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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

To the Kenshi of AUSKF:

The September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on the United States of America in New York City was a tragedy that will never be forgotten in each of our lifetimes. The resulting disruption, confusion, and shock of this event has caused each of us to ponder about the future and what should be done to ensure the security of our loved ones, both in our immediate families and for our fellow AUSKF kendoists and their families.

The recent motto: UNITED WE STAND, truly describes what each kendoist in the AUSKF must strive to do each day to help each other begin to rebuild our kendo spirits and work together to continue the development of kendo in the United States. Through the rigors of kendo training a kendoist can persevere and overcome many of the hardships in our personal lives that must now be faced due to the recent tragedy that occurred in New York City.

The most immediate effect known of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack upon AUSKF members, occurred to our friends at the Ken Zen Dojo in New York City. A few weeks after the tragic event, we received a report from Head Instructor Daniel Ebihara [also an AUSKF Board of Director] that the Ken Zen Dojo is located several blocks from the now destroyed World Trade Center, and that as a result the accessibility to the dojo has been restricted to the extent that kendo keiko may not be possible for several months, if not longer.

Our heartfelt best wishes are sent on behalf of

the members of AUSKF to Ebihara sensei, our hope for as quick of a re-opening of the Ken Zen Dojo as possible, and to offer any supportive assistance that would help with this effort.

Despite this recent tragedy in New York City, let us all strive to do our best in each part of the United States in which you practice kendo, to have a positive attitude and maintain the continued dedication of our volunteer efforts to practice and teach kendo; with the focus placed upon developing new strategies and ideas of how to build up our kendo programs in the United States.

Sincerely,

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Announcement:

1. AUSKF Board of Directors meeting will be held on November 10-11, 2001, in City of Industry, California..

Report From VP-Prom & Exams:

Atsushi Hori, AUSKF Vice-President

Promotions and Exam recently announced that the AUSKF Winter 2001 Promotional Examination will be held on November 11, 2001, 3:00 pm, at the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave., West Covina, California.

Promotion testing will be given for both 1-kyu to 4 Dan, and for 5 Dan and above; in addition, a Shogo examination will also be given to eligible applicants.

Any additional information needed can be obtained by contacting:
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Report From VP-Competition:

12th WKC-USA Team:

AUSKF VP-Competition, Yoshiteru Tagawa, and his committee members, consisting of AUSKF Board of Directors Kazuharu Arima, Noboru Kataoka, and Shozo Kato, have worked very hard to put into place the four selection processes that will culminate in the selection of the 12th WKC-USA Team.

The 1st Kyoka Senshu was scheduled for:
October 27, 2001-Eastern Region
October 28, 2001-Western Region

The 2nd Kyoka Senshu will be held on April 6 & 7, 2002, in Chicago, Illinois. The specific details will be sent to the AUSKF member regional federations at a later date.

Then, at the 2002 AUSKF Championships to be held in July, 2002, the 1st Place Winners in the Men's and Women's Individual Championships will be eligible for the final selection [Kyoka Senshu].

The Final Selection will be held on August 31 & September 1, 2001, at a site in California, [TBA].

2002 AUSKF Championships

The final decisions regarding the number of divisions to be available for the 2002 AUSKF Championships and other details will be provided to each AUSKF member

regional federation following the AUSKF Board of Directors meeting to be held on November 10-11, 2001.

Any additional information can be obtained by contacting:
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Report From VP-Education:

Report submitted by Koki Ariga; and contribution by James Parker.

2001 Kendo Summer Camp:

Koki Ariga, AUSKF VP-Education, expresses his sincere thanks to his committee members consisting of AUSKF Board of Directors Tim Yuge, Masaharu Makino and Dr. James Parker, and other Board of Directors who assisted and helped to have a successful 2001 AUSKF Summer Kendo Camp held at Las Vegas, Nevada from July 14-15, 2001.

It was reported that there were 110 participants. The primary instructors were Fukumoto Sensei 8-Dan, and Kakehashi Sensei 8-Dan; with support from Hayashi Sensei; both Fukumoto Sensei and Kakehashi Sensei expressed their enjoyment in being able to teach the future generation of kendo instructors in the United States.

The 2001 AUSKF Summer Camp covered many of the correct basics for kendoists and also how to teach these correct basics of kendo to lower ranked kenshi. It was suggested that dojo members contact any of the participants in the 2001 AUSKF Summer Camp to request assistance and to receive the updated information and instruction provided at the kendo summer camp.

Any additional information can be obtained by contacting:

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Report From Treasurer:

In an effort to make the AUSKF membership information available to be used for other purposes, a pilot project was initiated to try and make the AUSKF membership information accessible at the AUSKF website. In the development of this process an identification number was assigned to each AUSKF member, and is to be utilized when submitting applications for promotion, seminars, etc. To find out your AUSKF identification number, please contact your AUSKF member regional federation President/representative.

