

1. Mar 29, PNKF Youth Kendo Seminar, Sat, 9am-1:30pm, Bellevue Tyee Community Gym.

2. Mar 29/30 AUSKF Board of Directors meeting, Sat/Sun, New Orleans.

3. Apr 5, Godo Keiko, Sat, 5-7pm, Tyee Community Gym. 4. Apr 12, UW Taikai, Sat, 10am, UW Hec Ed Addition.

5. Apr 12, Cleveland Taikai.

6. Apr 12/13, 7th annual Harvard-invitational Shoryuhai

Intercollegiate Kendo Taikai.

Apr 13, California North/South Taikai.

8. Apr 18/19/20, Cherry Blossom Festival, Seattle Center.

- 9. Apr 25/26/27, SWKIF Spring Event and Promotional Exams, Dallas.
- 10. Apr 26, Nabeshima Cup and Texas Open Kendo Taikai, Dallas.

11. May 3, PNKF Board, Sat, 2:30pm, Renton.

- 12. May 3, Godo Keiko, Sat, 5-7pm, Tyee Community Gym.
- 13. May 4, Bellevue Junior Taikai, Sun, 11am, Bellevue.
- 14. Jun 7, Godo Keiko, Sat, 5-7pm, Tyee Community Gym.

15. Jun 21, PNKF Board, Sat, 2:30pm, Renton.

16. Jun 26/Jul 1, 3rd World Naginata Championship and surrounding events sponsored by the International Naginata Federation (INF), San Jose State University.

3rd World Naginata Championship Tournament, Sat, June 28, 9am-5pm.
INF Friendship Tournament, Sun, June 29, 9am-12:30pm.
INF Naginata Seminar, Mon, Jun 30-Wed, Jul 2, 9am-5pm.
Other events also planned, including INF Shinpan Seminar, INF General meeting, and many daily practices. For more information contact: Mr. Raymond Sosnowski, <110742.522@compuserve.com>.

17. Jul 1/9, 2003, 12WKC, Glasgow, Scotland. http://www.kendochampionships.com

- Jul 19/20, Guelph School of Japanese Sword Arts, Sat/Sun, Guelph, Ontario, Canada.
- Jul 26, PNKF Board, Sat, 2:30pm, Renton.
- Aug 9, PNKF Kendo and Iaido Shinsa.
- Sep 20, PNKF Board, Sat, 2:30pm, Renton. 21.
- 22. October, 2003 AUSKF National Kendo Seminar is proposed to be held at the Citadel, in Charleston, South Carolina.
- 23. October, SWKIF Fall Seminar and Promotional Exams, Omaha.
- 24. Oct 18, PNKF Board, Sat, 2:30pm, Renton.
- 25. Nov 8, PNKF Taikai, Sat, 9:30am, Renton.
- 26. Nov 22, PNKF Board, Sat, 2:30pm, Renton.
- 27. Dec 13, Renton Taikai, Sat, 10am, Renton.

PNKF YOUTH KENDO SEMINAR, March 29, 2003, 9:30am-1:30pm An excellent program of Kendo study FREE to all PNKF members age 17 and under will take place on March 29, at Tyee Community Gym. The program will cover wearing uniform/bogu, kihon renshu, shikake waza, tournament workshop, godo keiko, and a pizza party. Learn cool techniques and skills, learn about Kendo mindsets, meet other kids and make new friends. Please let Jeff Marsten Sensei know if you are coming so he can order enough pizza and drinks. <jmarsten@hotmail.com>

3rd HONG KONG ASIAN (REGIONAL) INVITATIONAL KENDO TOURNAMENT - March 9/10, 2002

Men's Team

1st place - Chinese Taipei B

2nd place - Shanghai B

3rd place - Hong Kong C

Keiji Hara, Shanghai B

3rd place - Chinese Taipei C

FIGHTING SPIRITS - MEN'S TEAMS

Anthony Pickering, Australia Ryo Maeda, Beijing Wu Man Chi, Macau A Leung Sek Kuan, Macau B Kaneko Hitoha, Shanghai A

