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Congratulations Team USA-15th WKC!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Report submitted by Arthur I. Murakami

On behalf of the AUSKF board of directors, officers, and members: I would like to congratulate the 15th WKC Team USA [Men's & Women's team members] for their outstanding world class competitive skills that was both rewarded from the results of the competition and recognized by the various international kendo federations; this event was held on May 25 & 26, 2012 in Novara, Italy. Two noteworthy individual Kantosho awards were made to Chris Yang and Sachiko Tamura.

The AUSKF Team USA consisted of the following:

Shozo Kato	Team USA Manager
Yuji Onitsuka	Team USA Asst. Mgr.
Chris Yang	Men's Team Coach
Song Yi Yang	Women's Coach
Shuntaro Shinada Team USA Physician	

Men's Team Members:

Daniel Yang
Sandip Ghodgaonkar
Simon Yoo
Jason Brown
Jarrod Hatakeyama
Taishi Kato
Hiroyuki Ogikubo
Travis Hill
Brandon Harada
Christopher Yang

Women's Team Members:

Sachiko Tamura
Nishiki Sano
Emi Anderson
Michiye Cabral
Arisa Nakamori
Asaki Shinada
Keri Chen

Also, I would like to congratulate the AUSKF 15th WKC referees: Yoshiteru Tagawa, Koki Ariga, Kazuharu Arima, and Tim Yuge, for their dedicated efforts to carry out the strenuous duties of being a WKC referee.

In addition, I want to recognize Jeff Marsten, Executive VP, as he has implemented a new policy that will help the AUSKF organization to more efficiently plan ahead for such matters as the selection of the hosting federations of future 2012-2013 AUSKF board of directors meetings, which include a Kodansha Promotion Examination on the same weekend. Also, in the next few months, the AUSKF members will see the implementation of the AUSKF VP of Education [Shozo Kato] recently approved program: *Team USA Giving Back* program, AUSKF VP of Competition [Tim Yuge] *Train the Trainer* program for shimpan seminars, etc.

Lastly, please e-mail or write to me any suggestions or ideas to improve AUSKF operations and these will be reviewed at the next AUSKF board of directors meeting in November 2012.

Sincerely,
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Highlights from the April 14 & 15, 2012

**AUSKF Board of Directors Meeting,
Seattle, Washington:**

Reported by Norman K. Otani, 2012-2014
AUSKF Secretary-Historian.

[Note: This report is being made pending the approval of the minutes of the April 14 & 15, 2012 AUSKF Board of Directors meeting; **the reader is forewarned that this information is subject to modification**]

I. OLD BUSINESS:

A. AUSKF Liability Insurance [Updates]:
(1.) The previously approved additional liability insurance coverage for the AUSKF board of directors and officers at a cost of \$50 per individual director and officer, remains pending as the application form previously submitted was out of date.

(2.) The current AUSKF Liability Insurance policy coverage amounts was reviewed; it was determined that an increase in the amount of liability insurance coverage is not needed by AUSKF. Exception: if needed by an educational institution in New York or California [rider is available]. Also, there is a possibility that a new insurance provider will be located by the end of 2012.

(3) After making an inquiry about a 3-year liability insurance coverage policy; the AUSKF was advised that only a annual renewable liability insurance coverage policy is available. The AUSKF is allowed to make a one-month in advance premium payment for the annual/renewal; and, if necessary the AUSKF will be allowed to make the annual/renewal payment in February.

The current medical insurance coverage is provided as a secondary coverage; after the individual medical insurance is used. There is a \$250 deductible and maximum \$100,000 medical expense coverage.

B. Committee Action Items:

(1.) Budget/Finance:

(a.) Transfer of duties and accounts from T. Kato to T. Inoshita. It was reported that this was done.

(B) New member data base. It was reported

that after review of the previous Excel format member database; after consultation with an IT expert, it was recommended that this task be out-sourced to a experienced IT person.

The proposed new AUSKF member database would utilize *Microsoft Office 365*, and it would be a password protected website program which would assist the implementation of the AUSKF Virtual office and other AUSKF needed functions. Some of the requested features would be to have the individual AUSKF member dues payment history, promotion rank cumulative history record, etc.

Due to the time consumption to input AUSKF promotion kendo ranks , it was recommended to hire a college student to be paid \$10/hour to do this task effective 2012. The input of the older AUSKF 2009-2011 AUSKF promotion kendo rank records will be completed by the current AUSKF financial officer.

It was mentioned that one of the AUSKF administrative problems is when a kendoist uses a different name when being granted a promotion rank; especially, if a duplicate menjo is requested using a different name, this creates confusion.

After further discussion, it was decided that the current AUSKF financial officer will send a letter to the AUSKF member federations to submit the correct spelling of each of the dojo members' names, and giving NOTICE that the list of dojo member names submitted will thereafter, be the "official" AUSKF names used for their dojo members' promotion exam menjo, etc. To ensure future correct identification of the AUSKF members issued the promotion exam menjo; it was suggested to place the AUSKF ID number on each of the menjo issued by AUSKF.