Unfortunately, due to the requirement of the protection of privacy of our AUSKF members in the use of their names, addresses, etc., this pilot project is temporarily suspended, until further review.

Any additional information about the AUSKF membership dues, membership services, etc., can be obtained by contacting:
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REGIONAL MEMBER'S NEWS:

1. Report from the Central California Kendo Federation submitted by Norman K. Otani.

On October 14, 2001, the Central California Kendo Federation conducted a promotional examination, the following kenshi were successful candidates:

Tim Funaoka	2-Dan
Richard Funaoka	2-Dan
Sean Kraus	1-Dan
Darren Atwood	1-Dan
Ricardo Zamora	1-Dan
Huy Nguyen	1-kyu

Thad Robeck 1-kyu
 Richard Zamora 1-kyu
 Aaron Otani 2-kyu
 Michael Staicer 3-kyu
 Joshua Shadle 4-kyu
 Minami Espiritu 6-kyu
 Mas Sasaki 6-kyu
 Aaron Teloian 6-kyu

2. Report from the Greater Northeastern U.S. Kendo Federation submitted by Dr. Tsuyoshi Inoshita.

The 13th Cleveland Kendo Tournament-Greater Northeastern Championships was held on April 21, 2001; the results are as follows:

Junior A-Division:

1st Place Bo-Kyu Kim, Purdue
 2nd Place Takuma Iwamoto, Shidog-WA
 3rd Place Shogo Tanabe, Shidog-CONN
 3rd Place Eddie Desch, Koryo

Junior B Division:

1st Place Yugo Kawamura, Keio
 2nd Place Rii Hirano, Keio
 3rd Place Katsuhiko Asano, Keio
 3rd Place Sho Miyagawa, Miami

Mudansha Division:

1st Place Young B Suh, US Hwa Rang K
 2nd Place Jiwon Moon, US Hwa Rang K
 3rd Place Shinya Sugiura, Keio
 3rd Place Daisuke Horiguchi, Salem

Shodan Division:

1st Place Namjae Lee, US Hwa Rang K
 2nd Place Jiwon Moon, US Hwa Rang K
 3rd Place Inetaro Aritsuka, Tenn. Meiji G
 3rd Place Junya Hirano, Bethany

Nidan-Sandan Division:

1st Place Masanoi Kono, Salem
 2nd Place Rikio Uehara, Salem
 3rd Place Kenji Saito, Salem
 3rd Place Frank Victores, N. KY.

Women Division:

1st Place Akiko Dessiriex, Detroit
 2nd Place Yatsuki Hoang, Koryo
 3rd Place Akiko Kato, Shidog-CONN
 3rd Place Sue Hong, Purdue

Yondan and above:

1st Place Yoshihiro Kotani, N.KY.
 2nd Place Joshua Carroll, Shidog-NY
 3rd Place Shinsaku Ozaki, Miami
 3rd Place Shinobu Maeda, TENN. Meiji

Team Tournament:

1st Place Shidogakuin A
 2nd Place Detroit Kendo Club
 3rd Place Keio Academy A
 3rd Place Salem International Univ.

3. Report from the Northern California Kendo Federation submitted by Dr. Walter Hashimoto and Richard Tanaka.

The Palo Alto Kendo Dojo proudly announces the following members have successfully passed the promotional examination for Kodansha and Yudansha, as follows:

Mr. George Nishiura 6-Dan
 Mr. Shig Hamamatsu 5-Dan
 Mrs. Margaret Abe-Koga 3-Dan
 Mr. Yoon Chung 3-Dan
 Mr. Jin Echizenya Yamada 3-Dan
 Mr. Geoffrey Staniford 2-Dan
 Mr. Lance Kayashima 1-Dan
 Mr. Steve Taylor 1-Dan
 Miss Hasako Ueno 1-Dan

Hashimoto Sensei invites any kendoist to visit the Palo Alto Dojo if you are in the Bay area; the kendo practice is held on Tuesday nights at the Palo Alto Buddhist Church. For further information contact: Dr. Walter Hashimoto
 Telephone: (510)797-7010
 website: Sites.netscape.net/pakendo/

The San Jose Kendo Dojo held its 39th Annual Taikai at the San Jose Buddhist Church; the results are as follows:

10 yrs and under:

1st Place T. Ota, San Mateo
 2nd Place A. Eitoku, Salinas
 3rd Place K. Kitano, San Mateo
 3rd Place M. Kalnay, San Jose

11-13 yrs:

1st place K. Mori, Salinas
 2nd Place K. Umeda, San Jose
 3rd Place J. Hatakeyama, San Jose
 3rd Place K. Kuramura, Salinas

14-17yrs old:

