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2006 - 13th WKC: Taipei, Taiwan !!!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Report submitted by C. Tanaka.

Following the convening of the March 27-28, 2004 AUSKF Board of Directors meeting held in Detroit, Michigan, I am pleased to announce that plans are now officially underway to prepare for the selection of the 13th WKC-Team U.S.A. members, who will be competing in 2006, at the Taipei, Taiwan venue!

Under the capable leadership of Yoshiteru Tagawa, AUSKF VP-Competition, the schedule of the kyoka senshu selection tournaments was finalized, a team manager was elected, and the site of the 2005 AUSKF Championships was approved to be held in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on the campus of the University of Michigan.

Also, I am happy to report that the 2004 AUSKF Summer Kendo Camp was approved to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, and will be designed to provide the knowledge and skills required of the Kodansha level kendoists.

In addition, the 2004 AUSKF Shimpan Seminars are now underway and will be held in accordance to the previously announced schedules and locations.

[Note: Further details of the above information can be found in the Highlights from the March 27-28, 2004 AUSKF Board of Directors Meeting

article]

With the above noted 2004 AUSKF events and activities, it appears to be another very busy year ahead; by continuing to follow the current policies and procedures that have previously been recommended and approved by the AUSKF officers and board of directors, our organization should be able to maintain its current stable financial base, from which both ongoing and needed programs and activities can be supported and implemented.

Without a doubt, there is now room for further building upon the current progress that has been made towards the development of the AUSKF kendo programs throughout the United States; however, in order to do this, there must be continued careful decision making by each of the AUSKF officers and board of directors so that this momentum is maintained and not allowed to be detoured for imprudent matters.

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**Highlights from the March 27-28, 2004, AUSKF Board of Directors Meeting, Detroit, Michigan:
Reported by AUSKF Executive VP Norman K. Otani, Esq.**

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The AUSKF Board of Directors met in Detroit, Michigan, on March 27-28, 2004; as previously approved as a policy of the

Highlights from the March 27-28, 2004, AUSKF Board of Directors Meeting, Detroit, Michigan: [continued]

I. Old Business:

A. Proposed Amendment To AUSKF By-Laws. RE: Record Date & Election of Directors Procedure.

Discussion was held regarding the current AUSKF By-Laws and the procedure for run-off elections; AUSKF By-Laws Article VIII, Section 2. 4., does not specifically state what procedure to follow when a person does not accept being elected following a run-off election. As there is some ambiguity in this by-laws section, Tsuyoshi Inoshita was requested by Norman K. Otani, Esq., AUSKF Executive VP, with approval of the AUSKF Board of Directors, to draft an amendment to this section of the AUSKF by-laws to clarify and propose a clear procedure to be followed in future election years, in situations as that which occurred in the 2002 directors election, in which a concern has been raised.

After receipt and review of the additional proposed amendment to the AUSKF By-Laws Article VIII, Section 2.4., the other proposed changes to the AUSKF By-Laws as to the Record Date & Election of Directors Procedure proposed by Norman K. Otani, Esq., AUSKF Executive VP, will be considered by the AUSKF Board of Directors, at the next AUSKF Board of Directors meeting.

B. Committee Report Update RE: Guidelines For Member Association.

This matter was tabled until the next meeting, due to unfinished matters that need to be completed prior to further review of this matter.

C. 2005 AUSKF Championships and Selection of 13th WKC-Team U.S.A.

(1.) Schedule for Kyoka Senshu: Yoshiteru Tagawa, AUSKF VP-Competition proposed the schedule for the Kyoka Senshu; the initial Kyoka Senshu was proposed for October 23, 2004 [Eastern Region Member Federations], and October 24, 2004

AUSKF Board of Directors, the HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AUSKF BOARD OF DIRECTORS meetings will be reported within a reasonable time

[Western Region Member Federations].

The Second Kyoka Senshu was proposed to be held the same time as the Spring, 2005 AUSKF Board of Directors Meeting.

The 2005 AUSKF Championships to be held July 2-3, 2005, as provided for in the AUSKF Policy and Procedure Guidelines, was proposed as the venue for implementation of the additional selection process for Team USA members.

The Final Kyoka Senshu will then be held during the Labor Day Weekend 2005.

The above schedule of Kyoka Senshu was approved by the AUSKF board of directors for implementation.