(2.) Education:

(a.) AUSKF Spring 2012 Education Tour. It was reported that AJKF approved Takashi Futagoishi, sensei 8 Dan Hanshi,

conducted an excellent kendo seminar in New York, Atlanta, Boston and Detroit in February 2012.

(b.) In March 2012, it was reported that the AJKF Overseas Jr. High School Tour program was conducted in Spokane, San Jose and Los Angeles.

(c.) The 2012 AUSKF Summer Kendo Camp will be held on July 20-22, 2012, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The host federation [SCKF] reported that a Las Vegas Kendo Dojo member is a professor at the UNLV, and has assisted the AUSKF to use a gymnasium facility on the UNLV campus.

There will be two (2) AJKF imstructors sent for the 2012 AUSKF Summer Kendo Camp.

There will be a *Bokuto Ni Yoru Kendo Kihon-waza Keiko* seminar on Friday, July 20, 2012.

(d.) The *Team USA Giving Back -PPG* 30.00.00 was formally approved and adopted.

(3.) Promotion:

(a.) AUSKF members taking Foreign Kendo Federation Examinations in KKA but do not follow AUSKF promotion exam regulations: e.g. Did not receive AUSKF permission to take foreign kendo federation promotion examination, or is not eligible. Discussion held, and it was agreed that each case must clearly determine what are the facts; e.g. is kendoist now living in Korea?, etc. Then, AUSKF only needs to assist to verify that prior kendo rank was valid.

During this discussion, a separate issue involving the Western Kendo Federation ("WKF") was raised about the need to clarify which of the dojos are paid AUSKF members, and those dojos which no longer have active AUSKF members. Jeff Marsten, AUSKF Executive VP agreed to send a letter to WKF and to research this matter as an action item.

(b.) PPG Appendix A. Section VII. Revocation of Rank/Shogo. This matter needs development of the specific grounds to be defined.; discussion about having an AUSKF Code of Conduct such as one that

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**Highlights from the April 14 & 15, 2012,
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Seattle, Washington** [continued]:

I. OLD BUSINESS: [continued]

(3.) Promotion: [continued]

(b.) PPG Appendix A. Section VII.

Revocation of Rank/Shogo [continued]:
the All Japan Kendo Federation has already in place. The matter is to be finalized by the AUSKF promotion committee.

(4.) Competition:

(a.) 15th WKC-Team USA report. Both the men's and women's team members have been training very hard; the men's team had a joint kendo practice in Korea and the women's team had a joint kendo practice in Canada.

(a.) *Training for Trainers* program for 7 dan and above to teach shimpans seminars in Zones scheduled as follows:

- Zone #1. SCKF, SCKO & WKF= Fall 2012.
- Zone #2. ECUSKF, MWKF =Winter 2012
- Zone #3. PNKF, NCKF,CCKF =Spring 2013.
- Zone #4. SEUSKF, GNEUSKF, EUSKF, AEUSKF = late Spring 2013.
- Zone 5= RMKF, SUSKIF, SWKIF=Summer 2013.

Proposed model of *Training for Trainers* will include: Review *The Regulations of Kendo Shiai and Shinpan*, and Group practice [6 dan, 5 dan, 4 dan, 3 dan.]; also, to include Court Judges to do Evaluations.

Budget to be developed with 1 ½ day seminars proposed.

(b.) 2012 AUSKF Jr. Open National Championships Tournament. Proposed to be held in Seattle, Washington on August 3 & 4, 2012. Location: Kent-Meridian High School. Entry fee to continue to be \$25 per kendoist.

Explanation about Washington State law: *Lystedt Law* requires each kendoist/parent, coaches, managers sign a document of acknowledgment of this law.

Proposal approved to offer grants of \$1000 to each AUSKF member federation who sends minimum of 2 youth and \$500 to each AUSKF member federation who sends 1-youth to the 2012 AUSKF Jr. Open National Championships Tournament.

(5.) Iaido:

(a.) The 2012 AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp will be held in Tacoma, Washington on June 20-24, 2012. Proposed budget including estimated cost for payment of the AJKF iaido instructors air travel approved.

Discussion about the inclusion of the AUSKF Iaido Promotion Examination fees into the AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp budget; it was agreed that as the AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp pays for the expenses of conducting the iaido promotion examination, the \$50 AUSKF Iaido Promotion Examination fees should be allowed to be part of the income for the AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp.

(6.) Anti-Doping:

Report submitted from January 21, 2012 AUSKF Anti-Doping Committee meeting. Officers selected:

2012-2014 DCO-ADM. N. Otani
2012-2014 DCO-Med. S. Roosevelt
2012-2014 T.U.E. Coord. S. Shinada
15th WKC: FIK ADC report; FIK Recent selection of FIK ADC Hearing Panel N. Otani, Chairman.

WADA updates provided to 15th WKC- Team USA..

AUSKF ADC tentatively recommends that ICT be implemented at the 2014 AUSKF Championships.

