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1. May 6, Bellevue Junior Taikai, Sat.
2. May 13, PNKF Board, Sat, 10am-12noon, Kent.
3. May 13, PNKF Shinpan Seminar, Sat, 12noon-5pm, Kent.
4. Jun 3/4, PNKF Iaido Seminar, Sat/Sun, SnoKing.
5. Jul 7/8/9, Obukan Kendo and Iaido Seminar, with 6 teachers from Fukuoka, Fri/Sat/Sun, Obukan.
6. Jul 8, PNKF Board, Sat, 2-4pm, Kent.
7. Jul 17-22, PNKF Junior Seminar, Mon through Sat.
8. Jul 29/30, PNKF Kendo Seminar and Shinsa, Sat/Sun, Kent.
9. Aug 12, PNKF Iaido Seminar and Shinsa, Sat, location to be announced.
10. Sep 30, PNKF Board, Sat, 2-4pm, Kent.
11. Oct 14, PNKF Shinpan Seminar, Sat, Kent.
12. Oct 21, Tacoma Junior Taikai, Sat, 10am-4pm, Crescent Heights Elementary.
13. Nov 4, PNKF Board, Sat, 2-4pm, Kent.
14. Nov 18, PNKF Taikai, Sat, 9:30am, Kent.
15. Dec 2 or 9, tentative dates, Kent Taikai, Sat, report time 9am, start 9:30am, Kent.

## OTHER DATES

1. May 26/27/28, 30th Anniversary New York City Kendo Club Tournament, Fri/Sat/Sun.
2. Dec 8-10, 13WKC, Taipei, Taiwan.

## PNKF IAIDO SEMINAR, June 3/4, 2006, SnoKing

The PNKF will be hosting an Iaido Seminar June 3 and 4, 2006 (Sat/Sun). The Seminar will feature Noguchi Hideo Sensei, Iaido Kyoshi 8th Dan, from Japan as well as a number of other instructors visiting from Japan.

Visiting Instructors: Noguchi Hideo, Iaido Kyoshi 8th Dan; Aoki Shigehiro, Iaido Kyoshi 7th Dan; Suzuki Kaoru, Iaido 6th Dan.

Schedule: Saturday, June 3 - 9:30am-4:30pm; Sunday, June 4 - 9:30am-2:30pm, followed by barbecue 2:30pm-4:00pm.

Location: SnoKing Dojo, Bitter Lake Community Center, 13035 Linden Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133.

Driving Directions Northbound I-5: Take Exit 174 (Roosevelt Way/NE 130TH ST) onto 5th Ave NE, turn LEFT (West) onto NE 130TH ST, after 1 mile turn RIGHT (North) onto Linden Ave N, Community Center is on the LEFT.

Driving Directions Southbound I-5: Take Exit 175 (NE 145 ST, SR-523) and turn RIGHT (West) onto NE 145TH, after 1 mile turn left onto Linden Ave N, Community Center is on the RIGHT after 0.7 miles.

Deadlines/Cost: A flat fee of \$60.00 will be charged for all participants attending the Seminar. Saturday lunch is available for an additional fee of \$6.00. The barbeque is free of charge, but we would appreciate it if you could indicate the number of people attending on the application form. Please make checks payable to the "Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation". All applications and fees need to reach Brian Blomquist at the below address by Saturday May 27.

Contact/Questions: PNKF 2006 Iaido Seminar, c/o Brian Blomquist, 724 170TH ST SW, Lynnwood, WA 98037. Email: [brian.blomquist@verizon.net](mailto:brian.blomquist@verizon.net) Phone: (206) 300-6416. A PDF file with this information and application forms can be obtained from the PNKF web site at: <http://www.kendo-pnkf.org/>

## PNKF KENDO SEMINAR AND SHINSA, July 29/30, 2006, Kent Commons

The PNKF will be holding a Kendo Seminar and Shinsa on July 29/30, 2006 (Sat/Sun) at the Kent Commons Recreation Center. We are in the planning stages for this Seminar so please mark it on your calendar. This Seminar is for participants age 16 and up. The Junior Seminar will be held July 17/22, and details for the Junior Seminar will be sent out shortly. The Shinsa is open to all ages. Our guest instructor for this Seminar is Mark Grivas Sensei, 2 time U.S. Men's Kendo Champion. Instruction will also be provided by PNKF sensei.

## 30th ANNIVERSARY HIGHLINE MUDANSHA TAIKAI - March 18, 2006, White Center

1st place - Takashi Maruo, UW	2nd place - Shawn West, Spokane
3rd place - Steve Guidi, Seattle	3rd place - Glenn Walker, Obukan
4th place - Ken Eguro, UW	4th place - Kyle McDaniel, Seattle
4th place - James Hunter, Obukan	4th place - Paul Cresse, Kent

## TEAMS

1st place - UW 37 points    2nd place - Kent 27 points    3rd place - Bellevue 23 points

31st ANNUAL UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON INVITATIONAL KENDO TOURNAMENT - April 22, 2006

**Women's Open**

1st place - M. Taguchi, Renfrew  
 2nd place - H. Harada, Renfrew  
 3rd place - M. Hayashi, Vancouver  
 3rd place - K. Hinami, Bellevue