(2.) Selection of 13th WKC-Team U.S.A. Manager. Masashi Shikai was elected by the AUSKF Board of Directors, as the 13th WKC-Team USA Manager. The AUSKF Board of Directors has authorized Mr. Shikai to make his selections for the Men's Team Coach and the Women's Team Coach, to be reviewed by the AUSKF Board of Directors at the next meeting.

(3.) Selection of Location of 2005 AUSKF Championships. Yoshiteru Tagawa, AUSKF VP-Competition, proposed to have the 2005 AUSKF Championships in Ann Arbor, Michigan, at the University of Michigan. The 2005 AUSKF Championships was approved by the AUSKF Board of Directors to be held at this location.

D. 8th Dan Promotion Regulation and Guidelines. Atsushi Hori, AUSKF VP-Promotions & Examinations requested discussion be held to determine what guidelines should be used to conduct the AUSKF 8th Dan Examinations.

After lengthy discussion, a motion was passed to follow the current AUSKF Promotion and Regulations Guidelines for the promotion of 8th Dan candidates.

E. Foreign Country Promotion Examination Regulations. Atsushi Hori, AUSKF VP-Promotions & Examinations was requested to clarify the current AUSKF procedure for kendoists

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following each meeting via the AUSKF Newsletter.

requesting to take a promotion examination in an IKF foreign country outside of the United States; specifically when taking a promotion examination in a foreign country other than Japan. Mr. Hori clarified that the procedures to take a promotion examination in an IKF recognized foreign country is to: (1.) Complete the AUSKF Promotion Examination Application Form, signed by the AUSKF member federation president. (2.) Submit the IKF foreign country promotion application form for the AUSKF President signature. (3.) Submit the \$50.00 AUSKF Application Form fee; and, if successfully promoted, submit the recently approved \$50.00 AUSKF Recording fee with the copy of the new menjo.

F. 2004 AUSKF Kendo Summer Camp. Koki Ariga, AUSKF VP-Education reported that the 2004 AUSKF Kendo Summer Camp will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, on July 24-25, 2004 [specific location is still pending], and there will be a AUSKF Kodansha Promotion Examination held on Monday, July 26, 2004. It was noted that although the 2004 AUSKF Kendo Summer Camp will focus on developing the knowledge and skills of the Kodansha level kendoists, all kendo ranks are invited to participate.

G. 2004 AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp. Takeshi Yamaguchi, AUSKF Iaido Committee Chairman requested Mark Uchida to give the report. Mr. Uchida reported that the 2004 AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp will be held at the University of Boulder, Colorado, from June 10-13, 2004. Member federations will receive the details and additional information from the organizing committee in the near future.

H. New AUSKF Logo. Tim Yuge reported that he has obtained copy right permission from Debbie Farmer, to use the 11th WKC logo, as the New AUSKF logo, to be printed on letterhead, tie, t-shirt, polo shirt, etc. The matter was tabled, to allow time to have the AUSKF Board of Directors review some of the sample items to be considered for order

with the New AUSKF Logo.

Highlights from the March 27-28, 2004, AUSKF Board of Directors Meeting, Detroit, Michigan:[continued]

I. United States Olympic Organizing Committee [”USOC”] Membership. Mark Uchida reported that the USOC has specific requirements for membership, several of which the AUSKF would not currently be able to meet, such as having a woman and an athlete as part of the makeup of the AUSKF Board of Directors. Additional prerequisite criteria include having all U.S. Citizens only as members, having an annual national championship tournament, being a participant in the Pan American Games, etc. Based on not currently being able to meet all of the requirements set forth by USOC, Mr. Uchida advised that the AUSKF would not be able to be considered for membership. Charlie Tanaka, AUSKF President thanked Mark Uchida for his efforts to followup on this matter and reporting the results of his findings.

II. New Business:

A. 2004 AJKF Kitamoto Foreigners Summer Kendo Camp. Charlie Tanaka, AUSKF President reported that following the deadline set for receipt of applications of interested kendoists from each member federation to attend the 2004 AJKF Kitamoto Foreigners Summer Kendo Camp; in accordance with the AUSKF Policy and Procedure Guidelines, and rotation order for 2004, the names of kendoists from the Rocky Mountain Kendo Federation, Midwest Kendo Federation, Northern California Kendo Federation and Southeast US Kendo Federation were sent to the AJKF for final selection determination. An announcement will be made to those AUSKF applicants approved for participation by the AJKF for the 2004 AJKF Kitamoto Foreigners Summer Kendo Camp.

