

剣 Kenyu 友

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June/July 2006

1. Jul 17-22, PNKF Junior Seminar, Mon through Sat.
Mon, Jul 17, 6:30-9pm, Highline
Tue, Jul 18, bowling, time and place to be determined
Wed, Jul 19, 7-8:45pm, Kent
Thu, Jul 20, 7-9pm, SnoKing
Fri, Jul 21, 6:30-9:30pm, Bellevue
Sat, Jul 22, 9am-3pm, SnoKing including pizza lunch
3pm-??? Barbecue, Bitter Lake Playfield
2. Jul 29/30, PNKF Kendo Seminar and Shinsa, 9am-5pm Sat/9am-12:15pm
Sun/Shinsa 1-3:30pm, Kent. Visiting Sensei Kendo Kyoshi 7th Dan Mark
Grivas, 2 time U.S. Men's Kendo Champion.
3. Aug 12, PNKF Iaido Seminar and Shinsa, 9am-12noon Sat, Kent.
4. Sep 30, PNKF Board, Sat, 2-4pm, Kent.
5. Oct 14, PNKF Shinpan Seminar, Sat, Kent.
6. Oct 21, Tacoma Junior Taikai, Sat, 10am-4pm, location to be announced.
7. Nov 4, PNKF Board, Sat, 2-4pm, Kent.
8. Nov 18, PNKF Taikai, Sat, 9:30am, Kent.
9. Dec 2 or 9, tentative dates, Kent Taikai, Sat, report time 9am, start 9:30am, Kent.

OTHER DATES

1. Aug 4-6, Midwest Kendo Federation Summer Camp, Madison Wisconsin.
2. Sep 28/29/30/Oct 1, AUSKF Iaido Camp, Thu/Fri/Sat/Sun, Corryville Recreation Center, 2823 Eden Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, hosted by the Northern Kentucky Kendo Club. Sensei are Takeshi Yamaguchi, Iaido Renshi 7 Dan - Chief Instructor; Shozo Kato, Iaido Kyoshi 7 Dan; Tatsuhiko Konno, Iaido Renshi 7 Dan; Yoshitsugu Murosako, Iaido Renshi 7 Dan; Ichiro Murakami, Iaido 6 Dan; Thomas Hooper, Iaido Renshi 6 Dan; and Dick Anderson, Iaido 6 Dan. Fee \$105.00 or \$145.00 non-AUSKF. Food and Shinsa fees additional. Application deadline September 18.
September 28, 29 Iaido Seminar
September 30 Taikai
October 1 Shinsa
3. Dec 8-10, 13WKC, Taipei, Taiwan.

PALO ALTO KENDO DOJO TAIKAI - May 21, 2006

14 and Under

- 1st place - Sacramento (M. Cabral,
M. Cabral, Cabral)
2nd place - Palo Alto (Cho,
Leung, Ichimura)

Adult Kyu

- 1st place - Palo Alto 1 (Eren,
Powell, Hsuen)
2nd place - San Jose 1 (Tanaka,
Kiyama, Hayashi)

Open

- 1st place - Salinas (Michioka, Kii, Michioka)
2nd place - San Mateo 2 (Ohta, Nagatome, Koga)

Kantosho Youth - M. Ota, San Mateo

Kantosho Adult - K. Aiba, Palo Alto

NEW YORK CITY KENDO CLUB 30th ANNIVERSARY FRIENDSHIP TOURNAMENT - May 28, 2006

- 1st place - Kenshikan A (Fumitomo Yamaguchi, Kevin Yong, Joshua Carroll, Kazuyuki Takase, Ken Kishio)
2nd place - NYC Kendo Club Bulls (Chris Han, Tohru Aoki, Mamoru Hirata, Atsushi Horiike, Jae Man Lee)
3rd place - Asian Samurais A (Hong Kong)
3rd place - JCCC (Canada)

LEEWARD OAHU KENDO TOURNAMENT - June 18, 2006, Mililani District Park Gym

Yonenbu 8-10 Years

- 1st place - Chase Takenaka, Mililani
2nd place - Isami Freeman, Kenshikan

Shonenbu 11-13 Years

- 1st place - Braxton Fukutomi, Aiea Taiheiji
2nd place - Matthew Ito, Kenshikan
3rd place - Seth DeNardi, Mililani
3rd place - Bruce Kim, Myohoji

Seinenbu 14 Years and Over

- 1st place - James Okada, Kenshikan

Yudansha 1-2 Dan

- 1st place - Colin Maruoka, Aiea Taiheiji

2nd place - Kevin Chun, Kenshikan
3rd place - Nicole Yoshida, Mililani
3rd place - Curtis Shiramizu, Lihue

2nd place - Garrett Matsumoto, Kenshikan
3rd place - Jerilyn Chun, Kenshikan
3rd place - Nicole Yoshida, Mililani

