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DATEBOOK

1. The UW Taikai is Saturday, April 27, 10:30 a.m. at UW IMA.
2. The next PNKF Board meeting is Sunday, May 5, 6:00 p.m. at Imperial Lanes.
3. The next PNKF Practice is Wednesday, May 15, 7:00 p.m. at Cascade, Mercer View Community Center, 8236 S.E. 24th Street, Mercer Island. Directions from Seattle: I-90 to Mercer Island, take Exit #7 (77th Ave S.E.), turn left to stop sign, turn right onto N. Mercer Way, turn left at 81st Ave S.E., turn right onto S.E. 24th Street...the dojo will be on your left. Directions from Bellevue: I-90 to Mercer Island, take the Island Crest Exit, go through stop sign, turn right at 81st Ave S.E., turn right again onto S.E. 24th Street...the dojo will be on your left.
4. The PNKF Junior Taikai is Sunday, May 19, 12:00 noon at Bellevue, Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road, in Bellevue.
5. No more Saturday practice at Highline till September, and beginners are welcome Mondays. If there's a teachers' strike, please call Jeffrey Marsten (246-2239) to confirm time and location for Mondays.
6. The next BCKF/PNKF Joint Practice is tentatively set for Sunday, June 2 at Steveston.
7. The Seattle Kendo Kai Summer Camp is the weekend of June 14, 15, and 16, at Camp Coleman. Call Doug Imanishi (623-6154) for details, and plan now to attend this exciting weekend of kendo and family fun.
8. The 6th Leeward Oahu Kendo Tournament is Sunday, June 16, 8:30 a.m. at Mililani District Park Gym in Hawaii. There is a \$3.00 entry fee. Please call Jeffrey Marsten (246-2239) RIGHT AWAY if you're interested in attending, as the official deadline for entries has just passed.
9. The 8th World Kendo Championships are June 26 through July 1 in Toronto.

PNKF PRACTICE SHIAIGEIKO STANDINGS (as of April 14, 1991)

Mudansha: DeJong - 18; Arsenault - 16; Nelson - 14; Blechschmidt - 13; Mayhew - 12; T. Anderson - 10; Naumer - 8; Naganawa - 7; M. Smith - 6; Rouch - 5; Scott - 5; Uesonoda - 4; Okayasu - 4; Steppic - 4; Monji - 4; S. Bucholtz - 4; Nadam - 3; Menath - 3; Hindman - 3; G. Haasch - 2; Nakano - 2; Yamaguchi - 2; Warner - 2; Gilmore - 2; Lewis - 2; S. Smith - 2.

Yudansha: Konno - 16; C. Marsten - 14; D. Anderson - 14; McCarry - 13; Yotsuuye - 12; Bolling - 12; J. Marsten 11; V. Marsten - 11; Yoshida - 8; Elliott - 8; Hamamatsu - 8; Lu - 6; Bucholtz - 6; Yamaguchi - 6; Yabe - 5; Hatano - 5; Ogushi - 4; Chin - 4; Ikuta - 4; Kozawa - 3; D. Imanishi - 2; Stroud - 2; Namizato - 2; Oehlman - 2; Seymour - 2.

OBUKAN KENDO CLUB NEWS

We just received our first issue of Obukan's new newsletter, OBUKAN KOHO. It reports that Obukan had election of officers on February 22. Officers for 1991 are: President -
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Gary Haasch; President of PSA (Parent/Sensei Association) - Sherry Kam; Vice President Public Relations - Judith Mack; Treasurer - Bill Howell; Secretary - Toni Crites.

In another bulletin, members of Obukan had a strong showing at the 26th Annual Rocky Mountain Martial Arts Tournament on April 6, in Littleton, Colorado. First Place in the Peewee Youth Division went to James Imatani, aged 9. In the Boys' Youth Division Brett Okamoto, aged 12, brought home First Place, and Ian Novotny, aged 11, took Second. They also took First Place in the Junior Team event. Instructor Robert Stroud took Second Place in the Kendo Men's Black Belt Division, and First Place in the Karate Men's Black Belt Division. This tournament was unusual in that events for karate and kendo practitioners were held in conjunction with each other. Competitors from Wyoming, Nebraska, Utah and Colorado, as well as Obukan, attended.

Congratulation to the Obukan competitors, the new officers, and the new newsletter!

PNKF 1992 AUGUST SEMINAR/CAMP PLANS

Your dojo head will be asking you to register your interest and commitment to a proposed month-long Seminar or Camp for the summer of 1992. PNKF would like to invite several excellent kenshi to come from Japan and teach us, based upon your response to the questionnaires being circulated to the clubs. Please be thinking about this and be ready to give your input to your representatives.

THE LAST WORD

To see KEN is to have and make use of the naked eye. KEN refers to the power of physical sight. KAN infers "to see with your mind's eye." This process is called SHINGAN, which is the intuitive power of the mind by which the swordsman is attuned to all things and events taking place around him; such information being absorbed and analyzed making it ready for instant recall when the occasion necessitating its use arises. Some examples include: considerations about MA-AI (combative engagement distance), what or who is behind the swordsman, the direction of light coming from the sun, the moon, a lamp, and anything else that affects the combat; even such things as where the swordsman places his hind foot. The more a swordsman is perceptive to things as mentioned, the better skill he becomes.

We all know from experience that it is a disadvantage to face directly into the sun, not only for combat, but in our daily lives.

KAN is a developed state of mind, developed after sufficient training experience, and is an "opening" of the swordsman's mind that enables him to hear that which is not supposed to be heard and to see that which is not supposed to be seen. Anybody can attain this state of mind if only he will exert himself properly in training.

--Otake Risuke, The Deity and the Sword, volume 3.