

- Feb 24, Sat, Iaido Seminar and Shinsa, Nisei Vets, 1212 S. King Street, 12 noon, with Aoki Eiji, Kyoshi 7th Dan.
- 2. Feb 25, Sun, PNKF Kendo Shinsa for 4 Dan and below, Highline. Doors open at 11:30 a.m.; starts promptly at noon.
- 3. Feb 26, Mon, Iaido practice with Aoki Sensei, Highline, 6 p.m.
- 4. Feb 28, Wed, Kendo practice with Aoki Sensei, Highline, 6 p.m.
- 5. Feb 29, Thu, Iaido practice with Aoki Sensei, Meadowbrook, 7:30 p.m.
- 6. Mar 4, Mon, Federation Practice, Highline, 6:00 p.m.
- 7. Mar 16, Sat, Highline Taikai for Mudansha 16 years and over, 10:00 a.m.; Board Meeting following Taikai, Highline.
- 8. Apr 6, Sat, Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Highline.
- 9. Apr 8, Mon, Federation Practice, Tacoma, 7:00 p.m.
- 10. Apr 20 or 27, Sat, UW Taikai.
- 11. Apr 26-28, Fri-Sun, Cherry Blossom Festival.
- 12. May 5, Sun, Bellevue Children's Taikai, Bellevue.
- 13. May 14, Tue, Federation Practice, Renton, 7:15 p.m.
- 14. May 18, Sat, Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Highline.
- 15. May 25/26, Sat/Sun, New York City KC 20th Anniv Taikai.
- 16. Jun 8, Sat, Federation Practice, Obukan and Board Meeting.
- 17. Jun 29/30, Sat/Sun, Iaido Seminar.
- 18. Jul 21, Sun, Federation Practice, Seattle, 3:00 p.m. & Board Meeting, Imperial Lanes.
- 19. Jul 26-Aug 6, Obukan's visit to Japan.
- 20. Aug 10, Sat, PNKF Shinsa for 2 Kyu and below.
- 21. Aug 17, Sat, Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Highline.
- 22. Aug 30-Sep 2, Fri-Mon, AUSKF Kendo Championships, Cleveland OH.
- 23. Sep 21, Sat, Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Highline.
- 24. Sep 27, Fri, Federation Practice, Northwest, 7:00 p.m.
- 25. Oct 19, Sat, Obukan Tournament and Board Meeting.
- 26. Oct 30, Wed, Federation Practice, Cascade, 7:00 p.m.
- 27. Nov 16, Sat, PNKF Taikai, Renton.

## FROM THE PNKF BOARD

COACH OF THE PNKF TEAM for the AUSKF Kendo Championships to be held in Cleveland August 30 through September 2 is David S. Yotsuuye. The Team will consist of seven men, five women, and five youth. There are usually also spaces for five goodwill entrants.

MEADOWBROOK IAIDO/KENDO DOJO presented its formal application to be a member of PNKF at the February 4 Board meeting. Located at Meadowbrook Community Center, 10750 30th Avenue N.E. (behind Nathan Hale High School) in Seattle, Meadowbrook offers Kendo on Mondays 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Iaido on Thursdays 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Head Instructor of Meadowbrook is Pat Y. Murosako. Tatsuhiko Konno is Head Instructor of Iaido.

34th ANNUAL STEVESTON INVITATIONAL KENDO TOURNAMENT - February 10, 1996 10 to 12 Years 9 Years and Under 1st place - A. Fukushima, Vancouver 1st place - K. Akabori, NCKF 2nd place - N. Fukushima, Vancouver 2nd place - B. Imanishi, Cascade 3rd place - S. Tateyama, Northwest 3rd place - R. Campbell, Steveston 3rd place - M. Yamada, Vancouver 3rd place - J. LeClair, Sunrise 13 to 15 Years Women 16 Years and Over 1st place - F. Itokazu, SCKF 1st place - Y. Sugiyama, Renbu 2nd place - N. Nishimoto, NCKF 3rd place - R. Mikuni, NCKF 2nd place - Y. Kitajima, SCKF 3rd place - M. Shiroma, SCKF 3rd place - T. Hamai, SCKF 3rd place - S. Harding, UBC 1 to 3 Dan Non-Degree

Non-Degree

1 to 3 Dan

1st place - T. Kitajima, SCKF

2nd place - Y. Sugiyama, Renbu

3rd place - M. Chilson, Seattle

3rd place - G. Sakamoto, SCKF

1 to 3 Dan

1st place - Y. Oda, Seattle

2nd place - S. Yoshimura, SCKF

3rd place - J. Choi, SCKF

3rd place - C. Yang, SCKF

4th Dan and Above

1st place - M. Asaoka, Sunrise

2nd place - S. Asaoka, Sunrise

3rd place - A. Shirran, Sunrise

3rd place - A. Matsuda, NCKF

Senior Team

1st place - Steveston
2nd place - Seattle

Junior Team
1st place - SCKF
2nd place - NCKF

## PASSAGE

Since last month we have been mourning the death of our friend, Akira Mizuno, Renshi Rokudan. Here are a few more notes we have received from Ricky Ebihara concerning him. Mizuno Sensei was Head Instructor of Yushinkan and President of the Ken-Zen Institute in New York. He turned 40 on January 5 and passed away on January 17 at 12:50 a.m. He was divorced with no children. He was ailing from kidney cancer which went into his bone, causing problems with his pelvic bone, which in turn travelled to his lungs and liver. Ricky writes that she thinks because he was a Budoka, he tried to withstand the pain for too long letting the cancer grow rapidly within him. By the time he got to the hospital the cancer was already making its way to his lungs. Ricky says that for those few who were with him in his last moments, they would like to believe that it is better that he left as soon as he did rather than suffering much longer. She says "We at Ken-Zen will miss him, but he lives within us all, and the memory of him is strong in all of us.... if you come to see us you will feel it." She adds that he is survived by his family, students, friends, and his cat Pootaro Mizuno, who now lives with her at the Dojo.

## THE LAST WORD

The spirit, the will to win, and the will to excel are the things that endure. These qualities are so much more important than the events that occur. --Vince Lombardi.

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