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DATEBOOK

1. The WSKF Taikai is Saturday, October 27, 10:00 a.m. at Evergreen High School, 830 S.W. 116th Street. Building opens at 8:00 a.m. and all WSKF members are expected to help with the setup as well as the actual Taikai.
2. Shinkyu Shinsa is Sunday, October 28, 9:00 a.m. at Highline, 1321 S.W. 102nd Street. People who are not going up for rank this year are urged to attend and learn from the examination process.
3. The next WSKF Board meeting is Sunday, November 4, 6:00 p.m. at Imperial Lanes.
4. The next WSKF Practice is Tuesday, November 20, 7:00 p.m. at Tacoma, 1620 S. 17th.
5. The next BCKF/WSKF Joint Practice is Saturday, December 8, 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Highline.
6. Our entry list for the 8th World Kendo Championships to be held in Toronto in June 1991 has to be sent in by Thursday, December 20. Please contact Jeffrey Marsten (246-2239) if you are interested.

FROM THE TEAM 1990 COACH

A few more notes from the 5th US Kendo Championships. Murosako Sensei was a court judge (Shinpan Shunin). Also, I extend my thanks to Asaoka Sensei from Canada for his advice and for the support of Mrs. Murosako, Mr. Ted Imanishi, Larry Rouch, and Nao Ikuta. I hope in the future more people will be able to attend tournaments and support the participants. It's really a great boost to the participants to hear all the clapping when he/she attempts or scores a point. David S. Yotsuuye.

WSKF OFFICERS FOR 1990/1991

At the October 14 Board of Directors meeting new officers were elected. They are: President - Jeffrey Marsten; Vice President - Shinichi Koike; Treasurer - David S. Yotsuuye; Secretary of Internal Affairs - Dick Anderson; and Recording Secretary - Tom Bolling. The Board also appointed Curtis Marsten as the new WSKF Advisor to the UW Kendo Club.

BOARD ELECTIONS FOR 1990/1991

This year the number of nominees did not exceed the number of available positions on the WSKF Board of Directors, so all nominees automatically became Board members as of October 1. The Board members are: Dick Anderson, Tom Bolling, George Bucholtz, Joe Cuendet, Rory Elliott, Gary Haasch, Doug Imanishi, Shinichi Koike, Jeffrey Marsten, Robert Stroud, and David S. Yotsuuye. Pat Y. Murosako and Kiyoshi Yasui permanently serve on the Board as Advisors.

WSKF PRACTICE SHIAIGEIKO FINAL STANDINGS (as of October 12, 1990)

Mudansha: Mayhew - 42; T. Anderson - 24; Kilgore - 21; Easley - 20; Radke - 17;
DeJong - 14; Arsenault - 9; Tobey - 8; Ramos - 8; S. Bucholtz - 8;
Berkson - 8; Antush - 7; Swenson - 6; Kenny - 6; O'Donnell - 6;

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Risher - 5; Huntoon - 5; Smith - 4; Ting - 4; Straight - 4;
G. Bucholtz - 4; Yamaguchi - 3; Yang - 3; Warner - 3; Herrington - 3;
St. John - 2; Novotny - 2; S. Nakano - 2; Naganawa - 2; Rouch - 2;
Okayasu - 2.
Yudansha: C. Marsten - 35; Yabe - 31; Elliott - 31; McCarry - 31; D. Anderson - 30;
V. Marsten - 30; Davis - 29; D. Imanishi - 27; J. Marsten - 26;
Bucholtz - 23; Bolling - 23; Namizato - 15; Fleischman - 14; Ikuta - 11;
Kozawa - 10; Konno - 8; Lu - 8; Stroud - 7; Oehlman - 6; Yoshida - 5;
Hakuraku - 5; Okamoto - 5; Richardson - 4; Caldwell - 3.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR - "ICE AND WATER"

I was fortunate to have a long talk the other day with Haga Tadatoshi Sensei, hanshi hachidan, when he visited at Seattle. I wanted to ask him about my recent changes in attitude toward practicing kendo.

I thought if I told him how I was feeling, he could tell me something like, "when I was your age," or "you know, the secret to enjoying kendo is," but what I heard was very different.

He started off by saying that even though we all get busy with work, family, friends, etc., we have time for kendo, no matter how short. I was having trouble with so many things going on that they all seemed to blur and run into each other. Kendo started to be a blur as well and I found it very hard to put the energy that I was so used to enjoying into keiko.

Haga Sensei said the most important thing is that we all try our best at everything. (sound familiar?) If we do this, then it will be easy to bring that energy into kendo. The word he used was "tanoshii" which literally means happy or pleasant.

As the conversation progressed, Haga Sensei explained that too many people go through life like "kori" which means ice. Kori is very hard and unshapeable. Kori does not fit into its environment. It is literally frozen into the shape that was determined at the time it became solid. In kendo, if you are "kori," you cannot adjust to the match's constant changes. You are set just like ice into the situation that created your kori image.

On the other hand, there is water. Water flows and moves with its environment. Water can take any shape and adjusts to changes put upon it. In our kendo as well as in the rest of our pursuits, Haga Sensei says we should be fluid and relax to change with each situation. --The Thoughtful Kendoist, Seattle. (Editor's note: author's real name withheld by request.)

THE LAST WORD

"Munenori had sensed the shogun's intention before a move had been made, and swept Iemitsu's legs out from under him at the instant of the thrust. Such perception of an opponent's movements prior to their actual occurrence was a cardinal point of the Yagyū Shinkage style of swordsmanship. A book on the mysteries of the Yagyū Shinkage school tells us that an opponent who is about to attack always shows small changes in the movement of his hands, elbows, and shoulders." --Sugawara Makoto, Lives of Master Swordsmen.

ADDITIONAL DATEBOOK ITEM

7. The Nakakura Yushohi Kendo Tournament will be December 2 at the Kunitachi Shimin Sogo Taikukan in Japan. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jeffrey Marsten (246-2239) before the October 28 deadline.