taikai) until further notice... Hutchinson Hall will no longer be serving as a Gym, but is being turned into drama studios!

4. Again this summer Haga Tadatoshi, hanshi hachidan, will be visiting Sunrise dojo in Vancouver B.C., arriving August 16 with a group of his students. Exact plans are not yet set, but this is advance notice for some excellent opportunities to practice with Haga Sensei, an All-Japan leader in both kendo and iaido.

WORLD KENDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

We're all extremely pleased that Koike Sensei has returned safely to us from the 7th World Kendo Championships. He was one of the key shinpan for the entire event and the decisive final matches. At the Taikai he met quite a few friends of WSKF, and afterwards went to Japan and practiced with many of them. He brings back greeting from Matsunaga Sensei, Sato Sensei, Shoji Sensei, Ishizuka Sensei, and Arae Sensei, among others, plus word that Arae Sensei plans on coming to Seattle next summer! Koike Sensei reports that there are changes in the rules for shiai which he will be clarifying for us in the coming weeks.

SUMMER KENDO CAMP

The Seattle Kendo Kai retreat at Camp Colman June 17, 18 and 19 was a huge success! The kendo seminar portion was a three-part sequence conducted by Yabe Sensei. Also there for a practice each were Murosako Sensei and Koike Sensei. There was lots of swimming, boating, beachcombing, plain old relaxing, and excellent food, all in an idyllic setting. Many thanks to Seattle for throwing open this annual event to the general WSKF membership. It's already scheduled for Father's Day weekend next summer, and your Editor is definitely planning to be there!

BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY KENDO CLUB NEWS

Bob Baxter writes that he will be returning to Japan in August. His student, John Reese, will be in charge of the practice, which at the moment is a little up in the air due to a location change. We'd like to thank the Club for an extremely generous monetary donation to KENYU, and we wish Bob all the best in his new adventures! Please say hello to Shoji Sensei and the students who accompanied him here last summer.

THE LAST WORD

"When a bird flies through an empty sky, it becomes less clear as it gets farther away, and we come to think of it as having disappeared." --Takuan Soho, Reiroshu.

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