Yudansha 3-5 Dan

1st place - Seth Harris, Kenshikan
2nd place - Makihiro Munakata, Venice
3rd place - Andy Fujimoto, Mililani
3rd place - Steven Okada, Venice

Yudansha Masters 3 Dan and Above 35 Years and Over

1st place - Lawrence Chun, Mililani
2nd place - Elton Ushio, Lihue
3rd place - Iwao Sato, Wahiawa
3rd place - Sang Oh, Kenshikan

James Oka Fighting Spirit Award Kantosho - Elbert Yoshida, Mililani

California Hawai'i Goodwill Team Match

California - 0
Hawai'i - 5

Parents and Kids Team Match

Parents - 1
Kids - 9

SHINKYU SHINSA

KENDO SHINSA, May 13, 2006, Nagoya, Japan

7TH DAN: Kumiko Suzuki (Kanagawa-ken, Kamei Dojo).

Note: 1098 took the test and 98 passed (8.9%).

RENSHI: Eda Chen (GudoSeishinKan Hong Kong).

KENDO SHINSA, June 25, 2006, Long Beach, California

7TH DAN: Douglas Imanishi (Seattle).

PASSAGE

Sam Shoji, a great friend of Seattle Kendo, passed away peacefully at home on June 16, 2006 after a long battle with kidney disease. Born July 17, 1925 in Seattle, Samuel Tasuku Shoji's lifetime membership and service in Saint Peter's Episcopal Church as the son of the Rev. Gennosuke Shoji and Kane Shoji placed him in a position to constantly help and support Seattle Kendo Kai, which had been revived in the post-War period by his brother Kazuo Shoji together with Kiyoshi Yasui and Umajiro Imanishi. Sam Shoji was a social worker who was proactive in the community on many causes, in particular those involving care of veterans and elders. His experiences being interned in Minidoka Relocation Center and his leadership in the Japanese American Citizens League led to his leadership role in the successful effort to obtain redress from the US Government in the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. His nephew Gordon and grandniece Noriko have been active in Kendo and are well known to long-time kenshi from the area.

Ryutaro Hashimoto, Kendo 5th Dan, and a benefactor of US Kendo, died July 1, 2006 of multiple organ failure and septic shock following intestinal surgery. Born July 29, 1937, he was member of the Japanese Diet since 1963 and Prime Minister of Japan from 1996 to 1998. When our wonderful colleague Eizaburo Okuizumi, Japanese Studies Librarian at the University of Chicago, succeeded in arranging to have our rare **Hokubei Kendo Taikan** (*Cyclopedia of the Japanese Kendo Societies in North America, pre-1939*) rescued by Bunsei Shoin, Hashimoto Sensei eagerly consented to write the *Forward* to the reprint edition as part of his deep devotion to spreading Kendo throughout the world. Following his father's motto "statesmanship should be for the weak," Hashimoto Sensei was especially active in health and welfare. An avid technical mountain climber and trekker who twice attempted the summit of Mount Everest, Hashimoto Sensei loved Nepal, and contributed greatly to initiatives to address many heavy public health concerns of that nation. One of our ken-yu, Katsunori Osuga MD, was in Nepal with a Japanese government mission to work on tuberculosis treatment and prevention when Hashimoto Sensei dropped by to check on the program his administration supported. He brought the gift of a black belt from Kodokan for the Nepalese Princess, and at the same time at the Royal Police Academy where the Judo competition was held, he and Dr. Osuga and two others performed what was perhaps the first Kendo demonstration in the history of Nepal, showing kirikaeshi and jigeiko. Through Hashimoto Sensei's initiative, Kathmandu's sister city Matsumoto City subsequently donated funds to build a proper Kendo Dojo which is still in use. In dozens of visits he had a special concern for pediatric care and poured immense funds into Kanti Children's Hospital. (It is a sad footnote to this story that the Princess was later killed during the Royal massacre.) Hashimoto Sensei was a graduate of Keio University, which has a sister relationship with Harvard, where he had taken a great interest in the Harvard/Radcliffe Kendo Club and where two perpetual "*Shoryu*" or "*Rising Dragon*" trophies which were his gifts are an important part of their tradition. Hashimoto Sensei was well known for always carrying his bogu with him everywhere, and legions of kenshi worldwide have enjoyed his kindly, encouraging, dynamic keiko.

THE LAST WORD

Although we presently enjoy every kind of convenience and international exchanges are not difficult compared to the pre-World War II period, young people take on Kendo not only to learn Kendo techniques, but also the heart and soul of Kendo. However, the popularity of Kendo overseas has been hampered by the small number of instructors and the difficulties in obtaining armor and shinai. Before World War II, there must have been unimaginable difficulties in promoting Kendo internationally. . . . It is my sincere hope that many people will have an opportunity to read this book and pursue the same dreams as our predecessors, and that they too will contribute to the further promotion of Kendo throughout the world.--Ryutaro Hashimoto, **Hokubei Kendo Taikan**, *Forward for Reprint Edition*, page 4.

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