Due to a possible future random WADA visit at a AUSKF Championships; AUSKF must take reasonable steps to begin implementing the several types of doping tests; e.g. out of competition testing ["OCT"], in-competition testing ["ICT"], etc.

(7.) Development:

Oral history project has been making slow progress using traditional word of mouth agreements to identify kendo sensei in each AUSKF member federation and developing partnerships with other AUSKF members to gather oral and written kendo historical information. With the recent approval of the AUSKF Virtual Office concept; a more efficient medium [Office 365] is proposed to be utilized to implement the AUSKF kendo sensei oral history project into a website program that can store and gather this kendo historical material in a AUSKF maintained archive.

Microsoft Office 365 was explained as a web based program that the AUSKF can pay a fee [\$4/month], and input the AUSKF records: membership data, promotion rank data, AUSKF oral history project, AUSKF minutes, etc.]

II. Committee Meetings/Committee Reports:

(1.) Budget/Finance: No new report.

(2.) Education:

Update: 2012 AUSKF Kendo Summer Camp banquet will be held at *MAKINO'S Restaurant*

(3.) Promotion:

(a.) Effective 2012, the AUSKF menjo will be issued with the kendoist's AUSKF ID number.

(b.) Effective 2012 AUSKF Kendo Summer Camp, the AJKF has approved using the two (2) assigned instructors as examiners for Kodansha shinsa (if needed); to encourage 7 dan Kyoshi sensei to participate in the AUSKF Kendo Summer Camp, a maximum \$500 air travel stipend will be allowed for the selected AUSKF promotion examiners.

AUSKF will conduct 1-kyu to 4dan promotion exam at 2012 AUSKF Kendo Summer Camp. Approved a reduced AUSKF promotion exam fees as follows for the AUSKF Kendo Summer Camp only:

17yrs & under - 1 kyu = \$20

18yrs & older- 1 kyu = \$25

1 Dan-----=\$30

2 Dan-----=\$35

3 Dan-----=\$40

4 Dan & above----- = \$50

The written examination for 1 kyu and above, is to be answered in English language only.

(c.) *Bokuto Ni Yoru Kendo Kihon-waza Keiko*

Discussion about approving *Bokuto Ni Yoru Kendo Kihon waza Keiko* for instruction as part of the AUSKF kendo instructional program. Some AUSKF kendo sensei have had difficulty being able to teach *Bokuto Ni Yoru Kendo Kihon waza Keiko* during the course of a regular kendo class, due to time

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II. Committee Meeting/Committee Reports:
(3.) Promotion: (c .) Bokuto Ni Yoru Kendo
Kihon-waza Keiko [continued]

constraints, etc. Other AUSKF kendo sensei indicated an interest to train AUSKF kendo sensei on the Bokuto Ni Yoru Kendo Kihon waza Keiko, and then determine if it should be a mandatory AUSKF kendo instructional topic or

optional. It was also reported that the FIK has had discussions about recommending that all international kendo federations adopt the instruction of the Bokuto Ni Yoru Kendo Kihon waza Keiko in their national kendo program. It was agreed to have the Bokuto Ni Yoru Kendo Kihon waza Keiko taught at the 2012 AUSKF Kendo Summer Camp; and will be further discussed as to whether or not AUSKF recommends adoption as a mandatory instructional topic for AUSKF kendo dojos.

(4.) Education:

(a.) Proposed 8 Dan Sensei Education Tour in 2012 after the 15th WKC.

(b.) 15th WKC-Team USA Education Tour proposed in 2012 after the 15th WKC. Budget approved to have eight to ten 15th WKC-Team USA members travel to interested AUSKF member federations dojos; includes round trip travel expenses, and hotel accommodations.

(c .) 2011 AJKF Champion Tour in 2012 in East Coast area.

(5.) Competition:

(a.) 2012 AUSKF Jr. Open National Championships presentation by Sean Buckschmidt, PNKF reviewed proposal to use electronic scorekeeping system.

(b.) 2013 AUSKF Jr. Open National Championships proposed date: March 31,013.

(6.) Iaido:

(a.) Jodo promotion examinations are currently recommended and recognized by the AUSKF if taken in Japan only; until, other approved international kendo federation jodo programs are evaluated for approval [e.g. Canada]. It is proposed that the AUSKF develop a separate Jodo Committee to manage and develop the AUSKF Jodo Program.

(b.) 2012 AUSKE Iaido Summer Camp

instructors assigned by the AJKF are:
Masahiro Yamasaki, Iaido 8 Dan Hanshi,
Masao Tsugane, Iaido 8 Dan Kyoshi

(7.) Anti-Doping: no further report.

(8.) Development: no further report.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

(1.) December 31, 2012 AUSKF End of Year Financial Report submitted and approved.

(2.) Update job descriptions in AUSKF by-laws to reflect statement of work of each officer. Action item for each 2012-2014 AUSKF Officer [President, Executive VP, VP-Education, VP-Competition, VP-Promotion, Secretary-Historian, Treasurer, Recorder, and Auditor] to make a "draft" of their job description.

(3.) Establish clearer definition of areas of concern between Education, