

# 剣 Kenyu

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## 友 DATEBOOK

1. Oct 12, PNKF Board meeting, Sat, 2:30pm, Renton.
2. Oct 19, Tacoma Invitational Youth Tournament, Sat, 9:30am, for all kenshi age 18 and below, regardless of rank.
3. Oct 19, Shidogakuin Washinkan and Hakushikan 10th anniversary open tournament, Thoreau Middle School, Fairfax, Virginia.
4. Oct 20, Shidogakuin Washinkan shinsa (location TBA).
5. Nov 4, SCKO Individual Championships, Sun, Torrance.
6. Nov 9, PNKF Taikai, Sat, 9:30am, Renton.
7. Nov 23, PNKF Board meeting, Sat, 2:30pm, Renton.
8. Nov 23, All Hawaii Kendo Championships, Sat, Waiakea Uka Gym, Hilo, Hawaii.
9. Jun 2003, World Naginata Championship of the International Naginata Federation (INF), last week of June, hosted by the US Naginata Federation (USNF), San Jose State University.
10. Jul 1/9, 2003, 12WKC, Glasgow, Scotland. <http://www.kendochampionships.com>

## PNKF TEAM OUTSTANDING AT US CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation (Lonny Hancock, Bryan Imanishi, Jeff Marsten, and Garrett Suzaka) won the **Senior Youth Team Championship** (16-18 years old) July 6 in Los Angeles at the 9th United States Kendo Championships. Jeff Lundell placed 2nd in Junior Youth Individual (15 years and younger), Elizabeth Marsten was 3rd in Women's individual, losing to the champion in the semi-final after a 15 + minute encho. Garrett Suzaka placed 3rd in the Senior Youth Individual and Lonny Hancock and Jeff Marsten both finished in the tie for 4th with Lonny receiving Kantosho. Curtis Marsten won the Goodwill with a very strong performance. PNKF is the first non-California team to ever win a team championship since the tournament started in 1978. The overall performance of the team was great with 17 out of 20 members making it out of the round robin into the tournament round of the individuals and 3 of the 4 teams making it out of the round robin into the tournament round in the team event. Thanks, Jeff Marsten, Head Coach PNKF

## TEAM USA FOR 12WKC

On Sunday, September 1, 2002, the final elimination tournament was held at Osaka Sangyo University Los Angeles (OSULA) to select the **Team USA** members for the 12th World Kendo Championships. The tournament selected five **Team** members, of whom **PNKF's Elizabeth Marsten finished in the top four**, to be added to Mike Yoshimura and Kaori Takada who were automatically selected at the 9th US Kendo Championships on July 5. There were also two **Men's Team** and one **Women's Team** members selected by manager and coaches' choice, as well as three alternates for each **Team**. **Congratulations, Team USA!**  
**Manager and coaches Manager:** Hori, Atsushi sensei (SCKO) **Men's coach:** Koike, Shinichi sensei (PNKF)  
**Women's coach:** Kodama, Jean sensei (SCKF)

### Men's team (8 plus 3 alternates)

Yoshimura, Mike (SCKF)  
Minami, Mike (NCKF)  
Hosokawa, Spencer (SCKF)  
Yoshimura, Steve (SCKF)  
Yang, Daniel (SCKF)  
Chinen, Katsushi (SCKF)  
Matsuda, Arnold (NCKF)  
Yang, Christopher (SCKF)  
Abe, Kevin (SWKF) (alternate)  
Itokazu, Fumihide (SCKF) (alternate)  
Hashimoto, Omoto (SCKF) (alternate)

### Women's team (7 plus 3 alternates)

Takada, Kaori (SCKO)  
Abe, Judy (SCKF)  
Farmer, Debi (GNEUSKF)  
Mikuni, Reika (NCKF)  
Marsten, Elizabeth (PNKF)  
Sakae, Mitsuyo (SCKF)  
Kikunaga, Kaori (NCKF)  
Takasaki, Mayura (MKF) (alternate)  
Uto, Rika (SCKF) (alternate)  
Takeda, Michi (SCKF) (alternate)

## KENT KENDO CLUB NEWS

At its September 14 meeting, the PNKF Board proudly and unanimously granted full Dojo status to Kent Kendo Club. Congratulations, Marsten Sensei and every Kent member!

