

Obukan Kendo Club
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Congratulations

Our longtime Obukan kancho, Robert Stroud sensei recently (April) passed his test for Nanadan (7th Dan) in the mile high city of Denver. Stroud sensei also made visits to Obukan for Sunday keiko and our Rose Festival Taikai. Thank you, Sensei, and congratulations!

Demonstrations

1) Obukan was invited by SakeOne Brewery to give a Kendo and a Tameshigiri demo as part of the annual springtime event. Portland Taiko gave an excellent performance. The Reverend Koishi Barish conducted a Shinto ceremony to bless the Kura.



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2) Our club members made a very strong appearance at the Uwajimaya Sakura Festival to demonstrate Kendo, Iai and Tameshigiri.

3) We need "**volunteers**" for the **Oregon Buddhist Temple OBON** festival kendo demo on Saturday August 4th at 4:00PM. In the past we have been a regular participant at this event. Unfortunately, this event falls on the same day as the PNKF August shinsa, so, if you're not testing **PLEASE SIGN UP WITH AJ and BE THERE!**

Visiting Sensei

Obukan wants to thank Kobayashi sensei from Tokyo Japan for his demonstration of Tameshigiri in the Eishinryu Iai style. It was very exciting to see an old master of the art demonstrate his skills.

PNKF Kendo and Iaido Shinkyu Shinsa, Saturday, August 4th, 2007

You **MUST** first discuss your progress with Hancock sensei before signing up for shinsa! See the Obukan web site for more details.

Kent Commons Recreation Center, 525 Fourth Avenue North, Kent, WA

Iaido: The Iaido Seminar and Shinkyu Shinsa for 2 Dan and below.

Kendo: The Kendo Shinkyu Shinsa, for 2 Dan and below.

Federation Membership Required: Current for 2007 both AUSKF and PNKF

Deadline: July 21, 2007

Koho Needs Your Help!

The Koho is now a quarterly publication. Help in keep the news current. The continuing aim is to provide the readership with news about kendo activities, newsworthy events and from time-to-time, a personal viewpoint on kendo related items. If you know of any future cultural events, interesting stories or have news to share with our readership *please* let me know and I will be happy and grateful for the contribution. I can be reached at: koho@obukan.com

(503)936-7732 cell

Thanks again,
Harley Johnson
Koho Editor

Other Kendo Sites

Here are some excellent sources of Kendo information on the Internet – remember, when in doubt, *ask Sensei!*

<http://www.mushinkankendo.com/>-

The Mushinkan Kendo Club of Colorado Springs has an excellent set of pages describing the Kihon Keikoho (aka Bokutoh Kata), as well as instructions for keikogi and hakama.

<http://kendo-usa.org> - Marsten-sensei's site. Among other things, probably the clearest most concise information on how to maintain your shinai.

<http://www.kendo-world.com/downloads/index.php>

Kendo World has some very exciting Kendo and Iaido movie clips. Take a look and enjoy.

Use this flickr link to see Obukan kendo practice and Taikai photos: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/obukankendo>

Obukan Officers, Revision

The revised listing of Obukan officers:

Perry Hunter, President
Apurva Jantrania Vice President
Huicheng (Rick) Chang, Treasurer
Daniel McMurdo, Director of Public Relations and Recruiting
Jared Burns, Director of Communications (Webmaster)
Heidi Hodge-McMurdo, Director of Special Events
Heidi Hodge-McMurdo, Recording Secretary
Harley Johnson, Newsletter (Koho) Editor

President's Corner

Greetings everyone,

The first half of the year has seen a lot of good things happening for Obukan, topped off by a very well-attended and successful Rose Festival Taikai. I was so very pleased to see the turnout so high for our friends from Seattle, Spokane and Boise, and also very pleased to see the number of Obukan members who showed up early, worked hard and stayed late to clean up. Well done! We proved that we are a capable and competent dojo to a number of very critical eyes, and hopefully, they will want to come back year after year.

Of course, there are always things we can work on as a club to improve our performance, the most important of which is training for court duties. We have recently agreed that our Obukan Intra-Dojo Taikai (usually held 2x per year) will be used to train people up for this role, especially scorekeeping and shinpan duty. The intra-dojō Taikai attendance has always been mandatory; this training makes your attendance absolutely essential.

One problem we noticed was that a number of Obukan members left the taikai before the end; it was embarrassing for us to be the host of the Taikai and not have members who won trophies there at the end to claim them. Please make every effort to support your club and remain at taikais with your dojo until the very end. As hosts, it is important that we're there to congratulate our guests who travelled so far to join us!

Finally, I'd like to remind everyone that all Obukan members are required to wear the Obukan patch on their left shoulder at taikais and demonstrations. The patches are only \$5 and are available at any practice. Please see either Rick Chang or myself if you need one.