Women's Team 1st place - Chinese Taipei B

2nd place - Hong Kong A

3rd place - Shanghai

3rd place - Chinese Taipei A

FIGHTING SPIRITS - WOMEN'S TEAMS

Atsuko Sakuma, Shanghai Yen Ting Chiu, Chinese Taipei A Hiroko Mihara, Chinese Taipei B Eda Chen, Hong Kong A Wing Ting Fong, Hong Kong B Mitsuko Miyasaka, Hong Kong C

FIGHTING SPIRITS - MEN'S TEAMS, continued

Akira Aradate, Shanghai C Chia-An Liu, Chinese Taipei A I-Hsin Lin, Chinese Taipei B Ming Hua Ho, Chinese Taipei C Hiroki Sato, Fukuoka Tatsuko Honma, Takatsuki-shi, Osaka Wataru Hirosue, Osaka West Iwao Iwasaki, Katsushika-ku, Tokyo Jonathan Santiago, Manila Siu Kin Tam, Hong Kong A Hin Kong Tsang, Hong Kong B Kwong Wung Chan, Hong Kong C

27th ANNIVERSARY HIGHLINE INVITATIONAL MUDANSHA CHALLENGE CUP - March 15, 2003

1st place - Gregory Wharton, Sno-King 2nd place - Leonid Tsybert, Bellevue 3rd place - Karim Naguib, Bellevue 3rd place - Eric Timm, UW 4th place - Jonathan Scherer, Cascade 4th place - Julie Chen, Sno-King 4th place - Brian Blomquist, Everett 4th place - Nick Thompson, Highline

1st place - Bellevue 26 points 2nd place - Everett 22 points 3rd place - Sno-King 21 points

PASSAGE

We were recently shocked and saddened to learn that Sean Gallagher died Wednesday, October 11, 2000 on his property at High Ground Farms near Sedro-Woolley. We are deeply indebted to Sean's brother Bruce for contacting us and writing to us about this important news for our Kendo community.

Sean Gallagher was killed when he felled a tree on the farm. The tree came down in an unexpected direction and Sean was trapped. He probably died within moments of the impact.

Sean was born on April 18, 1953 in New York City. He became a police officer and police chief serving with high distinction in various communities in Central and Coastal California before retiring and moving to Sedro-Woolley in 1993. Active in the martial arts in multiple disciplines, Sean attained the ranks of Iaido 3rd Dan, Kendo 4th Dan, and Goju Ryu Karatedo Sho Dan Ho. As an enthusiast of Japanese culture, Sean also studied tea

ceremony and flower arranging. He journeyed to Japan many times.

Sean had experience in sword making and worked on building a forge and Dojo named "Under a Forest Moon." He had started a Kendo Dojo in Sedro-Woolley prior to his death. Bruce has some armor Sean had made in Japan some years ago but which Sean had not yet traveled to receive before he died. Bruce arranged to have it sent here.

Sean helped Bruce and his son begin Aikido training some years ago. They practice in Granite Falls with the Reverend Koichi Barish. Bruce arranged for two granite lanterns to be donated to the Shinto shrine there. Bruce and his son walk between the lanterns each time they arrive and depart from training.

Sean is buried in the Saxon Cemetery near Acme. The family decided Sean should be buried in his Kendo uniform with his best Iai sword. In such difficult circumstances, suffering immense grief, it seemed like the right thing to do.

His epitaph reads "The colorful flowers are fragrant, but they must fall. Who in this world of ours can live forever?" This is a translated quote from Yamaoka Tesshu in Sword of No Sword.

THE LAST WORD

...the principles of Kendo as laid down by the All-Japan Kendo Federation stipulate that its aim should be, through training in the techniques of Kendo, to change you as a person. Kendo is said to be comprised of three types of training: physical; mental and ethical; it is a path, a michi, which should transform you not only physically but also lead to a different way of being psychologically, this is its stated purpose. Therefore, as breath control seemed to be an important element in other Japanese ascetic training methods, it seemed to me that it might be equally important in Kendo. If it were, then a study of it would reveal much not only about technique, the so-called physical aspect of the art, but also about the psychological content needed to attain the very highest levels. --Steven Harwood, "The Role of Breath Control in Kendo, Part 1," Kendo World, volume 1, number 1, 2001, page 23.

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