

# 剣 Kenyu

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### PNKF DATEBOOK

1. Nov 14, PNKF Board, Sat, 3-5pm, Renton.
2. Nov 16/17, visit of All-Japan Champion Kenji Shodai. Mon, Nov 16: Kent 7:10pm to 9:10pm; Tue, Nov 17: Seattle 7-8:30pm.
3. Nov 21, PNKF Taikai, Sat, 9:30am, Kent.
4. Apr 29 thru May 5, US Nito Ryu Musashi Kai Kendo Seminar, hosted by Idaho Kendo Club, Boise, Idaho.
5. Jun 19/25, 4th PNKF Women's Kendo Seminar, Bitter Lake Community Center.
6. Jun 26, PNKF Women's Kendo Tournament, Sat, 9:30am, Renton Community Center.
7. Nov 6, 2010, PNKF Taikai, Sat, 9:30am, Kent.
8. Nov 20, 2010, Kent Taikai, Sat, report time 9am, start 9:30am, Kent.

### OTHER DATES

1. Nov 22, NCIA Fall Iaido Shinsa, Sun, 12noon-5pm, Nichiren Buddhist Church, 3570 Mona Way, San Jose, California. Please contact Tom Helm Sensei for details at [iaido\\_outreach@NCKF.org](mailto:iaido_outreach@NCKF.org).
2. May 8, Steveston Taikai, Sat, 9:30am, McMath High School, 4251 Garry Street, Richmond BC

### PASSAGE

**Akira Hayashi** Known to many as the Head Instructor of Vancouver Kendo Club, Kendo Kyoshi 7th Dan Akira Hayashi passed away in Japan on November 5, 2009. Born 1948, Karatsu City, Saga Prefecture, he would have been 61 on this coming December 17. He always exhibited the most exemplary cool, smooth, classical Kendo and Iai. Personally, he was warm, gentle, and very kind, and as handsome as any movie star. Hayashi Sensei was an architect/engineer who had designed a number of the outstanding buildings in Vancouver BC, among them the celebrated Japan Pavilion of the World's Fair. He had been battling a mysterious form of leukemia for years. Eventually, when he realized he was dying, he retired from his firm, put all his affairs in order, and then fulfilled a lifetime dream of visiting great remnants of the golden age of Greek and Roman architecture. His wife Junko knew how much I loved him, and arranged many opportunities for me to spend extended moments with him these past few years as he was dying. The two younger daughters, Makiko and Yumiko, are very prominent in Canadian and world Kendo. He is also survived by his eldest daughter Kyoko. Our heartfelt sympathies go to all of them.

**June Noh** On Saturday August 29, 2009 June Noh suddenly suffered a heart attack while hiking in the mountains near Snoqualmie. His passing was a heavy loss to the Northwest Kendo Club and throughout the PNKF, where he was known for his gorgeous posture, his graceful movements, his overpowering attacks, and his thunderous kiai, but above all his sweet and gentle nature, and his kind and generous smile. Born March 19, 1977, it's so heartbreaking that June was only 32 years old, and that he and his wonderful bride Moon Hee Kim had just started their married life together. June was proud that he had just passed his 1st Dan in Kendo on August 8. He was very active and very beloved in his church, and the funeral on September 2 was incredibly sad, yet filled with hope and affirmation. We offer our deepest condolences to his family. According to one of June's favorite sayings, "if you fall to the ground your body gave out, if you stand up and walk away your mind gave out," but this time we can be sure that his mind did not give out, but rather soared free.

### PNKF BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2009/2010

This year the number of candidates for the PNKF Board of Directors did not exceed the number of seats available so all candidates have been officially seated on the Board. At their November 14, 2009 meeting, the officers will be elected. The Board members are: Thomas Antush (Kent/Federal Way), Brian Blomquist (Everett), Thomas Bolling (Bellevue), Brian Edwards (Everett), Noelle Grimes (UW), Daniel Ichinaga (Seattle), Doug Imanishi (Seattle), Shinichi Koike (Northwest), Tatsuhiko Konno (Musokai), Charles Kwon (Cascade), Curtis Marsten (Kent), Mike Rigler (Sno-King), Jon Scherer (Highline), Russ Sinclair (Spokane), Andy Tsang (Cascade), Bert Tsutakawa (Highline), Moki Yoshikawa (Tacoma), David Yotsuuye (Bellevue). Jeffrey Marsten (Bellevue/Highline/ Sno-King) and Kiyoshi Yasui (Seattle) continue as Advisors. Shinichi Koike, Jeffrey Marsten, and Robert Stroud are members of the AUSKF Board of Directors.

### 4th PNKF WOMEN'S KENDO TOURNAMENT AND SEMINAR

The 4th PNKF Women's Kendo Tournament and Seminar will take place June 19 through 26, 2010. The Tournament is June 26, 9:30am, at Renton Community Center, 1715 Maple Valley Highway. The Seminar is June 19 through 25, at Bitter Lake Community Center, 13052 Greenwood Avenue N., Seattle. The great Kendo Renshi 6th Dan Mayumi Katsura will be the guest instructor. The Seminar is open to women kenshi from outside Federations as well as PNKF women. Full information at <http://womenskendo.com/>

10th INVITATIONAL TACOMA KENDO TAIKAI - October 17, 2009, Washington High School, Tacoma  
9 Years and Under Round Robin                      10-12 Years  
1st place - Kiko Shodai, Obukan                      1st place - Lucas Kim, Sno-King

