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DATEBOOK

1. The next PNKF Practice is Friday, March 22, 7:00 p.m. at Northwest.
2. The next PNKF Board meeting is Sunday, April 14, 6:00 p.m. at Imperial Lanes.
3. The California North/South Tournament is Sunday, March 24, in San Francisco. If you are interested in attending, please call Jeffrey Marsten (246-2239).
4. 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 we will probably have two on Saturday, April 6 and one on Sunday, April 7, so please keep those dates open.
5. The Cleveland Kangeiko Open Tournament is Saturday, April 6, in Cleveland, Ohio. If you are interested in participating, please call Jeffrey Marsten (246-2239). Application forms are due by March 15. There is an entry fee of \$15.00.
6. The Rocky Mountain Budokan Tournament is Saturday, April 6, at Powell Middle School, Littleton, Colorado. If you are interested in participating, please call Robert Stroud (503-244-7335). There is an entry fee of \$25.00.
7. The UW Taikai is Saturday, April 27, 10:30 a.m. at UW IMA.

## IT'S OFFICIAL - "PACIFIC NORTHWEST KENDO FEDERATION"

At the March 3 Board of Directors meeting your ballots were counted, and well over half of the total votes cast were in favor of Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation. The rest of the ballots were about evenly divided between the other two choices, which were Western States Kendo Federation, or continuing the old name, Washington State Kendo Federation. It will take us a while to order new stationery, reletter the logo, have the new name registered with the government and the bank, and notify the KFUSA.

## CONGRATULATIONS

On January 27, 1991, UW Member Kazuhito Okuda married Benjakitti (nickname - Nang) Krutchaiyan in a Buddhist ceremony at the famous Chionin Temple in Kyoto. The reception followed at the Kyoto-Kokusai Hotel. They first appeared in kimono, and changed into Western dress/tuxedo later on. It was quite an international style having an interpreter (Thai-Japanese both ways) and parents/friends of both were very happy. Their home sweet home is in Yokohama. Nang says that Kaz is quite busy, although not as workaholic as other "Japanese businessmen," and that they are really enjoying married life. (Reported by Satomi Kurosu, also UW, now working in Kyoto for the Mombusho!)

## PNKF PRACTICE SHIAIGEIKO STANDINGS (as of February 6, 1991)

Mudansha: Mayhew - 12; DeJong - 12; Arsenault - 10; T. Anderson - 8; Nelson - 7;  
M. Smith - 6; Scott - 5; S. Bucholtz - 4; Rouch - 3; Nadam - 3; Naumer - 3;  
Warner - 2; Okayasu - 2; Naganawa - 2; Gilmore - 2; S. Smith - 2;  
Steppic - 2.

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PNKF PRACTICE SHIAIGEIKO STANDINGS (as of February 6, 1991), continued.

Yudansha: Konno - 12; D. Anderson - 12; McCarry - 11; Yotsuuye - 10; C. Marsten - 10;  
V. Marsten - 9; Bolling - 8; J. Marsten - 7; Bucholtz - 6; Elliott - 6;  
Ikuta - 4; Yamaguchi - 3; Yabe - 2; Yoshida - 2; Lu - 2; D. Imanishi - 2;  
Chin - 2; Namizato - 2; Oehlman - 2; Hatano - 2.

ATTENDANCE AWARD IDEAS

A banner will awarded to the PNKF dojo which has the best attendance over the period of a year at the PNKF Practices. Details of this award are being developed by the Board, and your ideas as to how to make the competition for the banner exciting and fair would be appreciated. We have to figure a percentage for the size of the dojo, and some kind of factor for distance traveled to attend. Please send in your ideas!

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9 and Under Eliminations

1st place - T. Kubota, Sunrise  
2nd place - M. Tsujimoto, Sunrise  
3rd place - N. Akitaya, Vancouver  
3rd place - S. Inouye, Sunrise

10 to 12 Eliminations

1st place - C. Yang, S. California  
2nd place - Y. Sugiyama, Renbu  
3rd place - R. Shirahama, Renbu  
3rd place - M. Taguchi, Sunrise

13 - 15 Eliminations

1st place - J. Texeira, Hawaii  
2nd place - D. Uesonoda, Seattle  
3rd place - K. Kim, Vancouver  
3rd place - J. Inada, S. California

Women's Eliminations

1st place - V. Marsten, Highline  
2nd place - W. Nakano, Vancouver  
3rd place - Y. Hayashi, Vancouver  
3rd place - K. Ohashi, Steveston

Senior Non-Degree Eliminations

1st place - K. Chen, S. California  
2nd place - R. Kawazoe  
3rd place - M. Ushizawa, Vancouver  
3rd place - M. Monji, Seattle

1st and 2nd Dan Eliminations

1st place - M. Ara, Renbu  
2nd place - M. Asaoka, Sunrise  
3rd place - W. Makihara, Steveston  
3rd place - D. Nakamoto, Hawaii

3rd Dan and Above Eliminations

1st place - M. Hamada, Toronto  
2nd place - R. Murao, Steveston  
3rd place - A. Shirran, Sunrise  
3rd place - M. Shikai, S. California

Junior Team Eliminations

1st place - Hawaii  
2nd place - Steveston A

Senior Team Eliminations

1st place - Hawaii  
2nd place - Toronto

Steveston J. Y. Konishi Award (junior with the most fighting spirit) - T. Kawakami  
Steveston Gulf and Fraser Award (yudansha with the most fighting spirit) - G. Harada  
Steveston Proficiency Award (most improved) - I. Ebihara

THE LAST WORD

Zen is like soap. First you use the soap to wash yourself, and then you wash off the soap. --Yamaoka Tesshu. (quoted in The Gateless Barrier, by Robert Aitken, Roshi)