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DATEBOOK

1. Nov 11, PNKF Taikai, Sat, 9:30am, Renton.
2. Nov 19, PNKF Board meeting, Sun, 10am, home of CJ Chaney, 14619 Eastgate Drive, Bellevue, (425) 747-7245.
3. Dec 9, Renton Taikai, Sat, 10am, Renton.
4. December, no PNKF Board meeting.
5. Jan 7, PNKF Board meeting, 10am, home of CJ Chaney.
6. January, Vancouver Taikai.
7. Feb 4, PNKF Board meeting, 10am, home of CJ Chaney.
8. Feb 10, Steveston Taikai, Sat, 10am.
9. Feb 24, PNKF Iaido Seminar and Shinsa, Sat.
10. Feb 25, PNKF Kendo Seminar and Shinsa, Sun.
11. March, no PNKF Board meeting.
12. Mar 17, Highline Taikai, Sat, 10am, Highline.
13. Mar 23/30, Kenseikan Kamei Dojo visit to Alaska.
14. April, UW Taikai.
15. Apr 8, PNKF Board meeting, Sun, 10am, home of CJ Chaney.
16. May 6, Bellevue Junior Taikai, Sun, 11am, Bellevue.
17. May 20, PNKF Board meeting, Sun, 10am, home of CJ Chaney.
18. June, no PNKF Board meeting.
19. Jul 15, PNKF Board meeting, Sun, 10am, home of CJ Chaney.
20. End of July, send out for PNKF Board nominations.
21. Aug 11, PNKF Iaido Seminar and Shinsa, Sat.
22. Aug 12, PNKF Kendo Seminar and Shinsa, Sun.
23. September, nominations for new Board due.
24. Sep 26, last meeting for current PNKF Board, Sun, 10am, home of CJ Chaney.
25. Oct 14, first meeting for new PNKF Board, Sun, 10am, home of CJ Chaney.

PNKF BOARD ELECTIONS

At the October 15, 2000 Board meeting, new officers were elected.

President - CJ Chaney

Vice President - Curtis Marsten

Treasurer - David S. Yotsuuye

Recording Secretary - Thomas Bolling

Secretary of Internal Affairs - Gary Y. Imanishi

UW Advisor - Dean DeJong

PNKF TAIKAI SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11, 9:30am, Renton.

Again this year we are very fortunate that Ron Risher has volunteered to Chair the PNKF Taikai. Every member of PNKF needs to remember that they are not guests at the Taikai, but rather hosts, and we need every single member to work hard before and during the Taikai for it to succeed. Court assignments and setup will be the same as last year, so please plan on doing the work your Dojo did last time. If you are contacted by Ron or your Dojo

head to do a specific thing, please be prepared to say "YES!" On the day of the Taikai, please be alert and help with anything that you see needs doing.

POCATELLO KENDO CLUB.

At the October 15, 2000 Board meeting, the PNKF was very pleased to accept the **Pocatello Kendo Club** as an official PNKF Dojo under probationary status. **Head Instructors** are Jonathan Byrd <jon@isu.edu> phone (208)233-2494 and Katsumi Taniguchi. The **PNKF Advisor** for the Club is Shinichi Koike. The **Pocatello Kendo Club** serves the Pocatello, Chubbuck, American Falls, and neighboring southeast Idaho communities, with the nearest known Kendo clubs being in Salt Lake City (approximately 150 miles to the south), Boise (approximately 240 miles to the west) and Butte (approximately 260 miles to the north). **Pocatello Kendo Club** currently practices in the Greenacres Elementary School gym at 1250 East Oak Street in Pocatello. Times are Mondays and Wednesdays 7-9pm. The PNKF is delighted to welcome this Dojo.

KENSEIKAN KAMEI DOJO VISIT TO ALASKA KENDO CLUB

Kamei Kazuo, Hanshi 8th Dan, with a large entourage of kenshi from Kenseikan Kamei Dojo will visit the Alaska Kendo Club in Anchorage this coming March. Alaska Kendo Club extends an invitation to all PNKF members to join them. The Kamei Dojo group is scheduled to arrive Friday March 23 and leave Friday March 30, 2001. There will be many activities and lots of keiko. As of now, the following people are planning to visit: Kamei Sensei, Mr. Watanabe, Mr. Sekiguchi, Ms. Suzuki and her friend, Mrs. Kitajima, Mr. Okimoto, Mr. Kajiwara, Ms. Sato, Mr. & Mrs. Hiyoshi, Mizuno Family of 4 plus his nephew, Ms. Takenaka, for a total of 17 people (15 people will practice Kendo). If desired, excellent travel arrangements can be made through Ando Sensei's company, HAI Shirokuma Tours. (VISA, Mastercard & Amex are accepted, but checks are better). Please block out as much of this time as you can and plan now to travel to Anchorage for this wonderful event. More details will follow soon as the plans firm up.

OSU KENDO CLUB

The **Oregon State University Kendo Club**, whose members are currently affiliated with the PNKF through **Obukan**, now has a nice web page at <http://osu.orst.edu/groups/kendo/>. The **OSU Kendo Club President** is Kevin Harris <harriske@engr.orst.edu> phone (541)754-8566, and the **Vice President** is Kent Enfield <enfield@engr.orst.edu> phone (541)754-9053. Practice is held at the Dixon Rec Center on the OSU campus. Times are Tuesdays 7-9pm, Wednesdays 7-9pm, and Saturdays 10am-12noon.

THE LAST WORD

Invisible SEME, or KURAI ZEME, is the ultimate aim of the Kendoist. By gazing into the opponent's HARA, intentions are detected before any movement and, thus, the opponent's first move is forced. As in KATA, the SHI DACHI always applies the pressure and is never on the defense. The spirit is always ready and always a millisecond ahead of the opponent. If the opponent moves, he or she is defeated. Invisible SEME is so severe and so powerful, that the opponent seems hypnotized and must retreat, or is often not even aware that he or she is being attacked. For this to happen, the SHINAI is not an object or a weapon anymore; it is an extension of the hand, part of the body and soul. --Rod Nobuto Omoto, "Understanding SEME," **Sempo: Midwest Kendo Newsletter**, vol. 13, no. 1, Spring 1997, page 5.

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