1st Place G.Kim, San Jose
 2nd Place K. Yoshida, Salinas
 3rd Place B. Hurt, Salinas
 3rd Place N. Dyer, Salinas

Adult Kyu:

1st Place A. Yen, Oakland
 2nd Place S. Ferry, S.F.
 3rd Place J. Castrance, Oakland
 3rd Place T. Konno, Palo Alto

Women Division:

1st Place N. Nishimoto, Oakland
 2nd Place M. Fukushima, Palo Alto
 3rd Place M. Hayashi, San Jose
 3rd Place L. Tanaka, San Jose

1dan-2dan:

1st Place K. Michioka, Salinas
 2nd Place R. Funaoka, CCKF
 3rd Place R. Raviv, S.F.
 3rd Place M. Fukushima, Palo Alto

3dan and up:

1st Place M. Minami, Salinas
 2nd Place Uchiyama, San Jose
 3rd Place J. Eitoku, Salinas
 3rd Place G. Harada, San Jose

Youth Team:

1st Place Salinas Dojo

Adult Team:

1st Place Salinas Dojo

Kantoshu:

Hatta, San Jose Dojo
 J. Sills, Boston Kendo Dojo

5. Report from the Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation [PNKF] submitted by Tom Bolling, PNKF Recording Secretary.

For further information about this news article contact: Tom Bolling. Telephone: Work (206) 616-3793; Home (206) 527-1190. E-mail: <http://faculty.washington.edu/kendo>. Also, read PNKF's *Kenyu* online at: <http://www.kendo-pnkf.org/kenyu.html>.

The 26th Annual University of Washington Kendo Tournament was held on April 7,

2001; the results are as follows:

0-4th kyu:

1st Place S. Lee, Sunrise
 2nd Place R. Yau, Cascade
 3rd Place E. Timm
 3rd Place J. Chien, Steveston

1-3rd kyu:

1st Place J. Syring, Bellevue
 2nd Place M. Rigler, Bellevue
 3rd Place A. Pirzio-B., Cascade
 3rd Place H. Merley, Highline

Women's Open:

1st Place W. Nakano, Steveston
 2nd Place M. Hayashi, Vanc.
 3rd Place E. Marsten, UW
 3rd Place R. Barr, Bellevue

1-3 Dan:

1st Place N. Nakano, Steveston
 2nd Place N. Akitaya, Vanc.
 3rd Place J. Higo, Steveston
 3rd Place N. Fukushima, Vanc.

4 Dan and up:

1st Place T. Kondo, Steveston
 2nd Place D. Yotsuuye, Bellevue
 3rd Place M. Hayashi, Vanc.
 3rd Place R. Elliott, Highline

Team:

1st Place Steveston
 2nd Place Highline

Shoji Inspirational:

Elizabeth Marsten

DATEBOOK:

1. Dec. 1, Renton Taikai, Sat. 10am
2. May 5, Bellevue Junior Taikai, 11am

6. Report from the Southern California Kendo Federation [SCKF] submitted by Ichiro Murakami. If you have additional questions about this news article contact: Ichiro Murakami
 E-mail: ichirokendo@earthlink.net

Also, contribution by Guy Urata.

The 26th Annual Southern California Kendo Federation Championships were

held on June 24, 2001; the results are as follows:

0-6 kyu:

1st Place W. Konagaya, Covina
 2nd Place A. Kern, Gardena JCI
 3rd Place G. Owaki, Covina
 3rd Place S. Owaki, Covina

5-4 kyu:

1st Place H. Fukusumi, Covina
 2nd Place S. Komatsu, Covina
 3rd Place W. Matsumoto, Covina
 3rd Place T. Hori, Torrance

3-1 kyu:

1st Place T. Kurokouchi, Covina
 2nd Place K. Osias, Covina
 3rd Place H. Hadama, Covina
 3rd Place Y. Fukusumi, Covina

Adult Kyu:

1st Place P. Viellemaringe, CM
 2nd Place J. Inden, West Side
 3rd Place K. Matsumoto, Covina
 3rd Place M. Aoki, OCB

Women's Kyu:

1st Place S. Tamura, OCB
 2nd Place Y. Iwata, Torrance
 3rd Place M. Hatagami, Norwalk
 3rd Place M. Shimizu, OCB

Women's Yudansha:

1st Place M. Sakae, Sho-Tokyo
 2nd Place Y. Shikai, Chuo
 3rd Place J. Abe, Chuo
 3rd Place R. Uto, Chuo

Senior Division-A:

1st Place M. Shikai, Chuo
 2nd Place T. Kato, Covina
 Kantosho D. Bailey, SFV

Senior Division-B:

1st Place M. Henmi, Norwalk
 2nd Place M. Hattanda, SB
 Kantosho B. Olson, Chuo

Individual Championships:

1st Place O. Hashimoto, Chuo
 2nd Place D. Yang, Torrance
 3rd Place M. Shikai, Chuo
 3rd Place K. Matsukubo, Chuo

Team Championship:

1st Place Norwalk

2nd Place Covina
 3rd Place Chuo
 3rd Place Torrance

Seishin Kendo Dojo will be holding its first Masaharu Shimoda Memorial Team Taikai on November 4, 2001, at Ventura High School, Ventura, California.

