

June, no PNKF Board meeting. 1.

Jun 3/4 South African Kendo Federation Kendo and Iaido Seminar, Sun/Mon, Emmarentia , Johannesburg, South Africa. Please contact Buster Sefor <kendo@icon.co.za>.

3. Jun 9/10, 2001 A.C.T. Open Kendo Championships/Seminar, Sat/Sun, Canberra, Australia.

Jun 17, Mililani Taikai, Sun, Oahu, Hawaii.

5. Jun 23, PNKF Women's Team Taikai, Sat, 10am, Renton. Jun 29/Jul 2, AUSKF Iaido Camp, Fri/Mon, Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon.

July, no PNKF Board meeting. 8. Jul 14/15, AUSKF Kendo Camp and Shinsa (1-7 Dan), Sat/Sun, Las Vegas.

9. Jul 27/Aug 3, IKF/AJKF Camp for Kendo Leaders, Kitamoto, Japan.

10. End of July, send out for PNKF Board nominations.

11. August, no PNKF Board meeting.

- 12. Aug 4, 20th Toronto Kendo Club and 5th Mississauga Kendo Club Anniversary Kendo Tournament, Sat, 8am, University of Toronto at Mississauga.
- Aug 11, PNKF Iaido Seminar and Shinsa, Sat. 13.
- 14. Aug 12, PNKF Kendo Seminar and Shinsa, Sun.
- 15. Aug 21/26, Shidogakuin 2001 Summer Kendo Camp.
- 16. September, nominations for new Board due.
- 17. Sep 23, last meeting, current PNKF Board, Sun, 10am, CJ Chaney home.
- Oct 14, first meeting, new PNKF Board, Sun, 10am, CJ Chaney home.
- 18. 19. Nov 3, PNKF Taikai, Sat, 9:30am, Renton.
- 20. Nov 17, BKA Mumeishi Taikai.

PNKF NORTH AMERICAN WOMEN'S INVITATIONAL KENDO CHAMPIONSHIP The PNKF North American Women's Invitational Kendo Championship, Saturday, June 23, 2001 from 10am to 6pm at Renton Community Center, 1715 Maple Valley Highway, with special guest, Otsuka Mayumi Sensei, 11WKC Japan Women's Team Coach.

AUSKF IAIDO SUMMER CAMP 2001 AUSKF Iaido Seminar, Shinsa, and Taikai, June 29 to July 2, 2001, Linfield College, McMinneville, Oregon. Cost is \$100 for full seminar, or \$50/day. Lodging and exam fee not included. Registration packet available at http://www.Obukan.com or fax request to "AUSKF Iaido Camp" at 503-643-7487 or phone 503-643-5109, ext 22.

AUSKF KENDO SUMMER CAMP 2001 Two expert Kendo instructors from Japan have been invited to teach at the AUSKF Seminar and Shinsa (1-7 Dan) at Las Vegas, July 14/15, Cimarron Memorial High School Gym. Cost is \$80 per person, and includes lunch each day and shuttle transportation (hotel-gym). Lodging, dinner at Circus Circus, and exam fee not included. Registration packet available at http://www.kendo-usa.org/kendocamp.htm, or email Koki Ariga Sensei kariga@fandp.com or phone 937-339-0212, ext 111.

ALASKA KENDO CLUB NEWS At their May 20 meeting the PNKF Board voted unanimously to grant Alaska Kendo Club regular full PNKF Dojo status. The Alaska Budokan, 7751 King Street, Anchorage. Kendo Tue & Thu 7-9pm, Iaido Sat 10-12noon, Masa Ando, Head Instructor. Congratulations, Ando Sensei and all the great Alaska Kendo Club members!

SHINKYU SHINSA

KENDO SHINSA, May 3, 2001, Kyoto. 7TH DAN: Jeffrey Marsten, Bellevue/Highline. Congratulations, Marsten Sensei!