**0-4 Kyu**

1st place - R. Wiebe, Steveston  
 2nd place - S. Inoue, UW  
 3rd place - P. Cereghino, SnoKing  
 3rd place - E. Tam, UW

**1-3 Kyu**

1st place - J. Friedman, Everett  
 2nd place - P. Nozawa, Bellevue  
 3rd place - K. Hur, UW  
 3rd place - G. Walker, Obukan  
 4th place - T. Zee, Bellevue  
 4th place - B. Lindsey, Kent  
 4th place - K. Duong, Kent  
 4th place - J. Ferguson, Kent

**1-2 Dan**

1st place - B. Imanishi, Cascade  
 2nd place - Ke Sasaki, Bellevue  
 3rd place - L. Tsybert, Bellevue  
 3rd place - B. Chung, Steveston

**3 Dan**

1st place - N. Nakano, Steveston  
 2nd place - N. Tanimura, Bellevue  
 3rd place - N. Sunderland, Kent  
 3rd place - W. Sakai, Bellevue

**4 Dan and Above**

1st place - H. Samkange, Cascade  
 2nd place - M. Hayashi, Vancouver  
 3rd place - D. Anderson, Everett  
 3rd place - T. Yamada, Vancouver

**Teams**

1st place - Bellevue (N. Tanimura, W. Sakai,  
 J. Nunokawa, L. Tsybert,  
 S. Blechschmidt)  
 2nd place - Cascade (T. Abe, J. Scherer,  
 B. Imanishi, J. Wang,  
 H. Samkange)

**Kazuo and Tomo Shoji Inspirational Award - Roger Yau**

**HARVARD-RADCLIFFE SHORYUHAI INTERCOLLEGIATE TOURNAMENT, April 22/23, 2006****Teams**

1st place - UCLA (Baek, Imai, Chen, Yu, Hsueh)  
 2nd place - UCSD A (Cho, Shimizu, Kim, Tamura, Kato)  
 3rd place - UW (Maruo, Kang, Yau, Chun, Suzaka)  
 3rd place - UCSD B (Schultzel, Lee, Yamasaki,  
 Schultzel, Hoang)

**Individuals**

1st place - T. Takino, SokaU  
 2nd place - S. Tamura, UCSD  
 3rd place - K. Chinen, Mt. SAC  
 3rd place - H. Takahashi, UMass

The UW Team competed in a round robin, playing 5 other teams, emerging 5-0 and earning a first place seed in the single elimination, where they narrowly missed the finals. The UW played UCLA in the semis and had to go to a sudden-death playoff.

In Individuals EVERY single one of the UW Team members made it at least 4 rounds in, some even 5. That is an all around outstanding performance. --Elizabeth Marsten Sensei

**PASSAGE**

On Wednesday April 5 an Iaido embu and practice in honor of Scott McGrew was held at Craig Fife Sensei's Aikido Northwest Dojo in Milwaukie, Oregon. Fife Sensei and Robert Stroud Sensei led about 20 students in a tribute practice to Scott. There were, in all, about 50 people attending. Particularly moving and noteworthy was the final embu by Stroud Sensei, while Steven Strauch Sensei played the shakuhachi. After the practice attendees shared memories of Scott, and finished with an evening of fellowship in his honor with the potluck that Fife Sensei's Dojo had prepared. An earlier memorial service took place in the afternoon of March 26.

R. Scott McGrew, Kendo 1st Kyu and Iaido 2nd Dan, was born March 23, 1947, in Pittsburgh. He graduated from Valley Forge Military Academy and Syracuse University Law School. In 1979, he married Jan Finney. He moved to the Portland area in 1981 and was an attorney in private practice. He also taught Japanese. Scott, a colorful character and fiercely dedicated Kendo, Iaido, Jodo and Aikido student, passed away on March 22, just one day short of his 59th birthday. He had fallen from a rental truck and hurt his back a couple of days before he passed. Apparently the pain was quite excruciating, even for McGrew who knew pain. He went to Kaizer, and they wanted to do an MRI. He refused it, anxious to get on with things. He died a day or two later.

**THE LAST WORD**

Kendo teaches us how to utilise the heart. This is an important issue to our very existence, and not to try and understand and develop the heart while engaging in Kendo relegates the activity to one of merely waving bamboo sticks about. This is not a true study of Kendo. To learn the heart is to learn the meaning behind the existence of all things. To learn Kendo is to learn about the true self, and then to set out and achieve whatever it is that defines the meaning of your being. To this purpose, the individual will be faced with many problems, and will have to find ways to deal with them. This may result in your progress falling behind others. Nevertheless, as nothing is wasted in the universe, neither are the lives of each individual. Everybody and everything has meaning. Thus, it is permissible to take the scenic route. Everything that transpires in front of the individual does so for a reason, and all will eventually become apparent. In fact, it may be those who do not get directly to their desired destination and take the long way instead who are truly investigating the Way (michi). --Kaku Toshihiko, "Hanshi Says," **Kendo World, vol. 3 no. 2 2005, page 39.**

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