7. Report from the Southern California Kendo Organization [SCKO] submitted by Atsushi Hori.

The 2001 SCKO Individual Kendo Championships will be held on November 18, 2001, at Charles H. Wilson Park, Torrance, California.

This tournament will have a unique feature called the Grand Championship Tournament in which there will be matches between the winners of each division. The competitors will be vying for three perpetual cups; the Akune Cup, the Eto Cup and the Nakabara Cup.

8. Report from the South Eastern United States Kendo Federation submitted by Ken Strawn; the following article is reprinted with permission from the June, 2001 Issue of the SEUSKF NEWS.

Tennessee Meiji Gakuin recently hosted a Youth Kendo Tournament; the results are as follows:

Elementary Division:

1st Place Ginpei Park, GJLS
 2nd Place H. Iwata, GJLS
 3rd Place M. Inoue, GJLS
 3rd Place Gindai Park, GJLS

Middle/High School Division:

1st Place J. Tamaki, GKA
 2nd Place P. Tamaki, GKA
 3rd Place Furuya, TMG
 3rd Place Iwakami, TMG

Women's Division:

1st Place Y. Desousa, GKA
 2nd Place Hagiwara, TMG
 3rd Place M. Spiwak, GJLS
 3rd Place T. Kusaoka, GJLS

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IAIDO NEWS:

1. Report submitted by AUSKF Iaido Committee Chairman Takeshi Yamaguchi. Any additional information needed regarding iaido, or iaido related matters [including the issuance of menjo], please contact: Takeshi Yamaguchi Mailing address: 13434 E. Reis Street, Whittier, CA. 90605 Telephone: (562) 693-0088.

2001 AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp
On June 29-July 1, 2001, 104 participants attended the 2001 AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp held on the Linfield College campus located in McMinnville, Oregon.

This year's 2001 AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp was organized by Chairperson Judith Mack. The four-day event, consisted of iaido training, taikai, and shinsa led by Chief Instructor Takeshi Yamaguchi, and assistant instructors, Shozo Kato, Tatsuhiko Konno, Pat Murosako, Tom Hooper, Ichiro Murakami, Dick Anderson, Russell Ichimura, Pam Parker, and several other yudansha iaidoka.

The 2001 AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp culminated in a Sayonara Party at a local restaurant. For those interested a tour of the Oregon coast and wine country was also made available for enjoyment both before and after the event concluded.

Special thanks is extended to Judith Mack and to all of the many volunteers who did the many tasks that was required so that this year's 2001 AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp turned out to be a wonderful successful four-day event enjoyed by everyone who attended.

2. Report submitted by the Northern California Iaido Association . Any additional questions about this article, please contact : Richard Tanaka Mailing address: 3144 Mabury Rd., San Jose, CA. 95127 Telephone: (408) 929-9005 or (408) 621-

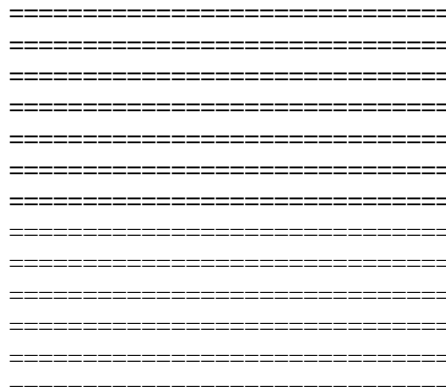
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E-mail: ktanaka1115@aol.com
The Fall, 2001 Iaido Seminar and Shinsa will be held on November 17 & 18, 2001, at the Leavey Center, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, California.
The iaido training and shinsa will be led by Chief Instructor Takeshi Yamaguchi, and assistants Tatsuhiko Konno, Ichiro Murakami, Henry Asai, Chan Goh and Robert Stroud.

AUSKF WEBSITE

The AUSKF Internet Home Page is located at: http://www.kendo-usa.org

Updates of Dojo Information on AUSKF Website:
Any change in current dojo practice schedules, or names of new dojos, should be sent to: AUSKF Webmaster, Curtis Marsten, e-mail address: cvmarsten@qwest.net

Please include the name of the regional member federation affiliation when submitting new dojo or changes in dojo information.



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Thanks to all of the contributing reporters for the news items; my apologies for having to edit the material due to space limitations.
