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DATEBOOK

1. The next WSKF Practice is Wednesday, February 6, 8:00 p.m. at UW Hec Ed Addition Gym.
2. The Steveston Taikai is Saturday, February 9, 10:00 a.m., at the Steveston Community Centre, 4111 Moncton Street, Richmond, B.C.
3. The next WSKF Board meeting is Sunday, March 3, 6:00 p.m. at Imperial Lanes.
4. The March WSKF Practice is Friday, March 22, 7:00 p.m. at Northwest.
5. The California North/South Tournament is Sunday, March 24, in San Francisco. If you are interested in participating, please call Jeffrey Marsten (246-2239).
6. The Seattle Cherry Blossom Festival is Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 5, 6 and 7. The theme is "To See And Not To Be Seen." Actual kendo performance times have not yet been set, but please keep these dates open!
7. The Cleveland Kangeiko Open Tournament is Saturday, April 6, in Cleveland, Ohio. If you are interested in participating, please call Jeffrey Marsten (246-2239).

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Women's Eliminations

- 1st place - W. Nakano, Vancouver
- 2nd place - J. Kurahashi, Renbu
- 3rd place - Y. Hayashi, Renbu
- 3rd place - E. Sugiyama, Renbu

10 - 12 Eliminations

- 1st place - Y. Sugiyama, Renbu
- 2nd place - I. Novotny, Obukan
- 3rd place - A. Tsujimoto, Sunrise
- 3rd place - I. Ebihara, Steveston

Senior Non-Degree Eliminations

- 1st place - Ray Kawazoe, Vancouver
- 2nd place - L. Rouch, Seattle
- 3rd place - J. Radke, Northwest
- 3rd place - D. Mayhew, Highline

3rd Dan and Above Eliminations

- 1st place - M. Yabe, Seattle
- 2nd place - R. Murao, Steveston
- 3rd place - A. Shirran, Sunrise
- 3rd place - T. Kondo, Steveston

Junior Team Eliminations

- 1st place - Sunrise
- 2nd place - Vancouver

9 Years and Under Eliminations

- 1st place - M. Tsujimoto, Sunrise
- 2nd place - M. Akitaya, Vancouver
- 3rd place - S. Inoue, Sunrise
- 3rd place - B. Ohashi, Steveston

13 - 15 Eliminations

- 1st place - K. Kim, Vancouver
- 2nd place - R. Ohashi, Steveston
- 3rd place - Y. Ono, Vancouver
- 3rd place - B. Choi, Renbu

1st and 2nd Dan Eliminations

- 1st place - M. Asaoka, Sunrise
- 2nd place - B. McCarry, Highline
- 3rd place - T. Nomura, Renbu
- 3rd place - Y. Hayashi, Renbu

Grand Champion All Dan

- M. Asaoka, Sunrise

Senior Team Eliminations

- 1st place - Steveston
- 2nd place - Renbu A

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WSKF PRACTICE SHIAIGEIKO STANDINGS (as of January 16, 1991)

Mudansha: Mayhew - 7; Arsenault - 7; DeJong - 6; M. Smith - 6; T. Anderson - 5; Scott - 5; S. Bucholtz - 4; Rouch - 3; Nadam - 3; Okayasu - 2; Nelson - 2; Naganawa - 2; Gilmore - 2; S. Smith - 2.

Yudansha: Konno - 12; McCarry - 8; Yotsuuye - 7; D. Anderson - 7; Bucholtz - 6; Bolling - 6; V. Marsten - 6; J. Marsten - 5; C. Marsten - 4; Elliott - 4; Ikuta - 4; Yamaguchi - 3; Yabe - 2; Lu - 2; D. Imanishi - 2; Chin - 2; Namizato - 2; Oehlman - 2; Hatano - 2.

SEATTLE KENDO KAI NEWS

Seattle has added a new Thursday evening practice, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., at Saint Peter's Gym. This practice is open to everybody, and all are welcome to attend.

NEW NAME FOR WSKF

In the September KENYU we reported that due to the impending addition of another Oregon dojo and the possibility of dojos in Idaho and Alaska, several new names for WSKF had been proposed. Those have been narrowed down to two: Western States Kendo Federation and Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation. A third option is that we can keep our present name, of course. Ballots have been distributed to each dojo, explaining these options more fully. Every kenshi, please consider the choices carefully, mark your ballot, and make sure the ballot gets returned properly. This is an important decision for the Federation and its future!

ALL-JAPAN SUMMER CAMP CANDIDATES

Last year only two people from the entire United States got to go to the All-Japan Summer Camp at the Renshinkan Dojo in Kitamoto. If you are interested in attending this year let your Sensei know right away and get your resume in so we can be ready when the official application gets here. Emphasis is on people in the yudansha ranks who are instructors in a dojo, and who have never attended the Camp before.

THE LAST WORD

Swordsmen train diligently to reach the ultimate state of "no-enemy." To focus on the relative strength or weakness of an opponent is to lose the state of no-enemy. All depends on mind. If one imagines the opponent to be skillful, the mind freezes and the sword is held back; if one imagines the opponent to be weak, the mind is open and the sword is unhindered. This is proof that nothing exists outside the mind. A swordsman may practice earnestly for many years, but if he is only moving the body and vacantly swinging the sword, his training is worthless. Based on my insights I have established what I call the "No-Sword-School." Outside the mind there is no sword -- this is "no-sword." "No-sword" means "no-mind"; "no-mind" means a "mind that abides nowhere." If the mind stops, the opponent appears; if the mind remains fluid, no enemy exists. This is the essence of Mencius's saying, "Universal ki fills every inch of heaven and earth" -- in other words "no-enemy." Practice every day and night and you will attain the state of no-enemy. Train harder and harder! --Yamaoka Tesshu, Writings.