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友 DATEBOOK

1. Apr 6, Bel/Cas/Ren Monthly Jr Taikai, Renton, Tue, 7:15 pm.
2. Apr 10, UW Taikai, Sat, 10 am, UW IMA.
3. Apr 10, 11th Annual Cleveland Kendo Taikai.
4. Apr 11, PNKF Board, Sun, 11 am, home of Vicki Marsten.
5. Apr 17-18, Cherry Blossom Festival.
6. May 2, Bellevue Junior Taikai, Sun, PNKF Board to follow.
7. May 7, Bel/Cas/Ren Monthly Jr Taikai, Bellevue, Fri, 7 pm.
8. May 29-31, Michigan Rensei Seminar, Tournament and Shinsa, Fri, Sat, Sun, Detroit. Entries due by April 30.
9. Jun 2, Bel/Cas/Ren Monthly Jr Taikai, Cascade, Wed, 7 pm.
10. Jun 10 thru 14 Fukuoka group visits Obukan.
Jun 11, Kendo practice, Tigard Jazzercise, Fri, 7 pm.
Jun 12, Sat, 10-12 am, watch the Rose Parade with the Fukuoka Group
3 PM Kendo Enbu (Demonstration) Main Stage of Pepsi
Festival Center at Waterfront Park, 2:15 to 3:00 pm.
Jun 13, 1st Obukan Rose Festival Kendo Taikai, Sun, 10 am, Multnomah
Athletic Club, Portland.
Taikai Format: Individual Rounds, Goodwill Team
Kendo Keiko to follow Taikai, Sayonara party following.
11. Jun 20, PNKF Board, Sun, 11:00 am.
12. Jul 9, Bel/Cas/Ren Monthly Jr Taikai, Bellevue, Fri, 7 pm.
13. Jul 11, PNKF Board, Sun, 11:00 am.
14. End of July, send out for PNKF Board nominations.
15. Jul 30-Aug 6, IKF Foreign Kendo Leaders' Seminar, Kitamoto, Japan.
16. Aug 6/7/8, US Championships, Las Vegas.
17. Aug 15, Nisei Week Taikai, Sun, Los Angeles.
18. Aug 21, PNKF Iaido Seminar and Shinsa, Sat.
19. Aug 22, PNKF Kendo Shinsa, Sun.
20. Sep 4-6, AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp, Tennessee STI, Memphis.
21. Sep 26, last meeting for current PNKF Board, 11 am, Sun, with
PNKF Shinpan Seminar to follow.
22. Nov 13, PNKF Taikai, Sat, Renton.
23. Mar 21-27, 2000, 11WKC, Santa Clara, CA.

FROM THE PNKF MEN'S TEAM COACH - PNKF Men's Team practices for April. Fri 4/2: NWKC 7-9 pm; Tues 4/13: Renton 7:15-9:15 pm; Mon 4/19: Tacoma 7-9 pm; Mon 4/26: Meadowbrook - Nathan Hale/MCC lower gym 7-9 pm. The second round of eliminations to cut the group down to 7 participants will be held towards the end of May. Men's Team practices will be rotated between each of the PNKF Dojo.

23rd ANNIVERSARY HIGHLINE KENDO KAI MUDANSHA CHALLENGE CUP, March 27, 1999

1st place - G. Ham, UW	2nd place - R. Kellams, Renton
3rd place - S. Yen, Seattle	3rd place - A. Hogan, Obukan
4th place - S. Huntoon, Bellevue	4th place - B. Koepke, Highline
4th place - A. Oki, Cascade	4th place - T. Swenson, Renton

Team

1st place - UW, with 24 points.
2nd place - shared by Highline and Renton, with 14 points each.
3rd place - shared by Bellevue, Cascade and Obukan, with 10 points each.

