

# 剣 Kenyu 友

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## DATEBOOK

1. Aug 2, Sat, Sunrise Taikai, 10 a.m., Hastings Community Center, 3096 E. Hastings, Vancouver B.C.
2. Aug 1,2,3, Fri,Sat,Sun, Obukan Summer Camp, with Omoto Sensei and Iwakagi Sensei. Greenburg Plaza Jazzercise, 10855 S.W. Cascade Blvd, Tigard, OR.
3. Aug 23, Sat, PNKF Iaido Seminar; and PNKF Iaido Shinsa for 1st Kyu and below; 11 a.m., Obukan.
4. Aug 24, Sun, PNKF Kendo Shinsa for 2nd Kyu and below, doors open 11:30 a.m., test 12 noon - 3 p.m., Obukan.
5. Aug 23-28, Takata-Machi visit to Seattle.  
Welcome practice Sun, Aug 24, 3 p.m. St. Peter's Gym.  
Daily practices Mon thru Thu, various locations; please call Yabe Sensei 206-277-0848 for exact times and places.
6. Sep 20, Sat, PNKF Board meeting, Highline.
7. Oct 11, Sat, PNKF Board meeting, Highline.
8. Nov 8, Sat, PNKF Taikai - \*\*WE NEED A VOLUNTEER FOR CHAIR!\*\*

## AUSKF SUMMER SEMINARS, JULY 12-20, 1997, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

The AUSKF Seminars were a tremendous success, with dozens of participants experiencing extended and close association and practice with the leading teachers and students from all parts of the United States, and four of the most famous sensei in Japan.

Eager students came from as far away as Canada, Mexico, and South Africa to take advantage of this extraordinary opportunity.

For the Iaido Seminar led by Kobayashi Tadao, Kendo Kyoshi 7th Dan and Iaido Kyoshi 8th Dan, Chief, Iaido Section, Ibaragi Ken Renmei and Oda Katsuo, Kendo Kyoshi 7th Dan and Iaido Kyoshi 8th Dan, Assistant Chief, Iaido Section, Shizuoka Ken Renmei, the nearly 40 participants were so excited that they requested the afternoon sessions to start an hour earlier than scheduled, and packed the optional evening sessions for the maximum time allotted, to benefit from intensive one-on-one instruction from not only Kobayashi Sensei and Oda Sensei, but also AUSKF's Yamaguchi Sensei, Murakami Sensei, Kato Sensei, Konno Sensei, and Hooper Sensei. On the last morning, everyone shared an incredible display of many of the different Koryu represented.

For the Kendo Seminar, Kobayashi Sensei and Oda Sensei were joined by Okushima Yoshio, Kendo Hanshi 8th Dan, Honorary Master in Chief of Kyoto-Fu Police Kendo, and Nishiyama Yasuhiro, Kendo Hanshi 8th Dan, former Master in Chief of Metro Police Agency, Member of International Committee, AJKF. The happy throng of Kenshi swelled to over 90 for this portion for a program including a whole day of instructional methods for basics, another whole day of the best shinpan instruction yet, and a whole day of Kendo Kata. Late afternoon and evening each day, as well as the final morning of the Seminar, concluded with fabulous open keiko.

The gracious hospitality of Mark Uchida, his wife Kazuko, and very beautiful daughters Jennifer and Mara, and all the hard-working Colorado Kenshi and supporters who hosted the event on the beautiful campus of the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind made it a tremendously happy event. We eagerly await next year's AUSKF Summer Seminars.

#### SHIOIRI SENSEI VISIT

One of the most eminent Kendo educators in the world, Shioiri Hiroyuki, Kendo Kyoshi 7th Dan, translator of the Regulations of Kendo Match and its Refereeing, and the Japanese-English Dictionary of Kendo, frequent author of articles in Kendo Nippon, superintendent of the annual IKF Summer Camp at Kitamoto, and Professor of Kendo at Saitama University, visited Seattle for two and a half days, June 24, 25, and 26. He was accompanied by his wife Yoshiko, Chief Instructor of the Health and Beauty Aerobics Club, and his youngest daughter Sayaka, who is also an accomplished athlete. In two very special practices, Shioiri Sensei shared many valuable insights into our Kendo, and gave very specific and detailed coaching to many individual Kenshi. It is our sincere hope that he may be able to return to Seattle again for a more extended visit.

#### BC/PNKF SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS - Steveston, May 17, 1997

5TH Dan and Below	6th Dan and Above
1st place - Y. Taguchi, Sunrise	1st place - C. Isa, Vancouver
2nd place - G. Udagawa, Steveston	2nd place - R. Murao, Steveston
3rd place - N. Monji, Seattle	3rd place - R. Shimizu, Seattle
3rd place - B. Takagaki, Steveston	3rd place - M. Yabe, Seattle

#### SHINKYU SHINSA

IAIDO SHINSA, March 26, 1997, Kyoto Japan. IAIDO SHODAN: Judith Mack (Obukan).

IAIDO SHINSA, July 14, 1997, Colorado Springs. IAIDO 4TH DAN: Robert Stroud (Obukan). IAIDO 5TH DAN: Dick Anderson (Bellevue), and Tom Bolling (Bellevue).

KENDO SHINSA, July 19, 1997, Colorado Springs. KENDO 6TH DAN: Tatsuhiko Konno (Meadowbrook).

#### BUNBU KENBI

KENDO: THE DEFINITIVE GUIDE, by Hiroshi Ozawa. New York, Kodansha International, 1997. \$35.00. A nice new introduction to Kendo has just appeared, and is available in bookstores everywhere. It's a translation of a book published in Japanese in 1991. It has well-illustrated chapters covering the basics, stretching exercises, waza, Kendo Kata, and keiko. There are also appendices on competition and judging, a directory of national Kendo Federations, a directory of Dojo in the US, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand, and a brief glossary of a few Kendo terms. Unfortunately the book does not have an index, and does not show the kanji and kana for any Japanese terminology. It also lacks any information about Iaido. While it cannot really be called "definitive" in any sense of the word, it is nonetheless very helpful, and goes far to take the place of the ZenKenRen's long-unavailable FUNDAMENTAL KENDO.

#### KENDO, IAIDO AND JODO VIDEOS, AND AUSKF PATCHES

Kendo Basics, \$11. Shinpan Rules \$11. Kendo Kata, Iaido, Jodo \$8 each. Shipping \$3 minimum. Patches \$10. Checks payable to Highline Kendo Club to Jeffrey Marsten, 616 SW 135th St., Seattle WA 98146.

THE LAST WORD Despite passing through various stages of development, the essence (honshitsu) of Kendo has remained constant: one person faces another, ready with the shinai, mind meets mind, and the opponents strike. By training one's spirit and performing keiko correctly, honestly, and full of vigor, an ennobling of human nature takes place.

--Hiroshi Ozawa, KENDO: THE DEFINITIVE GUIDE.

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