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DATEBOOK

1. Apr 19, Cherry Blossom Festival Demo, Sat, 1:00pm Seattle Center.
2. Apr 25/26/27, SWKIF Spring Event and Promotional Exams, Dallas.
3. Apr 26, Nabeshima Cup and Texas Open Kendo Taikai, Dallas.
4. May 3, PNKF Board, Sat, 2:30pm, Renton.
5. May 3, Godo Keiko, Sat, 5-7pm, Tyee Community Gym.
6. May 4, Bellevue Junior Taikai, Sun, 11am, Bellevue.
7. Jun 7, Godo Keiko, Sat, 5-7pm, Tyee Community Gym.
8. Jun 15, Leeward Oahu Taikai, Mililani.
9. Jun 21, PNKF Board, Sat, 2:30pm, Renton.
10. 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>.
11. Jul 1/9, 2003, 12WKC, Glasgow, Scotland. <http://www.kendochampionships.com>
12. Jul 19/20, Guelph School of Japanese Sword Arts, Sat/Sun, Guelph, Ontario, Canada.
13. Jul 26, PNKF Board, Sat, 2:30pm, Renton.
14. Aug 9, PNKF Kendo and Iaido Shinsa.
15. Sep 20, PNKF Board, Sat, 2:30pm, Renton.
16. October, 2003 AUSKF National Kendo Seminar is proposed to be held at the Citadel, in Charleston, South Carolina.
17. October, SWKIF Fall Seminar and Promotional Exams, Omaha.
18. Oct 18, PNKF Board, Sat, 2:30pm, Renton.
19. Nov 8, PNKF Taikai, Sat, 9:30am, Renton.
20. Nov 22, PNKF Board, Sat, 2:30pm, Renton.
21. Dec 13, Renton Taikai, Sat, 10am, Renton.

PNKF YOUTH KENDO SEMINAR A HUGE SUCCESS.

The program of Kendo study which was offered FREE to all PNKF members age 17 and under which took place on March 29 at Tyee Community Gym had a great turnout of 39 students, many accompanied by interested parents and siblings. Clubs represented included Bellevue, Highline, Kent, Northwest, Obukan, and Renton. The program covered wearing uniform/bogu, kihon rensu, shikake waza, tournament workshop, godo keiko, "balloon war" and a pizza party. Participants loved the seminar and cheered loudly when asked if they would like to have it again someday. It will probably become a regular event.

ALASKA KENDO CLUB FEATURED IN KENDO NIPPON

Masa Ando, Kendo 5 Dan and Iaido 3 Dan, head sensei of the Alaska Kendo Club, has written an exciting series of articles which began appearing in the recent January issue of **KENDO NIPPON**. Ando Sensei tells us he knows he is not really good enough to write an article about Kendo for a magazine, but wanted the rest of the world to know there is Kendo in Alaska. As you can find out from the article, he is simply reporting nothing else but what they do there in Alaska. Although it may be different from what others do or may be the same, he wanted to leave some record (or evidence) of Kendo in Alaska for the people in the future. There will be a total of 6 reports from the January 2003 issue to June 2003. He has not found time for his student to translate them into English yet, but will share them with us when he does. Congratulations, Ando Sensei!

8th ANNUAL KENSHIKAN KENDO TOURNAMENT - March 23, 2003, Kaimuki Dojo, Honolulu

Novice Kihon

1st place - Chase Takenaka
2nd place - Eric Teshima
3rd place - Tetsuo Ouye

Novice (age 12 & over)

1st place - Kenneth Fontes
2nd place - Brian Nicklas
3rd place - Aolani Bennie

Yonenbu

1st place - James Okada
2nd place - Erika Hill
3rd place - Matthew Ito

Shonenbu

1st place - Yu Tamura
2nd place - Aaron Kim
3rd place - Kenton Chun

Seinenbu

1st place - Shem Kim
2nd place - Nolan Takahashi
3rd place - Gregory Gates

Women's (non-Yudansha)

1st place - Karen Park
2nd place - Erika Hill
3rd place - Trina Kobata

Women's (Yudansha)

1st place - Roxine Kubo
 2nd place - Gale Mejia
 3rd place - Maya Fukada

Yudansha (1-2 Dan)

1st place - Elton Ushio
 2nd place - Colin Maruoka
 3rd place - Karen Mejia

Yudansha (3 Dan & above)

1st place - Chris Goodin
 2nd place - Grant Matsubayashi
 3rd place - Andy Fujimoto

