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Gambatte Team U.S.A. !!!

2003-2005

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Report submitted by C. Tanaka.

To the Kenshi of AUSKF:

On the eve of the 12th World Kendo Championships [hereafter, referred to as "12th WKC"] to be held in a few days in Glasgow Scotland on July 4-6, 2003, I wish to extend on behalf of the 2003-2005 AUSKF Officers, Board of Directors, Member Federations and General Membership, our Best Wishes to the Team U.S.A. Men's and Women's Team Members, Manager and Coaches, for a successful result in both the Individual and Team Matches .

Under the leadership of Mr. Yoshiteru Tagawa, VP-Competition, the 12th WKC-Team U.S.A. Men's and Women's Team Members that will be travelling for the competition in Glasgow Scotland, were selected after a rigorous series of Kyoka Senshu that started in October, 2001, including the 2002 AUSKF Championships, and culminated in a Final Kyoka Senshu in September, 2002. Following their selection, the Team U.S.A. Men's and Women's team members have endured regular training practice sessions and are now prepared to do their best at the 12th WKC.

Also, the AUSKF is proud of the excellent Team U.S.A. management and coaching that has been provided by Atsushi Hori, Shinichi Koike and Jean Kodama.

In addition, the AUSKF was fortunate to have

four (4) kendoists selected by the International Kendo Federation to serve as Referees at the 12th WKC Glasgow Scotland; congratulations to Masashi Shikai, Yoshiteru Tagawa, Masaharu Makino, and Koki Ariga.

Lastly, the AUSKF would like to thank all of the individuals, organizations, and others who made financial and other contributions in support of helping the Team U.S.A. Men's and Women's Team Members, Manager and Coaches meet all of their many needs to ensure a successful result at the 12th WKC Glasgow Scotland.

Gambatte Team U.S.A. !!!

Sincerely,

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Highlights from the March 29-30, 2003 AUSKF Board of Directors Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana:

Reported by AUSKF Executive VP
Norman K. Otani

The AUSKF Board of Directors met in New Orleans, Louisiana, on March 29-30, 2003; as previously approved as a policy of the AUSKF Board of Directors, the HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AUSKF BOARD OF DIRECTORS meetings will be reported within a reasonable time following each meeting via the AUSKF Newsletter.

[The editor apologizes in advance for the delay in transmission of this aspect of the AUSKF organizational business news. Due to the

Highlights from the March 29-30, 2003 AUSKF Board of Directors Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana: [continued] nature of news collection, and other considerations, the dissemination of this information by this means of communication, may not be as timely as initially anticipated]

[Note: This report is being made pending the approval of the minutes of the March 29-30, 2003 AUSKF Board of Directors meeting; the reader is forewarned that this information is subject to modification]

I. OLD BUSINESS:

A. 12th WKC-Team U.S.A. report by Atsushi Hori.

1. After discussion, the addition of a Sports Trainer, Mr. Hosei Mamiya, to assist the Team U.S.A. Men's and Women's Team members at their training practice sessions and in Glasgow Scotland, was approved, including the payment of travel expenses to the 12th WKC.

2. Due to unforeseen circumstances encountered by Atsushi Hori to resolve his efforts to finalize his United States citizenship application, it was announced that Jean Kodama will be listed in the Official 12th WKC Glasgow Scotland Program as the Manager of Team U.S.A.; a communication will be sent to the member federations explaining this change.

B. AUSKF VP-Promotion & Exams Atsushi Hori reported that the second and final installment payment was received for the balance owed by the Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation regarding a previously determined underpayment of kendo & iaido menjo fees for the years 1998-2000.

C. AUSKF VP-Education Koki Ariga reported that the 2003 AUSKF National Kendo Seminar will be held on October 11-12, 2003, at the Citadel, in Charleston, South Carolina.

D. AUSKF Executive VP-Norman K. Otani proposed amending AUSKF By-Laws sections VII, Section 10, Article VIII, Sections 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, and 2.5 for the purpose of increasing the record date time period, allowing additional time for receipt of nominations-receipt of ballots, reflect recent change in election cycle to every *three* years, and increase the time period for notification of newly elected directors. Matter was tabled.

E. Committee Report RE: Guidelines for Member Association, was made by committee member Tim Yuge.

Currently, the existing AUSKF Policy and Procedure Guideline 4.00.00 through 4.04.00, was intended for achieving the AUSKF goal of having one member federation in each of the mainland United States; however, due to the increasing presence of other kendo organizations in the United States such as *Kumbo*, this type of goal may no longer be feasible.

Therefore; the next best alternative may be to develop a revised AUSKF policy and procedure that reflects the current existing geographical boundaries of mainland AUSKF member federations; as a result, this may mean that some overlap of geographical boundaries will be permitted in the current areas of existing member federations.

Suggested criteria for a "new" member federation includes a minimum of five dojos, a aggregate population of sixty members, and a probation period of six-months to two-years [depending on the agreed upon rights and privileges for new federations made up of non-existing or existing dojos].

In addition, for a non-affiliated AUSKF dojo from an existing member federation, a Associate Member provision may be re-instituted with limited rights and privileges.

A followup communication will be sent by Committee member Tim Yuge to each existing AUSKF member federation, to elaborate on the above information and to receive any additional comments prior to

th next AUSKF Board of Directors meeting.

F. A letter from AUSKF Board of Director Takeshi Yamaguchi was reviewed regarding a proposed change to limit eligibility for the men's and women's divisions at the AUSKF Championships to U.S. citizens only; a separate Open Division would be available for non-U.S. citizens participating in the AUSKF Championships. Matter was tabled.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Charlie Tanaka, AUSKF President, announced that the 2003 IKF Kitamoto Summer Camp was CANCELLED due to the 12th WKC Glasgow Scotland event taking place at around the same time of the year as the IKF Kitamoto Summer Camp would have been scheduled.

As a result, the current AUSKF Policy and Procedure Guideline 24.00.00 through 24.02.04: All Japan Kendo Camp For Foreigners, will be updated effective 2004. Copies of the updated policy and procedure guideline will be provided to each AUSKF member federation.

B. Norman K. Otani, AUSKF Executive VP, reported that the AUSKF Webmaster Richard Hill is making good progress towards the re-design of the AUSKF website; which has recently been moved to its own dedicated server at: <http://www.auskf.info>

C. Tim Yuge, AUSKF Liability Insurance Co-ordinator reported that the current AUSKF liability insurance policy has a limited medical coverage provision; each AUSKF member is given NOTICE that a separate secondary medical insurance policy should be obtained to insure proper medical insurance coverage of any physical injuries incurred during a kendo practice, or kendo related event.

Tim Yuge will research the availability of a separate secondary medical insurance policy, within the existing liability insurance policy carrier, for

II. NEW BUSINESS:

C. Tim Yuge, AUSKF Liability Insurance Co-ordinator [continued]:

AUSKF members and will send a followup communication to member federations advising whether or not this option is currently available to AUSKF members.

D. Charlie Tanaka, AUSKF President, reported that the existing AUSKF Policy and Procedure Guideline 8.05.00 through 8.04.02.01 for Foreign Country Promotional Examinations is NOT being followed by AUSKF members.

The current AUSKF Policy and Procedure Guideline described above requires the following:

1. AUSKF Application for Promotion Examination signed by President of member federation must be submitted to AUSKF VP-Promotion & Examinations.
2. AUSKF \$50.00 Administration fee is to be submitted at same time as item #1., above.

Effective 8/1/03, a new AUSKF Policy and Procedure Guideline was approved for the Foreign Country Promotional Examinations, as follows:

In addition to items #1. & # 2. above, after passing the Foreign Country Examination, the applicant is to submit to the AUSKF VP- Promotion & Examinations, an additional \$50.00 Recording Fee with a copy of the menjo received from the foreign country for the new rank granted.

E. Charlie Tanaka, AUSKF President, reported that he has submitted a request to the All Japan Kendo Federation ["AJKF"] to send one to two Kendo Instructors to the United States to participate in a proposed AUSKF Kendo Mentoring Program that would be for a period of about one month.

The proposed AUSKF Kendo Mentoring Program would consist of the AUSKF providing the travel expenses for the one to two AJKF Kendo Instructors to visit each participating AUSKF member federation, and provide the expert kendo training and instruction as mutually

determined to be needed.

F. Committee Reports:

1. Competition Committee Chairman Yoshiteru Tagawa reported that a Shimpan Seminar Program has been proposed to be held in Four Zones in the United States beginning in January, 2004; during each quarter of the year 2004, a Shimpan Seminar will be scheduled for the member federations assigned to each zone.

A letter with further details of this Shimpan Seminar Program will be sent to each member federation at a later date.

2. Education Committee Chairman Koki Ariga reported that there is still a supply of the three kendo related books previously announced in the December 20, 2002 AUSKF Newsletter, Vol. 5 No.2.

3. Iaido Committee Chairman Takeshi Yamaguchi announced that the 2003 AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp will be hosted by the SCIA/NCIA; the proposed date is Labor Day weekend. Further details regarding this event will be sent to member federations at a later date.

4. Development Committee Chairman Norman K. Otani is in need of volunteers to help develop an AUSKF Kendo Sensei Oral History Project in the mainland United States. Further details will be made available in an article in the AUSKF Newsletter.

G. The next AUSKF Board of Directors Meeting was proposed to be held in Los Angeles, California on November 8-9, 2003.

From VP-Prom & Exams:

Report submitted by Atsushi Hori.

The next AUSKF Kodansha Shinsa for the ranks of 1-Dan through 7-Dan and Shogo, will be held at the 2003 AUSKF Kendo Summer Camp on Sunday, October 12, 2003, at the Citadel, in Charleston, South Carolina.

Each member federation should have recently received the AUSKF Promotion Examination Application Forms, Written Questions, and other details.

If there are any additional questions about AUSKF Promotion and Examination matters please contact:

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Report From VP-Education:

Report submitted by Koki Ariga..

AUSKF Kendo Summer Camp 2003

Recently, each member federation should have received a package of information announcing that the plans are once again underway for the AUSKF Kendo Summer Camp 2003, to be held on October 11-12, 2003.

This year's event will be held on the East Coast, in one of the most historical places in the United States, Charleston, South Carolina, on the campus of The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina.

We encourage you to participate in this year's event and we welcome you and your family to enjoy great "southern hospitality."

The AUSKF has requested that the All Japan Kendo Federation send two expert high-ranking instructors to focus on the teaching of three subjects:

1. Kendo
2. Kata
3. How to Referee

In addition to the AUSKF Kendo Summer Camp 2003, there will be an AUSKF Promotional Examination conducted for the ranks of 1-Dan through 7-Dan and Shogo; this examination will be held on Sunday, October 12, 2003, at the same location.

AUSKF Kendo Summer Camp 2003:

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Any further questions or requests to be made regarding the AUSKF Kendo Summer Camp 2003 should be forwarded to:

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REGIONAL MEMBER'S NEWS:

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

On April 25, 2003, the following kendoists successfully passed their promotional examination conducted by Examiners Mr. Mike Kishihara, Dr. Frank Goishi, Dr. Scott Goishi, George Sakazaki, and Norman K. Otani:

Thomas Carrillo	5 kyu
Aaron Teloian	4 kyu
Ian McClain	1 kyu
Richard Zamora	1-Dan
Sean Kraus	2-Dan
Ricardo Zamora	2-Dan
Huy Nguyen	2-Dan

2. Report from the Greater Northeastern U.S. Kendo Federation submitted by Isabella Church.

May 11, 2003 Kendo Shinsa Results:

Sabiel Ventura	2 kyu
Takuma Sasaki	2 kyu

May 11, 2003 Kendo Shinsa Results:

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Yoshiro Yonezawa	2 kyu
Hideyuki Hirasawa	1 kyu
Taro Ishizuka	1 kyu
Ittetsu Oishi	1 kyu
Takayuki Kitada	1-Dan
Hiroshi Tsuchihashi	1-Dan

Shinya Sugiura	2-Dan
Rii Hirano	3-Dan
Jun Yasui	3-Dan

3rd Annual Keio Academy High School Kendo Tournament
May 11, 2003

Junior High Division:

1st Masaki Suyama-Yushinkan
2nd Hiroshi Tsuchihashi-Keio
3rd Noboru Morohashi-Shodokan
3rd Shota Nishimura-Yushinkan
Fighting Spirit: Kenshi Miyamoto

High School Division:

1st Jun Yasui-Keio
2nd Takuma Iwamoto-Shidogakuin-DC
3rd Rii Hirano-Keio
3rd Shinya Sugiura-Keio
Fighting Spirit: Arisa Higuchi

Team Division-Junior High:

1st	Shodokan
2nd	Yushinkan
3rd	Keio Academy
3rd	Shidogakuin NY

Team Division-High School:

1st	Keio Academy A
2nd	Shidogakuin DC/NJ
3rd	Shodokan
3rd	Shidogakuin CT

3. Report from the Northern California Kendo Federation.

Oakland Kendo Dojo:

On Sunday, June 15, 2003, the Oakland Kendo Dojo celebrated its 50th Anniversary by hosting a kendo tournament at Alameda High School.

Northern California Kendo Federation dojos and other invited dojos joined in the celebration of this Golden Anniversary Event.

Congratulations to Head Instructor Mr. Yoshinari Miyata, Hanshi 8th Dan on the achievement of

this momentous occasion.

Additional information regarding the Northern California Kendo Federation can be found at their website:
www.nckf.org

4. Report from the Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation, submitted by: Tom Bolling, Recording Secretary
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5. Report from Rocky Mountain Kendo/Iaido Federation, submitted by: Monica Iwakabe
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Congratulations to Michael Curtis, 2-Dan, for tying for 3rd Place in the 1-Dan-2-Dan Division at the 5th Annual Detroit Open Kendo Rensei Tournament held] February 9, 2003.

We would like to welcome New Mexico Kendo Kai Dojo from Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Zenbukan Dojo from Salt Lake City, Utah, to our federation.

6. Report from the Southern California Kendo Federation:

Southern California Kendo Federation Schedule of Events, etc., can be found at their website:

www.eanet.com/sckf

7. Report from Southern California Kendo Organization:

The Gardena Kendo Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary on February 23, 2003, by hosting a Godo Keiko and Goodwill Kendo Matches with the invited members of the Aoyama Gakuin University Kendo Team, and other invited kendo dojos.

7. Report from Southern California Kendo Organization: [continued]

Congratulations to Lead Advisor, Mr. Taro Gene Eto Hanshi, 7-Dan, on the achievement of this momentous occasion.

Report submitted by Hayato Okawa:

On May 25, 2003, the 7th Memorial Day Kendo Tournament was held at Osaka Sangyo University.

The results of this three-person team tournament are as follows:

13 yrs & under Division:

1st Mouja [Covina Dojo]
G. Owaki, S. Owaki, A. Kinjo

2nd Musashi [OCB Dojo]
T. Kitamori, Y. Otsu, H. Otsu

3rd Covina Fighters
N. Hamada, S. Okamura, W. Konagaya

3rd Torrance A
S. Kuwabara, Y. Hori, Y. Tanaka

14yrs-17yrs Division:

1st Torrance A
T. Hori, H. Imai, J. Brown

2nd Cyprese [Cypress Dojo]
A. Ma, J. Park, D. Kang

3rd Chinchikurin Girls [Norwalk]
Y. Endo, Y. Omura, S. Domen

3rd Bijo & Beast [Covina/ShoTky]
H. Kinjo, T. Shibata, H. Hamada

Adult Division:

1st Fuji Auto [Gardena Dojo]
H. Mori, Y. Kato, K. Iyoda

2nd W. LA C
S. Lee, S. Hsueh, M. Armstrong

3rd Wakamoto [Covina Dojo]
S. Sasaki, D. Kitamura, E. Urrea

3rd Torrance A
J. Lee, M. Kanamori, N. Tajima

Yudansha Division:

1st Torrance A
H. Kim, Y. Kitajima, D. Yang

2nd Long Beach
K. Takada, H. Okawa, F. Takada

3rd Western [Western Dojo]
S. Hur, K. Nah, J. Oh

3rd W. LA
T. Furukubo, S. Lee, N. Nakada

8. Report from the Southeast United States Kendo Federation, submitted with permission from SEUSKF News Editors Ken Strawn and Mike Yongue.