2nd place - Keeley McManus, Kent  
3rd place - Alex Fukusawa, Tacoma  
4th place - Majestic Remmu, Kent  
5th place - David Lin, Bellevue

2nd place - Tiarnan Marsten, Kent  
3rd place - Austin Fujita, Kent

#### 13-15 Years

1st place - Tad Iba, Sno-King  
2nd place - Justin Lamb, Spokane  
3rd place - Sean Cresse, Kent

#### 16-18 Years

1st place - Ian Cresse, Kent  
2nd place - Harley Christianson, Seattle  
3rd place - Matt Wolf, Spokane

#### 15 and Under Teams

1st place - Spokane A (Dan Sinclair, Andy Sinclair, Justin Lamb)  
2nd place - Highline (Melanie DeJong, Erica DeJong, Jennifer DeJong)

#### 16-18 Teams

1st place - Kent (Challen Mills, Matt Wolfe, Ian Cresse)  
2nd place - Seattle (Ted Tagami, Harley Christianson, Nathaniel Iwata)

#### Adult Kyu Teams

1st place - UW (Ken Loeu, Young Shim, Frank Wessbecher)  
2nd place - Highline (Bert Tsutakawa, Kurt Kuniyasu, M. DeJong)

National Anthem Singer - Alisa Yoshikawa

Sportsmanship Pledge - Alisa Yoshikawa

Appreciation Award - Moki Yoshikawa

Shinpan Cho - Shinichi Koike

#### 8th LONGHORN INVITATIONAL TEAM KENDO TAIKAI - October 25, 2009, Austin, Texas

1st place - Highline (Anthony Zee, Shane Smith, Amy Arsenault, Elizabeth Marsten, Jeff Marsten)

2nd place - Southern California Kendo Organization

3rd place - Association de Kendo estate de Nuevo Leon

3rd place - Austin B

#### 13th ANNUAL KENT KENDO CLUB INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT - November 7, 2009, Kent Commons

##### Women's

1st place - N. Grimes, UW  
2nd place - T. Ying, Highline  
3rd place - J. Frazier-Day, Kent  
3rd place - A. Arsenault, Highline

##### 9 Years and Under

1st place - M. Remmu, Kent  
2nd place - K. McManus, Kent  
3rd place - A. Fukusawa, Tacoma  
3rd place - D. Lin, Bellevue

##### 10-12 Years

1st place - DH Kim, Bellevue  
2nd place - J. Button, Tacoma  
3rd place - A. Fujita, Kent  
3rd place - M. DeJong, Highline

##### 13-15 Years

1st place - S. Cresse, Kent  
2nd place - T. Iba, Sno-King  
3rd place - A. Melton, Spokane  
3rd place - D. Sinclair, Spokane

##### Junior Team

1st place - Spokane (J.Lamb,D.Sinclair  
A.Melton,R.Murakami,A.Sinclair)  
2nd place - Bellevue (C.Blomquist,B.Lin  
D.Kim,T.Matsumiya,N.Tokuno)  
3rd place - Highline (J.DeJong,T.Yamada,R.Itano,M.DeJong,E.DeJong)  
3rd place - Sno-King (L.Kim,MGKim,R.Blakeway,N.Lee,T.Iba)

##### 0-4 Kyu

1st place - H. Christianson, Seattle  
2nd place - J. Yu, Bellevue  
3rd place - S. Wilkins, Everett  
3rd place - T. Patana, Sno-King

##### 3-1 Kyu

1st place - F. Wessbecher, UW  
2nd place - D. Tsai, UW  
3rd place - Y. Bogucharov, Bellevue  
3rd place - J. Duplain, Spokane

##### 1-3 Dan

1st place - S. McNally, Spokane  
2nd place - A. Zee, Sno-King  
3rd place - S. Smith, Highline  
3rd place - N. Grimes, UW

##### 1-3 Dan Seniors

1st place - B. Nelson, Bellevue  
2nd place - P. Cresse, Kent  
3rd place - B. Blomquist, Everett  
3rd place - DL Kim, Bellevue

##### Senior Team

1st place - Spokane (S.McNally,J.Lamb,  
W.Kuster,M.Wolf,J.Duplain)  
2nd place - Kent A (P.Cresse,J.Frazier-Day,  
S.Day,K.Duong,I.Cresse)  
3rd place - Sno-King (A.Zee,S.DeBliek,  
J.Chen,M.Larson,T.Patana)  
3rd place - UW A (N.Jang,Y.Shim,  
F.Wessbecher,N.Grimes,D.Tsai)

Sportsmanship Pledge - Keeley McManus, Kent

Junior Spirit of the Day - Daniel Sinclair, Spokane

Senior Spirit of the Day - Yuri Bogucharov, Bellevue

Shinpan Cho - David Yotsuuye

#### SHINKYU SHINSA

##### PNKF KENDO SHINSA, September 13, 2009, Boise, Idaho

5TH KYU: Jake Wilson (Idaho). 4TH KYU: Mick Lannigan (Idaho), Luke White (Idaho). 3RD KYU: Noelle Bruce (Idaho), Grant Matsuura (Zenkukan Salt Lake City). 2ND KYU: Joseph Hilby (Idaho), Nick Shiosaki (Pocatello), Ken Tawara (Idaho). 1ST KYU: Matt Miller (Idaho), Kat Plummer (Idaho).

##### SCKF KENDO SHINSA, October 25, 2009, Wilson Park, California.

1ST DAN: Erica Tam (San Diego Kendo Buh).

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