## PASSAGE

Word has reached us that Kendo Kyoshi 7th Dan Hiroshi Umemoto, Senior Instructor of the Rocky Mountain Kendo Federation, passed away on September 7, 2002. Many PNKF kenshi have had the privilege of practicing with Umemoto Sensei during his visits to Obukan in Portland, and have learned much from the seminars he conducted there. We especially recall his immense kiai, and his kindly attentiveness to each of the people who practiced with him, especially the children.

## SHINKYU SHINSA

**KENDO SHINSA, August 10, 2002, Kent Commons 6TH KYU:** Ross Pendleton (Cascade). **5TH KYU:** Russell Atagi (Idaho), Tomasz Chmielewski (Renton), Lance Clifford (Big Sky), Daniel DeCamp (Kent), Joshua Ferguson (Kent), Anna Hoang (Seattle), Jacky Hoang (Seattle), Tri Hoang (Seattle), Bob Knutzen (Kent),

Michelle Rasmussen (Tacoma), Nancy Ton (Seattle), Nick Valenti (Idaho), John Vinesky (Seattle). **4TH KYU:** Arnold Aoshima (Seattle), Scott Erola (UW), Joseph Hoang (Seattle), Michael Hood (Kent), Masahisa Inose (Obukan), Tadahiro Inose (Obukan), Nathaniel Jacobson (UW), Bryanna Lindsey (Renton), Sinclair Lindsey (Renton), Jeffery Price (Kent), Adam Rutledge (Kent), Sverre Thorbjornsen (Bellevue). **3RD KYU:** Kyle Anderson (Pocatello), Khristian Baker (Highline), Jeff Bennett (Seattle), Brian Edwards (Everett), Guadalupe Fuentes (Idaho), Sean Galloway (Obukan), Nate Janega (Tacoma), HyunDae Kim (UW), Michael Mabale (Seattle), Daniel MacDonald (UW), Noah Ober (Seattle), Byron Perry (Cascade), Brendan Vanous (Bellevue), Jason Wang (Cascade), Gregory Wharton (Bellevue). **2ND KYU:** Brian Blomquist (Everett), Joshua Koplin (Bellevue), Robert Rasmussen (Tacoma), Christopher Tilt (Obukan), Kelvin Winder (Seattle), Tom Yabe (Seattle). **1ST KYU:** Michelle Byrd (Pocatello), Kent Enfield (Obukan), Bryan Imanishi (Cascade), Mei Kurahashi (Seattle), HaNa Paik (Highline), Leonid Tsybert (Bellevue), Guy Youngblood (Big Sky). **1ST DAN:** Limwel Cañares (Renton), Adam Hogan (Obukan).

**IAIDO SHINSA, August 10, 2002, Kent Commons 1ST KYU:** Kent Enfield (Obukan).

**IAIDO SHINSA, September 22, 2002, Renton. 2ND KYU:** Rebecca Wood (SCKO). **1ST KYU:** David Christman (MWKF), Shinya Deguchi (GNEUSKF), Shigemi Matsuyama (MWKF), Emil Nguyen (SCKF), Tom Okawara (MWKF), John Suzuki (Musokai). **1ST DAN:** Dick Beckstead (SCKO), Andre Dulce (Musokai), Gunnar Goerlitz (Musokai), Koji Kurohara (GNEUSKF), Peter Lichtman (SCKF), Frank Nieves (SEUSKF), Dave Thorson (Tacoma), Alan Sakamoto (Musokai). **2ND DAN:** David Bressler (AEUSKF), Brook Crieifield (SWUSKIF), Craig Fife (Obukan), Jason Hankins (SCKO), Larry Scanlon (SEUSKF). **3RD DAN:** Richard Babin (SWUSKIF), Isabella Church (GNEUSKF), Kitty Gandee (GNEUSKF), Bijan Sadrian (AEUSKF), Setsuo Tanaka (SCKF), Michael Ugarte (AEUSKF). **4TH DAN:** Debi Farmer (GNEUSKF), Susie Kozawa (Seattle). **5TH DAN:** Robert Stroud (Obukan). **RENSHI:** Thomas Hooper (AEUSKF).