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IAIDO NEWS:

2003 AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp is CANCELLED.

Report submitted by Takeshi Yamaguchi

Subsequent to announcing that there would be a 2003 AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp hosted by the SCIA/NCIA; it was later determined that this proposed event could not be held this year due to logistical and other considerations

SCIA/NCIA Iaido Seminar & Shinsa:

The Southern California Kendo Association and the Northern California Kendo Association will be jointly hosting an Iaido Seminar and Shinsa on Labor Day Weekend, August 30-31, 2003.

This event will be held at the San Jose Buddhist Church in San Jose, California.

The Head Instructor will be Takeshi Yamaguchi, and the names of the other instructors will be announced prior to the seminar.

The seminar fee will be \$50.00 for two-days and the testing fee will be \$50.00 per candidate. Candidates may test up to 3-Dan.

More information and registration forms will be available by the first week in July, 2003. Please go to:

<http://groups.msn.com/scia> or contact Dennis Ralutin via e-mail at: kryptonian13@hotmail.com for updates.

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An Overview of Kendo 1945-2000

Part One [see AUSKF Newsletter Vol. 5 No. 1 Issue]

Part Two: [see AUSKF Newsletter Vol. 5 No. 2 Issue]

Part Three:

Appendix 1:

During the war I had been given an intensive course in the Japanese language followed by six months of military Japanese. In the army, I served on Saipan, where I was able to see what type of wounds the Japanese sword could inflict, particularly after the gyokusai of July 7, 1944, and later Leyte and Okinawa. I was discharged from the Army in 1946. In May of 1948 I was assigned to the Central Interrogation Center, Allied Translator and Interpreter Service (ATIS) in the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Building, under G-2 (Intelligence) GHQ.

When I joined my section in Central Interrogation Center I met Lieutenant Maki Hiroyuki Miyahara from Los Angeles, California, Kendo 3-Dan. When he learned that I fenced foil at UCLA, he invited me to meet Tanaya Masami Sensei, the instructor of kendo at Tsukiji Police Station.

In the Tsukiji kendo dojo it seemed that all the policemen had served in the Army. I learned that Kuroshima Kazue Sensei, the kendo instructor of the Nippon-bashi Police Station who frequently participated in the practice and instruction at Tsukiji, had been an infantry sergeant in Manchuria and North China. Hoshino Kazuo, a policeman had

GUEST AUTHOR:

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been an infantry captain in New Guinea. It was only three years after the end of the war when I came to the dojo in uniform, a first lieutenant with a "GHQ" shoulder patch. I felt a distinct coldness, if not hostility, among the policemen practicing there. Since Tanaya Sensei had agreed to accept me as a pupil out of his regard for Lieutenant Miyahara who had practiced with him at the dojo for almost a year, the policemen treated me correctly, but with no warmth.

Practice was Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. Fortunately the Army of Occupation had Wednesday and Saturday afternoons off too. The kendo was shinken kendo (real sword technique). The length of the shinai was much shorter than the minimum length of shinai that is now required for adult males in tournaments. The shinai seemed to me to be approximately the length of gunto (army sword) that I had seen on Saipan in 1944. The tsuru (cord) of the shinai was oxen sinew which stretched in damp weather. Tanaya Sensei kindly allowed me to use bogu (equipment) from the Police station's ample stock, which was suspended from the ceiling in an adjacent area.

