

- 1. Oct 23-24, AUSKF Board meeting, Sat 9-4, Sun 9-3, Days Inn, 19015 Highway 99.
- Oct 23, AUSKF Seminar, Sat, 6-8pm, Renton. Kata Seminar 6-7pm Open Keiko 7-8pm
- 3. Nov 8, Taikai prep workparty at Highline, Mon, 6pm.
- 4. Nov 13, 25th Annual PNKF Taikai, Sat, 9:30am, Renton. Doors open at 8am for set-up.
- 5. Nov 14, Southern California Iaido Association Seminar/Shinsa, Sun, 8am-5pm, Norwalk, California.
- 6. Nov 21, PNKF Board meeting. Sun, 1pm St Peter's.
- 7. Dec 4, Renton Taikai, 3rd Dan and below (adults first/kids last) Sat, 10am.
- 8. Jan 22-28, 2000, Australian National Iaido Seminar/Shinsa/Shiai, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. http://www.iaido2000.web.com
- 9. Mar 21-27, 11WKC, Santa Clara, California.
- 10. Apr 21-23, Pan-Pacific Kendo Tournament in Taiwan.

FROM THE PNKF BOARD

BOARD ELECTIONS With the conclusion of official balloting, the votes were counted on Sunday October 3. The new PNKF Board members for 1999/2000 are: Dick Anderson (Bellevue), Tom Antush (Highline), Tom Bolling (Bellevue), CJ Chaney (Bellevue), Gary Imanishi (Cascade), Judith Mack (Obukan), Curtis Marsten (Renton), Elizabeth Marsten (UW), Nobuo Monji (Seattle), Ron Risher (Northwest), Tom Swenson (Renton), Manabu Yabe (Seattle), Moki Yoshikawa (Tacoma), and David Yotsuuye (Bellevue). Jeffrey Marsten (Bellevue/Highline) and Kiyoshi Yasui (Seattle) continue on the Board as PNKF Advisors.

BOARD OFFICERS At the October 17 meeting, the new Board elected Officers for 1999/2000. President - Dick Anderson; Vice President - Curtis Marsten; Treasurer - David Yotsuuye Secretary of Internal Affairs - Gary Imanishi; Recording Secretary - Tom Bolling. UW Advisor - Dean DeJong. Curtis Marsten, Jeffrey Marsten, and David Yotsuuye continue as PNKF Representatives to the AUSKF.

PNKF TAIKAI CHAIR RON RISHER We need volunteers to bring Taikai supplies from their storage place at Highline. Also, we'll need help assisting Tsunami Taiko in setting up for the opening ceremonies. They have agreed to perform for the entrance march, as long as we can help with set-up and take-down.

PNKF POLO SHIRTS A few of the white all-cotton PNKF Team polo shirts which were designed and ordered for the 1999 US Championships are still available in various sizes at \$30 each from David Yotsuuye. Suitable for all occasions, they bear the full-color logo of the PNKF, and may be worn proudly for years to come. There are no plans to make more of them when current supplies are gone.

TWO DOJO WERE GRANTED PROBATIONARY STATUS at the October 17 Board meeting. Meadowbrook Kendo Dojo meets at Meadowbrook Community Center 10750 30th Avenue N.E. Seattle, Mondays 7:30-9:30pm and features Kendo led by Pat Y. Murosako. Musou Shinden Ryu Kenkyu Kai, or Musoukai for short, meets at Washington Shotokan Association, 12754 Bel/Red Road, Bellevue, Thursdays 7:30-9:00pm and features Iaido led by Tatsuhiko Konno.

1999 ALL UNITED STATES KENDO CHAMPIONSHIPS, August 7-8, 1999, Las Vegas

Thank you from Brian Olson. I wanted to take a moment and thank each of you and hopefully you, in turn, will thank (for me) all the people in your areas, for all of the help you provided at the US Kendo Championships in Las Vegas. While recognizing a little confusion on the first day - most likely as a result of trying a totally new system - the rest of the tournament went reasonably well, mainly due to you and your kenshi's efforts. It is without question, a thankless job for the most part that requires a high level of commitment. There are not many people like you in the world. I was fortunate enough to enlist your help. Thanks again. If you have any suggestions on how things could have gone better or observations you had regarding the flow, etc., please email them to me. We need to evaluate our job in order to provide the most efficient team we can at the WKC next year. Looking forward to seeing all of you again soon. Brian

SHINKYU SHINSA

KENDO SHINSA, August 9, 1999, Las Vegas. 5th Dan: Hajime Sugawara (MWKF).

IAIDO SHINSA, August 21, 1999, Obukan. 1st Kyu: Amy Fuhrman (Tacoma). 1st Dan: John Hancock (Obukan).

KENDO SHINSA, August 22, 1999, Spokane. 5th Kyu: Chun Lin (WSU), Michael Malixi (Big Sky). 4th Kyu: Tristan Currin (Spokane). 3rd Kyu: Erik Dycus (UW), Adam Hogan (Obukan), Scott McGrew (Obukan), David Schellenger (Obukan), Rick Tuttle (Meadowbrook). 2nd Kyu: Bruce Hess (Idaho), Daisuke Shiroo (WSU), Steve Yen (Seattle). 1st Kyu: John Anduaga-Arias (Spokane), Gerald Ham (UW), Lonny Hancock (Obukan), Terry Slosson (Northwest). 1st Dan: Stephen Alfstad (Spokane), Pamela Demo (Idaho), Darachann Hess (Idaho).

BELLEVUE KENDO CLUB NEWS Comprehensive Iaido practice covering Seitei and Muso Shinden Ryu, led by two time All-US Iaido Champion Dick Anderson, has successfully gotten underway starting October 5 at Everett Community College. The class meets Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30pm, at the Fitness and Sports Center, 1220 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett. Call (425) 334-8524 or email dfind1@cmc.net.

OBUKAN KENDO CLUB NEWS Obukan has donated four junior high/high school sets of bogu to each Dojo in Idaho, WSU and Spokane. These sets had been gifts from the Fukuoka people who visited in June, which Robert Stroud Sensei generously decided to share with other PNKF Clubs who were in need.

RENTON KENDO CLUB NEWS RENTON KENDO CLUB NEWS. Some new and used equipment was donated by Curtis Marsten, Jan Orwig and from Club inventory to a Russian Dojo they are supporting in Nalchik, Southern Caucasus. Marsten Sensei is currently in the planning stages of a trip to Nalchik in December so if anyone has any used items you would like to donate please let him know. The friendship and support are the result of a request of assistance by email and several months of correspondence.

UW KENDO CLUB NEWS The practice location and times for the Kendo Club at the UW have changed. The UW Club now meets inside the IMA, an area which is restricted to UW students only. All others require a special pass to be admitted. If you wish to be on the pass list, please let Elizabeth Marsten <emarsten@u.washington.edu> know with at least one week's lead time, otherwise the IMA will charge the participant a fee and require a UW student's sponsorship. Due to severe space limitations, larger groups of visitors may not be granted pass privileges. The new times and places are: Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30pm IMA Archery Room; Fridays, 7-9pm Aerobics Room.

THE LAST WORD Breaking with tradition leads to extinction, since tradition preserves the continuity of a people. So how does this relate to Kendo? "Strike correctly with the cutting edge." If you fail to recognize this, Kendo becomes something devoid of meaning. --Hiroshi Ozawa, KENDO: THE DEFINITIVE GUIDE.