#### 62nd ANNUAL NISEI WEEK KENDO TOURNAMENT, August 11, 2002, Los Angeles

##### 0-6 Kyu

1st Tanaka, K (Tor)  
2nd Owaki, G (COV)  
3rd Kim, E (PCI)  
3rd Ide, K (COV)

##### Women's Kyu

1st Domen, Sumi (NOR)  
2nd Hatagami, Masami (NOR)  
2nd Chung, Christina (OCB)  
3rd Tynan (OSULA)

##### Women's Yudansha

1st Yoneichi, S (WLA)  
2nd Takada, Kaori (LB)  
3rd Shikai, Yuriko (CHUO)  
3rd Takasaki, Mayura (STYO)

##### 5-4 Kyu Group 1

1st Owaki (COV)  
2nd Kern, A (JCI)  
3rd Tomatani (STYO)  
3rd Ikuta, M (LB)

##### 5-4 Kyu Group 2

1st Hamamura, Y (NOR)  
2nd Hoshina (JCI)  
3rd Amano (NOR)  
3rd Otsu (OCB)

##### 1-2 Dan Group 1

1st Black (WLA)  
2nd Clarkson (CHUO)  
3rd Tanaka (MP)  
3rd Matsuzaki (PCI)

##### 3-1 Kyu Group 1

1st Kamimoto, K (LB)  
2nd Kinjo, H (COV)  
3rd Cho, Marvin (CYP)  
3rd Kawamoto, D (GAR)

##### 3-1 Kyu Group 2

1st Park, J (CYP)  
2nd Takayanagi, Y (OSULA)  
3rd Imai, H (TOR)  
3rd Fukusumi (COV)

##### 1-2 Dan Group 2

1st Kurokouchi (COV)  
2nd Goya (OCB)  
3rd Kitagaito (GAR)  
3rd Yoo, S (TOR)

##### Team

1st Norwalk  
2nd Covina  
3rd Torrance  
3rd OCB

##### Adult Kyu Group 1

1st Nemeti (STYO)  
2nd Iyoda (GAR)  
3rd Mori (GAR)  
3rd Meng (SFV)

##### Adult Kyu Group 2

1st Kim (TOR)  
2nd Chang, S (SD)  
3rd Minei (GAR)  
3rd Nguyen (NOR)

##### 3-4 Dan Group 1

1st Kang (CHUO)  
2nd Johnson (OCB)  
3rd Kitajima (PCI)  
3rd Borden (CHUO)

##### 3-4 Dan Group 2

1st Itokazu (COV)  
2nd Yang, D (TOR)  
3rd Chinen, Katsumi (COV)  
3rd Okada, S (CHUO)

**AUSKF IAIDO SEMINAR, NATIONAL TAIKAI AND SHINSA, SEPTEMBER 20/21/22, RENTON DOJO** The AUSKF Iaido Seminar, National Taikai, and Shinsa was a huge success, fielding some 79 attendees from the US and Canada and 10 sensei. An immense debt of gratitude is owed to Brian Blomquist who coordinated the entire thing, and to the main instructors, Yamaguchi Takeshi, Kato Shozo, Konno Tatsuhiko, and Thomas Hooper, and their special assistants, Murosako Yoshitsugu, and Henry Asai. Thanks also to supporting instructors Pam Parker, Russell Ichimura, Dick Anderson, and Tom Bolling, and a REALLY BIG **\*THANK YOU\*** to the many non-Iai PNKF members who actively put in many hours driving folks to and from the airport, covering the tables, organizing the food, and dozens of other jobs, so the Iai people could concentrate on their study.

#### AUSKF IAIDO CHAMPIONSHIPS, September 21, 2002, Renton

##### Mudansha

1st Andre Chen (Shidogakuin)  
2nd Frank Nieves (Shidogakuin)  
3rd Brian Edwards (Everett)  
3rd Shinya Deguchi (Shidogakuin)  
Fighting Spirit  
Koji Kurohara (Shidogakuin)

##### 1-2 Dan

1st Akiyo Takamisawa (Shidogakuin)  
2nd Michael Ugarte (KenZen)  
3rd Richard Tanaka (San Jose)  
3rd Setsuo Tanaka (Monterey Park)  
Fighting Spirit  
Isabella Church (Shidogakuin)

##### 3 Dan and Above

1st Pam Parker (KenZen)  
2nd Dick Anderson (Everett)  
3rd Debi Farmer (Shidogakuin)  
3rd Susan Sekreta (KenZen)  
Fighting Spirit  
John Aquadro (Memphis)

**THE LAST WORD** "The difficulty is controlling yourself in this sport," said Nishimura, who has been coaching fencing for 33 years, 22 in Hawai'i. "Really, on the surface, it seems like you're fencing your competitor, but in reality you're not. You are truly trying to control yourself and that's really hard when someone is coming at you with a sword." --Tony Nishimura, quoted by Catherine E. Toth, "On guard! Thurlow among fencing's elite," **Honolulu Advertiser**, August 6, 2002.

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