B. March 27,2004- Letter from Carl S. West, to the AUSKF Board of Directors. Charlie Tanaka, AUSKF President, agreed to review the letter [out of the general business agenda order] brought to

the AUSKF Board of Directors meeting by Mr. West; notwithstanding that such matters are generally considered at the end of the general business agenda, as no prior advance notification was given by Mr. West that this matter would be requested to be placed on the agenda.

Mr. West’s letter requested further discussion and review of the previous action taken November 9-10, 2002, to amend the AUSKF By-Laws to extend the term of office for directors from two-years to three-years, and the procedure followed by the AUSKF Officers and Board of Directors regarding the AUSKF director elections in 2002, to fill a director position that was not accepted by Noboru Kataoka after a run-off election, with the next highest vote recipient Daniel Ebihara.

Charlie Tanaka, AUSKF President noted that these two matters have been previously reviewed and appropriate actions had been taken at previous AUSKF board of directors meetings; nevertheless, additional discussion was allowed for a time-limited period of time.

During the time-limited additional discussion period, Mark Uchida introduced a new proposal that the AUSKF Board of Directors consider retaining independent legal counsel for the purpose of regularly reviewing the actions taken by the AUSKF Officers and Board of Directors, and to be used to carry out functions such as the election of directors, and other matters that are currently considered and acted upon by the elected AUSKF Officers.

Norman K. Otani, Esq., AUSKF Executive VP, expressed serious concerns regarding this new proposal made by Mark Uchida, as the expensive cost of retaining a privatelaw firm for the above described purposes, would have the potential of being a financial drain on the current limited AUSKF treasury. The legal fees that AUSKF would be charged would include a yearly retainer fee of several thousand dollars, and each separate legal matter such as conducting a director election, etc., would be generally

charged at rates of \$250 per hour or more. Mr. Otani questioned whether this type of proposed expenditure at the present time by the AUSKF Board of Directors would in fact jeopardize the ability to implement important ongoing AUSKF programs and to consider new projects now being developed.

Walter Hashimoto stated that the Buddhist Churches of America [”BCA”] Board of Directors has retained a private law firm to serve as general counsel, who sits at the their board of directors meetings for purposes of legal consultation on any proposed actions/matters that arise which appear to require some legal interpretation.

Norman K. Otani, Esq., AUSKF Executive VP, inquired about the difference in financial reserves that are being protected in the case of the BCA, which amounts to several millions of dollars, whereas the AUSKF treasury currently has very limited financial reserves, and as such may not warrant the same level of concern as to the need for a general legal counsel to be retained on an ongoing basis, for purposes of review of actions taken, proposed actions to be taken, and other matters that are currently the duties of the AUSKF elected officers.

After further discussion; due to interest expressed by several AUSKF Board of Directors to determine the amount that would be required to retain a private law firm as a general counsel for AUSKF; Charlie Tanaka, AUSKF President, requested that Tim Yuge and Walter Hashimoto contact private law firms in Southern California and Northern California for this limited purpose and to report the results of their findings at the next AUSKF Board of Directors meeting.

In addition, after further discussion and review by the AUSKF Board of Directors of the prior reported discussions and actions taken by the AUSKF Board of Directors regarding both of the matters referred to by Carl S. West in his March 27, 2004 letter; Norman K. Otani, Esq., agreed to ask Jack Dwosh, Esq. if a

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Detroit, Michigan:[continued] written opinion letter could be provided to

confirm the legal procedure followed at the November 8-9, 2003, AUSKF Board

of Directors meeting, whereby an Executive Declaration was approved and signed by Charlie Tanaka, AUSKF President, resolving the concerns raised by Tsuyoshi Inoshita, as to the action taken to extend the directors term of office, as having been done with a proper quorum, notice provided to the member federations of the action taken by other means of written communications [as provided for in the AUSKF By-Laws]; notwithstanding and recognizing that California Corporations Code section 7220(a) was a valid statute, but upon review of the purpose of this statute being to ensure fairness and to not allow self serving actions by directors for personal pecuniary gains, as is possible in for-profit corporations, no further action was recommended as the action taken was deemed to have been done for the benefit of the AUSKF members by putting into place terms of office that are required for business reasons of the organization.

B. AUSKF Liability Insurance and Review of AUSKF Membership Dues. Tim Yuge reported that the policy premium cost for 2003 was \$46,438.76; with an estimated 3000 members for 2004, the policy premium cost is estimated to be \$48,000.00. Based on these figures, Masaharu Makino, AUSKF Treasurer, recommended no change in the AUSKF membership dues at this time.