28th ANNUAL UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON KENDO TOURNAMENT - April 12, 2003**0-4 Kyu**

1st place - J. Helmick (Obukan)
 2nd place - J. Powell (Sno-King)
 3rd place - V. Banez (Steveston)
 3rd place - T. Maruo (UW)

1-3 Kyu

1st place - J. Friedman (Everett)
 2nd place - J. Hoang (Seattle)
 3rd place - H. Fukumoto (Seattle)
 3rd place - B. Chung (Steveston)

Women

1st place - Y. Tamura (Highline)
 2nd place - W. Nakano (Steveston)
 3rd place - E. Marsten (Highline)
 3rd place - R. Barr (Bellevue)

1-3 Dan

1st place - G. Suzaka (UW)
 2nd place - L. Hancock (Obukan)
 3rd place - W. Abe (Obukan)
 3rd place - N. Tanimura (Bellevue)

4 Dan and Above

1st place - D. Imanishi (Seattle)
 2nd place - T. Kondo (Steveston)
 3rd place - M. Hayashi (Vancouver)
 3rd place - H. Samkange (Cascade)

Team

1st place - Vancouver
 2nd place - Steveston

Shoji Inspirational - Elizabeth Shin

PASSAGE

On March 18, 2003 a faithful member of Musokai, Jeffrey D. Ida, passed away at the age of only 59 after a very courageous battle with cancer. Born July 12, 1943, Jeff Ida was a very humble and unassuming gentleman who started practicing Iaido at Musokai around the middle of the year 2000. About a year or 18 months ago, he came to practice and sat on the sidelines to watch. When one of the students asked why he had not participated, he showed them that he was wearing a small medical device that was slowly injecting him with chemotherapy drugs.

He continued to practice very regularly, only missing practices when his condition made it absolutely necessary; even when the chemotherapy drugs made him dizzy and ill he continued to come to practice and at least observe the class. He had a very polite and unassuming personality in the dojo that must have been hiding a very strong and courageous man. He was very open when talking about his condition, but never brought the subject up himself. When he talked about his condition he never seemed angry or bitter about it, but instead talked about it in such a way that comforted and dismissed the concerns of the person talking to him.

Around the end of 2000, Brian Blomquist mentioned to the students at Musokai that he was looking for an inexpensive iaito, in order to use as a loaner at the Everett Kendo and Iaido Club. Jeff indicated that he had one that he had acquired early and was no longer using. He sold it to Brian for \$100, and we are sure that he paid more than \$200 not more than a year before he sold it to benefit the Everett Club.

Vicki Marsten of Renton Kendo Club remembers Jeff Ida's kind mentoring of her when she interned as a student engineer at Seattle City Light in 1979 and helped him design a new substation in south Seattle, and considers him an important friend ever since.

One of the messages that Murosako Sensei brought back after visiting with Jeff shortly before his death was that he had enjoyed studying Iaido very much and regretted the fact that he did not begin his study earlier in his life.

Jeff Ida had the true heart of a kenshi and we are so proud to have known him. We extend our deepest condolences to his wife Sandy and his two daughters Meredith and Jennifer.

MESSAGE FROM HONG KONG

We were relieved to get word from our good friend Eda Chen, Kendo 5 Dan, regarding SARS in Hong Kong. Chen Sensei writes: I guess everyone of you is very worried about our situation in Hong Kong. Every day we are still having new cases and doctors are trying their very best to tackle the unknown disease. For Kendo people, up to date we haven't heard about anyone getting infected. Regular Kendo training still continues and it will be totally up to the individuals or parents of the children to decide to let their children join or not. Back at the Association Dojo, we are joined by two doctors in our training. We have advised our members to pay more attention to personal hygiene, to maintain enough sleep and rest and nutrition and exercise. And if they are sick, they should go to the doctor immediately and not return to the Dojo until they get well. What we need to do now is to prepare our best physical condition and personal hygiene. Thank you very much to the many of you who have expressed your concern on our Kendo members. Best regards, Eda.

SHINKYU SHINSA - KODANSHA SHINSA, January 19, 2003, Kochi, Japan. 5TH DAN: Harry Samkange (Cascade).

THE LAST WORD

Our family's always done weapons. It was never looked at as we grew up as something for self-defense, or there being a need for self-defense. It was a pursuit of a martial art that was handed down, keeping this tradition alive, preserving the culture. --Malyne Chiu, **Sharp Spear Crystal Mirror**, page 195.

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