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DATEBOOK

1. The next WSKF Practice is Friday, August 19, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at Northwest.
2. The next WSKF Board meeting is Sunday, August 21, 6:00 p.m., at Imperial Lanes.
3. Haga Tadatoshi, hanshi hachidan, will visit Sunrise Kendo Club in Vancouver, B.C. with thirty-two kenshi from Shizuoka Prefecture, including four sensei. They are arriving Friday, August 19, with 7:00 p.m. practice that evening. Next day, Saturday, August 20, there will be a presentation on judging shiai, and an iaido seminar, with kendo practice at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, August 21, there will be a goodwill taikai and practice. All events are at the Sunrise dojo, 3641 East Pender Street, Vancouver, B.C. As in the past, Asaoka Sensei generously invites all WSKF people to take part in a wonderful encounter with a truly great All-Japan sensei.
4. Election date for the 1989 WSKF Board has been set for October 1. All nominations will have to be in by September 1. Jeffrey Marsten will soon be sending out election packets to each dojo, so all members are urged to be thinking now of names they'd like to see go in from their club. The Board needs people with good ideas who are willing to work for kendo...are you interested!?
5. Also coming up in the fall are the WSKF Taikai, and Shinkyu Shinsa, so get ready!
6. UW will be on break after August 17 until September 28.

BOARD RESIGNATIONS

Doug Imanishi of the Seattle Kendo Kai, and Ken Ogami, President of the WSKF and Head Instructor of UW, have resigned from the WSKF Board. Doug will be going to Kumamoto for several months with his company. Ken's duties at his job coupled with his Ph.D. and his new son have left him swamped, so he is reluctantly taking an extended leave of absence from kendo. Jeffrey Marsten, Vice President of WSKF, immediately assumed all of Ken's WSKF duties. Tom Bolling is the new Head Instructor of UW. We wish to express deep appreciation to both Doug and Ken for all their work and leadership for us so far, and we hope to welcome them each back soon.

THE LAST WORD

"Near the end of his life, the famous kendo instructor Yamada Jirokichi (1863-1930) was teaching at the Tokyo School of Commerce. A school of business is not unlike a school for the martial arts, and Yamada Sensei was particularly severe with the students. On occasion, Yamada Sensei would stand in the doorway of the training hall holding his bamboo sword. Anyone approaching the hall dragging his feet, or acting in an inattentive manner, would be sharply struck on the shins. Yamada Sensei would thunder, "Swordsmanship does not begin and end at the gate of the training hall!" To this day, I can clearly recall the scorn in his voice and feel the pain in my shins....a Way was the method of refining human nature and purifying the heart; carelessness was not permitted in any endeavor." --Omori Sogen, Zen and the Art of Calligraphy.