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(1.) Budget-Finance: Masaharu Makino, AUSKF Treasurer reported that in 2003, there was approximately, \$150,000 income received from membership dues, menjo and promotion examination fees, etc., and approximately, \$100,000 expenses incurred for the liability insurance premium, etc. AUSKF Treasury Balance effective 10/31/03, is approximately \$250,000.

(2.) Competition: Yoshiteru Tagawa, AUSKF Competition VP reported what had previously been discussed and decided as to the 1st Kyoka Senshu competitions to be held on October 23 and

October 24, 2004, respectively in the Eastern and Western regions. Also, Mr. Tagawa and his committee will issue an informational notice to each member federation as to the guidelines and location of the 1st Kyoka Senshu by August 1, 2004.

In addition, Mr. Tagawa reviewed the schedule for the 2004 AUSKF regional shimpan seminars, which has previously been reported.

(3.) Promotion: Atsushi Hori, AUSKF Promotion & Examination VP reported that the current time for issuance of the menjo following a promotion examination is about 45-60 days. Mr. Hori reminded the member federations to submit the AUSKF Promotional Certificate Request Form together with the menjo fees to him; if both the form and fees are NOT received, then this will delay the issuance of the menjos.

(4.) Education: Koki Ariga, AUSKF Education VP, had no additional report.

(5.) Iaido: Takeshi Yamaguchi, AUSKF Iaido Committee Chairman, requested permission from Atsushi Hori, AUSKF Promotion & Examination VP, to have a separate AUSKF Iaido Examination Application Form and AUSKF Iaido Promotional Certificate Form. Mr. Hori approved this request for both items.

(6.) Development: Norman K. Otani, Esq., AUSKF Executive VP, provided a written progress report on the various ongoing and pending projects, e.g. AUSKF Newsletter[ongoing], AUSKF Hall of Fame & Oral History Project[pending], AUSKF Website [ongoing], Marketing and Advertising [the only change is that the toll free 1-800 telephone number will be discontinued], Policy and Procedures Guidelines [ongoing and is being updated], AUSKF Office [pending; report by Arthur Murakami informed that the Little Tokyo Recreation Center project appears to be almost approved for a specific site in Little Tokyo, Los Angeles, California].

purchase computer hardware[reader], software, etc.; thereafter, the yearly update/issuance of the photo ID card would be an additional \$100 per year for new blank cards.

(7.) Other:

(a) Shidogakuin 20th Anniversary Tournament Name: U.S. Open Kendo Championships. Charlie Tanaka, AUSKF President, reported that upon review of this invitation letter sent by Shozo Kato, the entry fee information states .."no entry fee for Team U.S.A. members;" due to both the name of the tournament and the entry fee information, there is an impression given to the invitees that this is an All United States Kendo Federation sanctioned event.

Mr. Kato stated to Mr. Tanaka that he would make the appropriate changes to the tournament name, and entry fee information, so that there is no misunderstanding to the invitees that this is NOT an All United States Kendo Federation sanctioned event.

(b) AUSKF Database Project: Tim Yuge reported that at the previous AUSKF Board of Directors meeting, a suggestion had been made to do research on a database software that could be used by the AUSKF to issue an identification card for its members with an ID number, to maintain records as to AUSKF members promotion ranks, attendance verification at shimpan seminars, etc.

Mr. Yuge reported that the initial year database development budget is \$4,000; this includes the purchase of the software for about five AUSKF officers/designated persons, collection of information process, input of the information to develop the database by a person paid a fee of .25 cents per name [3,000 names x .25=\$750], purchase of a laptop to be used by AUSKF officials/designated persons at AUSKF promotion examinations, shimpan seminars, etc., and the yearly update costs [\$300-\$500].

Mr. Atsushi Hori inquired if this proposed project and budget could produce a photo ID card for AUSKF members. Mr. Yuge stated that this type of photo ID card would have to be researched, but would require an estimated initial budget of \$1,000, to

The above AUSKF Database Project as proposed by Tim Yuge, was unanimously approved by the AUSKF Board of Directors.

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(c.) New AEUSKF President. Daniel Ebihara announced that he has resigned as the AEUSKF President, and effective immediately, the new AEUSKF President is Noboru Kataoka.

(d) AUSKF Treasurer Request to Submit AUSKF Membership List on Excel Format. Masaharu Makino requests that each AUSKF Member Federation submit their AUSKF membership information on the Excel Format. Tim Yuge asked Mr. Makino if he could send a blank Excel form to each AUSKF Member Federation to be sent electronically to each dojo/member federation to be completed/filled in and this would assist in complying with Mr. Makino's request. Mr. Makino agreed to followup on this request by Mr. Yuge.