PASSAGE We were stunned and deeply saddened to learn of the sudden death on May 12, 2001 of our good and very kind friend Nikolai Yakovlev, President of the Russian Kendo Federation. Born in Moscow on April 9, 1948, Yakovlev Sensei was only 53 years old. He was Iaido 3rd Dan and Jodo 1st Dan, and was preparing for the Kendo 1st Dan exam. He began Kendo in Moscow in 1989, after meeting Yanushevski Sensei. Later he was one of the first Russian students of Ide Katsuhiko Sensei, practicing Muso Shinden Ryu, and becoming one of the two top-ranked Russians in Iaido. A renowned scholar with many very good friends and colleagues among American professional historians, Yakovlev Sensei was the coordinator in Russia of the "Annals of Communism" joint program between Yale University and the Federal Archives of

Russia, a serious and very worthy series of books which are found in the University of Washington and many other major research libraries throughout the world. Yakovlev Sensei was Delegation Leader of the Russian Kendo Team at its first World Championships in Kyoto, and again at 11WKC in Santa Clara. He had just returned from the April European Kendo Championships in Italy, and was proud that one of the Team members got the Fighting Spirit Award. What attracted his friends and students most was his immense humility. Our deepest condolences go to his wife Galina, and to his only son Anton, also an historian.

17th EUROPEAN KENDO CHAMPIONSHIPS, Bologna - April 13, 2001 (results courtesy Jim Sylvia) Junior Individuals

1st place - Bognar, Hungary 2nd place - DuVauchelle, France 3rd place - Dubi, Hungary

Women's Individuals

1st place - Kiraly, Hungary
2nd place - Costa, Italy
3rd place - Loustale, France
3rd place - Soulas, France
3rd place - Great Britain

Fighting Spirit Duschel, Hungary Ecker, Austria Florina Serban, Romania Gubbins, Great Britain

Women's Teams

Men's Individuals

1st place - Erdelyi, Hungary
2nd place - Wahlqvist, Sweden
3rd place - Castro Dav, Spain
3rd place - Blachon, France
3rd place - Sweden
Fighting Spirit
De Zeine, Belgium

Steinbrenner, Austria Pyjor, Portugal Cilek, Czech Republic

De Zeine, Belgium Garbea, Romania Jelobenko, Russia

11th ANNUAL BELLEVUE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS - May 6, 2001

2nd place - Michelle Rasmussen, Tacoma 2nd place - Ahmed Karout, Obukan

3rd place - Kekoa Yoshikawa, Tacoma 3rd place - Michelle Rasmussen, Tacoma

9 Years and Under Kihon 9 Years and Under Individuals
1st place - Ahmed Karout, Obukan 1st place - Deon Holmes, Tacoma

10-12 Years Kihon

1st place - Kelvin Winder, Seattle
2nd place - Ikaika Yoshikawa, Tacoma
3rd place - Jayson Nunokawa, Bellevue
4th place - Jed Sarmiento, Highline
1st place - Taryn Imanishi, Cascade
2nd place - Kelvin Winder, Seattle
3rd place - Cole Benak, Cascade
4th place - Jed Sarmiento, Highline
4th place - Jayson Nunokawa, Bellevue

10-12 Years Individuals

13-15 Years Kihon

4th place - Jeff Lundell, Renton

13-15 Years Individuals

1st place - Jeff Marsten, Highline 2nd place - Lonny Hancock, Obukan 3rd place - Yuko Iwanaga, Obukan 3rd place - Daisuke Gejima, Obukan 4th place - Lonny Hancock, Obukan

Team Matches

1st place - Obukan 1 2nd place - Tacoma

Awesome Spirit Award

Yuko Iwanaga, Obukan Honorable Mention

Kathy Harrison, Bellevue Tadahiro Inose, Obukan Lani Nunokawa, Bellevue Michelle Rasmussen, Tacoma

THE LAST WORD Hayashizaki Jinsuke Shigenobu founded Musoushinden Ryu during the period of the warlords and it has continued till present day. Iaido is not meant to be just a skill in swordsmanship but the skills and character of the swordsman must be both polished to reveal its true value and meaning. --Kojima Masaru, Congratulatory Message in Musoushinden Ryu Kuden by Fujita Tadashi, translation by Tokeshi Jinichi, MD.

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