Thanks to everyone who helped out with our taikai, I'd like to especially thank Cora, Portia and Beatrix Considine for their hard work at the door; my wife Audrey for all of her help, understanding and patience; Akahoshi and Huang senseis for their help in getting the matches organized; Rick Chang for dealing with the food; Heidi Hodge-McMurdo for taking care of our visiting sensei and special guests. I look forward to doing this again next year!

Regards,

Perry



Upcoming beginner at practice



James and Pat Murosako sensei

Portland Rose Festival Taikai

Obukan hosted a PNKF sanctioned Taikai on Saturday **June 9th** at Jackson Middle School in SW Portland. The Taikai was received well and we are planning on making this an annual event.

Obukan Rose Festival Taikai Results

Congratulations to all of the participating PNKF members:

Men's 4 Dan & Up

- 1st G. Suzaka, Seattle
- 2nd J. Hancock, Obukan

Men's 1-3 Dan

- 1st B. Imanishi, Cascade
- 2nd G. Takano, Everett
- 3rd J. Scherer, Cascade
- 3rd J. Marsten, Highline

Woman's Dan

- 1st E. Marsten, Highline
- 2nd J Chen, Sno-King

Men's Kyu

- 1st J. Akahoshi, Obukan
- 2nd S. Day, Kent
- 3rd J. Lamb, Spokane
- 3rd H. Iba, Bellevue

Woman's Kyu

- 1st S. Jolly, Kent
- 2nd N. Grimes, Sno-King
- 3rd W. Sinclair, Spokane
- 3rd M. Osako, Obukan

Junior's 13-15 yrs

- 1st P. Yoon, Cascade
- 2nd C. Marsten, Kent
- 3rd G. Burgess, Bellevue
- 3rd T. Iba, Bellevue

Junior's 10-12 yrs

- 1st S. Cresse, Kent
- 2nd D. Sinclair, Spokane
- 3rd D. Keen, Bellevue
- 3rd S. Hattori, Obukan

Junior's 9yrs & Under

- 1st T. Marsten, Kent
- 2nd W. Monahan, Obukan
- 3rd J. Hunt, Obukan
- 3rd C. Walcott, Obukan

Junior Team

- 1st Spokane
- 2nd Bellevue

Senior Team

- 1st Cascade
- 2nd Highline
- 3rd Spokane
- 3rd Obukan

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Flying Kendo



Good Action



Sensei's Stroud & Hancock

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Dojo Kun

- ❖ Seek Perfection of Character
- ❖ Be Faithful
- ❖ Endeavor
- ❖ Respect Others
- ❖ Refrain from Violent Behavior

Keiko Schedule

**Conestoga Recreation and
Aquatic Center**
9985 SW 125th Avenue
Beaverton, Oregon 97008

Members will be able to enter facility
one half hour prior to practice times.
There are lockers and showers
available (bring a combination lock!)

Kendo

Sun: 3:00 – 5:00 PM Room 201
Wed: 7:30 – 8:30 PM Room 201
Fri: 6:30 – 8:30 PM Gym “A”

Iaido

Mon: 7:30 – 9:00 PM Room 201

- AND -

Richmond Elem. School
2276 SE 41st
Portland, Oregon 97214

Kendo

Summer Vacation
Richmond keiko resumes in
September!



PNKF Datebook

Summary from the Kenyu datebook.

Jul 13, PNKF Kodansha Keiko, 8pm, Bellevue.

Jul 15/20, PNKF Women’s Kendo Seminar.

Jul 21, PNKF North American Women’s Kendo Championship, Sat 9am-4pm,
Renton Community Center.

Jul 21, PNKF August Shinsa Sign Up Deadline

Aug 4, PNKF Iaido and Kendo Shinsa, Sat, 9am-4pm, Kent.

Sep 22, PNKF Board, Sat, 2-4pm, Kent WA

Oct 6, PNKF Shinpan Seminar, Sat, 12noon-3:50pm, open keiko 4pm till
4:45pm, Kent.

Oct 20, Tacoma Junior Taikai, Sat, 10am-4pm, Curtis High School
(tentative date)

Nov 3, PNKF Board, Sat, 2-4pm, Kent.

Nov 17, PNKF Taikai, Sat, 9:30am, Kent

See the Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation Kenyu newsletter for a detailed schedule,
this can be found in PDF form on the PNKF web site at <http://www.kendo-pnkf.org/>

Obukan T-Shirts and Patches Available!

These items are made from high-quality materials, and are a great way to show your pride in
your club!



T-Shirts are available in S, M, L and XL
sizes for \$20 each.



We also have Obukan “Tsuba” patches for
your keikogi – which are required if you are
going to Shinsa or Taikai representing the
club. Patches are \$5.

We now have *baseball caps* with the “Ren Ma” logo for \$10