(e.) AUSKF Promotion Certificate Request Form. Atsushi Hori requested that each AUSKF member federation try to either print/type clearly the names on this form; also, if Japanese language certificate is requested, try to clearly write the kanji/kata kana. Tim Yuge suggested that a PDF computer form could be developed [posted on the AUSKF website] so that the information could be typed onto a computer form, printed, and then sent to Mr. Hori.

Takeshi Yamaguchi inquired about the AUSKF policy if an AUSKF Promotion Certificate has the wrong kanji printed. Mr. Hori stated that it is his policy to reissue the AUSKF Promotion Certificate if either the AUSKF member federation submitted the wrong kanji information or if there was a mistake. Depending on whether or not the AUSKF member federation submitted the kanji information in error or not; if the error was made by the AUSKF member federation when submitting the AUSKF Promotion Certificate Request Form, then the AUSKF member federation will be billed for the cost of reissuing a second promotion certificate with the correct kanji information re-submitted by the

Report From Treasurer:

Report submitted by Masaharu Makino.

AUSKF Membership Dues; as is the AUSKF Policy, March 31, 2004, was the deadline for each member federation to submit their dojos AUSKF Membership Dues. If your member federation has not

AUSKF member federation.

(f.) Next AUSKF Board of Directors Meeting. Charlie Tanaka requested to confirm the date and location of the next AUSKF Board of Directors Meeting. The date of the next AUSKF Board of Directors meeting will be November 6 & 7, 2004; the hosting federation will be SCKO [Los Angeles, California]. Norman K. Otani, Esq., AUSKF Executive VP, will contact Mr. Michihiro Nakashima, SCKO President, to request the SCKO to assist the AUSKF to make the arrangements for a hotel, meeting room, godokeiko, kodansha promotion examination, airport transportation assistance, meals, etc.

[Note: This report is being made pending the approval of the minutes of the March 27-28, 2004 AUSKF Board of Directors meeting; the reader is forewarned that this information is subject to modification]

From VP-Competition:

Report submitted by Yoshiteru Tagawa.

2004 AUSKF Shimpan Seminars:

The first 2004 AUSKF Shimpan Seminar was held in the Southwest Zone and hosted by the Southern California Kendo Federation on March 7, 2004.

Under the leadership of Yoshiteru Tagawa, AUSKF VP-Competition, the shimpan seminar was conducted by Chief Instructor Atsushi Hori, with assistant instructors Masashi Shikai and Masaharu Makino. In addition, several supervisory instructors were designated to assist in the grading process of the participants.

Shimpan seminar instruction was provided in both the English language and Japanese language.

The Eastern Zone was scheduled to have

submitted your 2004 AUSKF membership dues, please do so as soon as possible.

For any questions regarding the 2004 AUSKF Membership Dues, please contact:
Masaharu Makino, AUSKF Treasurer.

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its AUSKF Shimpan Seminar on April 18, 2004.

The Central Zone will have its AUSKF Shimpan Seminar on August 21 or 22, 2004.

The Northwest Zone will have its AUSKF Shimpan Seminar on October 9, 2004.

If there are any additional questions, please contact:

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From VP-Prom & Exams:

Report submitted by Atsushi Hori.

The next AUSKF Kodansha Shinsa for the ranks of 5-Dan through 7-Dan and Shogo, will be held on Monday, July 26, 2004, in Las Vegas, Nevada; following the 2004 AUSKF Summer Kendo Camp.

Additional details, application forms, etc., will be sent to member federations at a later date.

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,
[See the Highlights of the March 27-28, 2004 AUSKF BOD Meeting]

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REGIONAL MEMBER'S NEWS:

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

After several years of inactivity, the formerly named All California Kendo Championships, a tri-annual kendo tournament event will be reactivated in 2004, and will be held on Sunday, September 5, 2004, in Fresno, California, on the campus of the California State University, Fresno.

The planning group consisting of representatives from the Central California Kendo Federation, Northern California Kendo Federation, Southern California Kendo Federation and Southern California Kendo Organization have recently finalized the plans for the newly named: All California Open Kendo Tournament.

2. Report from the Northern California Kendo Federation, submitted by Richard Tanaka.

The San Jose Kendo Dojo will be hosting its Annual San Jose Invitational Kendo Tournament on Sunday, June 26, 2004, at the San Jose Buddhist Church.

