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## DATEBOOK

1. Jan 10, Sat, Vancouver Taikai, 10 a.m.
2. Jan 17, Sat, PNKF Board, 11 a.m., V. Marsten home.
3. Feb 14, Sat, Steveston Taikai, 10 a.m.
4. Feb 28, Sat, PNKF Iaido Seminar and Shinsa.
5. Mar 1, Sun, PNKF Kendo Shinsa.
6. Mar 21, Sat, Highline Mudansha Taikai, with PNKF Board meeting prior to the Taikai.
7. Mar 26-Apr 1, Kamei Hazuhiro, Kendo Hanshi 8th Dan and Iaido 7th Dan, visit to Renton with 15 people, all adult kenshi from Kanagawa, including Mariko Yoshikawa's sister Ritsuko. Kamei Sensei is the champion Miyazaki Sensei's sensei.
8. Apr 11, Sat, PNKF Board, 11 a.m., V. Marsten home.
9. Apr 17-19, Cherry Blossom Festival.
10. Apr 18, Sat, UW Taikai.
11. Apr 24,25,26, Fri, Sat, Sun, Cherry Blossom Festival.
12. May 3, Sun, Bellevue Youth Taikai and PNKF Board meeting.
13. May 22-May 27, Sunrise. Dedication of new Dojo, and visit from Nakanishi and Narazaki Sensei, and 20 other 8th Dan sensei.  
May 23 a.m. Iaido Training; p.m. Dojo Opening Ceremonies  
May 24 All day keiko (9-4:30) (kendo and iaido)  
May 25-27 evening keiko (iaido and kendo)
14. May last week, Obukan, visit of Oshita and Haruna Sensei.
15. Jun 20, Sun, Leeward Oahu Taikai, Mililani, Hawaii.
16. Jun 27, Sat, PNKF Board, 11 a.m., V. Marsten home.
17. Aug 8, Sat, PNKF Iaido Seminar and Shinsa.
18. Aug 9, Sun, PNKF Kendo Shinsa.
19. Nov 14, Sat, PNKF Taikai.
20. Dec 5, Renton Taikai, 2nd Dan and Below.

## FROM THE PNKF BOARD

At their December 6, 1997 meeting, the PNKF Board of Directors voted to add Tatsuhiko Konno (Meadowbrook) to the Board.

The Board also appointed Dean DeJong (Highline) to be the Advisor of the Kendo Club at UW. Tom Bolling (Bellevue) will continue with the Iaido and Kendo Kata program on Wednesdays. Curtis Marsten (Renton) will help with the UW Taikai in April. PNKF members are reminded that they are welcome anytime to attend and support UW practices.

KODANSHA SHINSA, Tokyo, November 26, 1997

KENDO 7TH DAN: Shozo Kato (Shidogakuin) and Manabu Yabe (Seattle).  
Congratulations, Kato Sensei and Yabe Sensei!

## ON THE SICKLIST

Ben Smith (Tacoma) had eye surgery in early November to correct a bone growth which was threatening his right eye.

Dave Dye (Tacoma) had back surgery on November 19 to remove a tumor which had engulfed one of the vertebrae. These two major surgeries were each frightening, unusual, and extremely serious, and thank heavens both Ben and Dave are recovering well. Please get well soon, Ben and Dave!!

9th ANNUAL MIDWEST KENDO FEDERATION TOURNAMENT - November 15, 1997

Hantei Division (Kihon)

1st place - K. Tashima, Choyokan  
2nd place - T. Shirai, Choyokan  
3rd place - J. Dietrich, Battle Creek  
3rd place - D. Zdnoski, Detroit

Junior A (Ages 13-17)

1st place - K. Kisanuki, Detroit  
2nd place - M. Saotome, Choyokan  
3rd place - S. Kinugawa, Detroit  
3rd place - M. Mitsuya, Detroit

Junior B (Ages 12 and Below)

1st place - M. Kisanuki, Detroit  
2nd place - Y. Oka, Choyokan  
3rd place - N. Hayashi, Detroit  
3rd place - K. Ohama, Detroit

Mudansha Division

1st place - M. Oesman, U Wisconsin  
2nd place - Ka. Shirai, Choyokan  
3rd place - G. Chang, Minnehaha  
3rd place - J. Berry, Minnehaha

Women's Division

1st place - Y. Takeyama, MSU  
2nd place - R. Ebihara, KenZen  
3rd place - T. Isogai, Battle Creek  
3rd place - M. Huang, MSU

Shodan/Nidan Division

1st place - R. Takahashi, KenZen  
2nd place - S. Kimura, Takubukan  
3rd place - E. Yamashita, JCCC Toronto  
3rd place - S. Tanabe, JCCC Toronto

Sandan and Above Division

1st place - K. Kuramoto, KenZen  
2nd place - S. Nakatsu, JCCC Toronto  
3rd place - H. Sugawara, Indiana U  
3rd place - K. Kan, Detroit

Team

1st place - Ontario B  
2nd place - Ontario A  
3rd place - KenZen  
3rd place - Detroit

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THE LAST WORD

Cook: Do you find people value this type of traditional training more, or less, than in the past?

Omoto: People who are in contact with the traditional ways of training, who create a strong relationship with it, yes, they follow this type of training: mental, religious, spiritual training. But, most people who come in and say, "Oh! that's kind of flashy. A 120-pounder throws a 200-pounder, I want to learn that and go down the street and try it out!" This type of "quick grasping thing" is what goes on in people's minds. But without a teacher, someone who gets into the philosophy, someone who shows them how to contribute to society, what good does this approach to training accomplish? If I can contribute to society, I am satisfied. This is the kind of feeling that goes on in my mind. --Rod Nobuto Omoto Between Two Worlds, interviewed by Bud Pomaika'i Cook, FURYU THE BUDO JOURNAL OF CLASSICAL MARTIAL ARTS AND CULTURE, Number 8, Winter-Fall 1997.

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