7th NABESHIMA HAI TAIKAI and 1st TEXAS OPEN TAIKAI, March 27, 1999, Dallas
1999 NABESHIMA CUP 1999 TEXAS OPEN

1st place: Kevin Abe, Dallas

1st place: Russell Ichimura, Dallas

2nd place: Paul Westblade, Memphis

2nd place: Kiyoshi Abe, Dallas

3rd place: Kwang Chung, Dallas

3rd place: Mark Uchida, Colorado Springs

3rd place: David Cooper, Dallas

Fighting Spirit: Frank Anselmo, New Orleans

RESULTS OF 1ST MENS TEAM USA TRYOUT

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1. A3 D. YANG 47 PTS
2. B4 C. YANG 45
3. F7 K. MATUSKUBO 44
4. A1 K. HASHIMOTO 43
5. D7 Y. ONITZUKA 41
6. E2 H. SAMKANGE 39
7. D5 M. YOSHIMURA 37
8. C7 S. HOSOKAWA 37
9. D4 M. MINAMI 36
10. C6 J. EITOKU 33
11. B6 E. CHINEN 32
12. F6 H. KIKUNAGA 30
13. A6 O. HASHIMOTO 29
14. C1 B. HARADA 28
15. C2 F. ITOKAZU 28

RESULTS OF USA WOMEN'S ROUND ROBIN

1. K. TAKADA 25 PTS
2. M. SAKAE 23
3. N. NISHIMOTO 22
4. E. MARSTEN 15
5. K. FUKUMOTO 13
6. R. UTO 9
7. Y. SHIKAI 8 (ONLY COMPLETED 3 RDS)
8. K. IMAMURA 7
9. D. FARMER 4

MENS TEAM USA TRYOUTS, continued

16. D1 K. ABE 28
17. A5 J. CAROLL 27
18. E5 H. MATSUI 27
19. C4 T. NISHIMOTO 26
20. C5 T. HAMAI 26

PASSAGE A good friend, supporter, and teacher of PNKF Iaido, Kino Minoru, Iaido Hanshi 8th Dan and Kendo 5th Dan, died on March 9, 1999 at the age of 82. Konno Sensei sent flowers to his funeral on behalf of Iai students of Seattle. Our sincere condolences to the family.

BOOK REVIEW Kendoists who have long hungered for another novel which would let them vividly experience the life of a great kenshi the way Yoshikawa Eiji's MUSASHI does, will want to try RYOMA: LIFE OF A RENAISSANCE SAMURAI, by Romulus Hillsborough, San Francisco, Ridgeback Press, 1999. List price, \$40. This is the incredible true story of Sakamoto Ryoma, a Kendo activist in the mid-Nineteenth Century who played a key role and was a pro-imperial witness to the wars and struggles leading up to the Meiji Restoration. Born in 1836 into a family of Goshi (not hereditary samurai, but respectable people permitted to carry swords) in the castle town of Kochi, Ryoma had been a sickly kid whose life was rescued by the study of Kendo under the great Chiba Sadakichi Sensei (...to be continued). RYOMA is available through your favorite bookseller, such as Amazon.com, but readers of the KENYU may obtain it for a 15% discount with postage waived simply by contacting the publisher Ridgeback Press directly through the 1 (800) 832-6134 phone number. All they have to do is identify themselves as members of the PNKF.

THE LAST WORD

"Heaven's Revenge!" a voice screamed in the darkness. Throwing the lantern into the gutter on the side of the road, Izo immediately drew his sword. "This is Okada Izo of Tosa!" he roared. Blue light flashed off his blade, and a fraction of a second later the screech of steel cutting through bone pierced Kaishu's ears. "This is Okada Izo of Tosa," he repeated, "but you might know me better as 'The Butcher.'" Izo's warning must have worked, because after he had cut down his second opponent, a third man could be heard running in the opposite direction, the only other sound the steady falling of the rain. --Romulus Hillsborough, RYOMA: LIFE OF A RENAISSANCE SAMURAI.

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