Additional information for the Northern California Kendo Federation can be found at their website: <http://nckf.org>

3. Report from the Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation, submitted by: Tom Bolling, Recording Secretary See PNKF's *Kenyu* online at: <http://www.kendo-pnkf.org>.

SCIA Iaido News:

Report submitted by Dennis Ralutin, SCIA President.

Tentatively, the Southern California Iaido Association [SCIA] Iaido seminar and shinsa is being planned for Saturday, October 23, 2004, at the Norwalk Kendo Dojo. Additional details will be provided at a later date.

4. Report from Rocky Mountain Kendo/Iaido Federation, submitted by: Monica Iwakabe e-mail: herrmoni2@aol.com

The Rocky Mountain Kendo/Iaido Federation will be holding a Special Iaido Seminar on July 30, 2004, with special guest instructor-Arima, Mitsuo Sensei (Kendo Kyoshi 8-dan & Iaido 6-dan).

They will also host their annual Kendo Summer Camp on July 31-August 1, 2004, with special guest instructors-Arima, Mitsuo Sensei, Todaka, Shizuo Sensei (Kendo Kyoshi 7-dan), Nakao, Shingo Sensei (Kendo 6-dan). They are all from the Osaka Police Department.

5. Report from the Southern California Kendo Federation [SCKF]; submitted by Tim Yuge.

The Torrance Kendo Club will be hosting its Torrance Kendo Dojo Anniversary Tournament on Sunday, July 18, 2004.

Additional Information can also be found at the SCKF website located at: <http://www.eanet.com>

7. Report from the Southern California Kendo Organization, submitted by Michihiro Nakashima.

The Southern California Kendo Organization will be holding its 8th Memorial Day Kendo Tournament on Sunday, May 30, 2004.

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Additional SCIA information can be found at our website: <http://groups.msn.com/scia> or contact Dennis Ralutin via e-mail at: kryptonian13@hotmail.com for updates.

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2004 AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp

Report submitted by Takeshi Yamaguchi, AUSKF Iaido Committee Chairman; and, Mike Murphy.

AUSKF member federations were sent a packet of materials regarding the 2004 AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp to be held from Thursday, June 10, 2004 through Sunday, June 13, 2004, at the University of Boulder, Colorado.

The guest instructors at the 2004 AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp will be Ueno, Satanori (Iaido 8-dan, Hanshi and ZNKR Iaido Committee Chairman) and Takeda, Kiyofusa (Iaido 8-dan, Hanshi).

The schedule of events consists of: Thursday, June 10, 2004 and Friday, June 11, 2004=Iaido Seminar. Saturday, June 12, 2004= Iaido Taikai. Sunday, June 13, 2004=Iaido Promotion Examination.

Application forms are available online at: <http://www.yamakagekendo.com/camp.html> or: <http://www.auskf.info>

Deadline for Applications is May 15, 2004.

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Kendo Hanshi 7th Dan

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: [see AUSKF Newsletter Vol.

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Essentially Kendo seems to be taking the same path as the cavalry saber in Europe, some fifty years earlier. On the eve of World War I, most advanced nations had cavalry regiments with saber and firearms. By 1915 the machine gun had driven the cavalry from the fields. The cavalymen had been taught to fence with equipment like that of kendo. They used an oak sword of the same shape, but with metal bellguard, a very heavy mask covered the entire head and shoulders, a chest covering very much like that of a baseball catcher, and a padded mitten for the right hand similar to a kote but with metal cuff to the elbow. Saber fencing after World War I adopted equipment from foil fencing; a light mask, light canvas clothing and light leather glove for the right hand. The weapon still had a bell shaped guard, but that is where the resemblance to the original saber ends. The oak wood saber was replaced with a light steel blade about the same length as that of a foil, triangular in cross-section, and all three surfaces of the blade were grooved about two-thirds of its length from the hilt to render it rigid. It was so light that it could be whipped around as no cavalry saber could. The modern Olympic fencing saber has little

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resemblance, other than the name, to the cavalry saber.

IN MEMORIAM:

AKUTAGAWA, MASA HARU
[1912-2004]
Akutagawa sensei, 8th dan, Hanshi, passed away in Februray, 2004; up until 2002, Akutagawa sensei was the Venice Kendo Dojo Head Instructor, and from 2002, served as Advisor.

International Kendo Federation [IKF]

Report submitted by Charlie Tanaka, AUSKF President as per AJKF/IKF Ari Kurose for Jun Takeuchi.

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