Shikake waza was executed as if using a real sword - ozawa (technique with small motions). There was constant and great emphasis on tenouchi (literally "within the hand"), delivering the blows, making the cuts, and the movement of the fingers and wrists, as the shinai is about to strike the men (mask) or do (plastron). In shomen the wrists were rotated even further inward and locked. There was shime (pressure at the instant of impact) for both shomen and do, the strike was completed with a slicing movement with both hands on the hilt, and the hips were lowered. All strikes were made much more strongly than now. In matches the shimpan in denying a men point, would say "Karui, tori-masen"; "light, won't take it". After about six months and as men who had seen action, we were able

to talk about ourselves, training in fencing. I told them about practicing United States Army cavalry saber fencing in my high school Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) classes under our weapons instructor, a World War I cavalry sergeant, who had obtained World War I war surplus masks, padded jackets, right hand padded mittens with metal cuff up to the elbow, and reinforced metal screen masks with very heavy shoulder padding which completely covered the entire head and both shoulders. I also told them of training with Civil War cavalry sabers in learning the manual of the saber for parades and ceremonies in the University of California (UCLA) ROTC, as well as foil fencing in physical education. Tanaya Sensei and Kuroshima Sensei explained the tenouchi locking of the wrists in cutting men and striking the curvature of the skull, so the blade of a real sword would not twist in one's hands and slide off, but penetrate into the brain. As our relationship continued to improve after I was able to explain to them that my C.I.C. was not Counter Intelligence Corps, but Central Interrogation Center whose mission was not directed at Japan, but elsewhere on the Asian mainland.

Dojo reigi was very strict. Rei included a ritsurei (standing bow) toward the kami dana. In the zareji, seated in a row on the floor bow, juniors in order began earlier and hold it longer than the seniors. No one could remove their men until the senior sensei removed theirs. No one could leave the floor for any reason, until dismissed. No water, beverages or food would be allowed in the practice area. One showed the utmost respect to the sensei and to all your sempai (those senior to you).

[To be continued in next issue]

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
AUSKF KENDO SENSEI ORAL
HISTORY PROJECT:**

Report by Norman K. Otani, AUSKF Executive Vice-President.

During the past few years as an officer in the AUSKF I have steadfastly worked to develop a place for AUSKF historical materials from throughout the mainland United States; thus, the idea of an Archives Project was born. The initial steps that have been taken to date, include an initial agreement with the Japanese American National Museum to submit AUSKF historical materials on a general submission basis. Additional plans are being considered to broaden this project to include finding grant funding for a paid staff person to work on behalf of the AUSKF in a partnership with the Japanese American National Museum.

Concurrent with the Archives Project, the idea of having an AUSKF Hall of Fame Project is also being considered and is at an early development stage at this time.

As the above described projects are moving forward, it has become more and more evident to all of the AUSKF Officers and Board of Directors that it is very important that the Kendo Life Stories of our AUSKF Sensei be preserved, at least initially, by means of a AUSKF Kendo Sensei Oral History Project.

In order to be successful in having as broad and inclusive of a collection of AUSKF Kendo Sensei Oral History Stories, **I am requesting the assistance of Volunteer interviewers in all member federations throughout the mainland United States.**

The AUSKF will reimburse the interviewers for the cost of the audio cassette tapes or videotapes used during the interview, with the understanding that the completed interviews are to be submitted to and become the property of the AUSKF Kendo Sensei Oral History Project.

If you are interested in participating as a Volunteer in the AUSKF Kendo Sensei Oral History Project, please contact: Norman K. Otani, AUSKF Executive VP at: e-mail: otaninorman@hotmail.com.

AUSKF WEBSITE:

Introduction of New Website Design
Richard Hill, AUSKF Webmaster.

After several months of planning and dedicated effort, the New AUSKF Website Design will be introduced by means of an **Inaugural Date To Introduce the New AUSKF Website Design.**

The Inaugural Date will be July 14, 2003; on this date, the latest updates of AUSKF events will be posted, along with hot off the press photographs of recent AUSKF activities.

From this Inaugural Date forward the 2003-2005 AUSKF Officers and Board of Directorw will pledge to work very hard to keep the AUSKF members informed as early as possible regarding upcoming AUSKF events, and other related information of interest to AUSKF members.

Additional improvements to broaden the usefulness of the AUSKF Website will be considered for implementation in the months to follow.

If there are additional ideas that the AUSKF members would like to have considered regarding the AUSKF wwebsite, please send this information to: Richard Hill, AUSKF Webmaster at: e-mail address: rhill@nckf.org

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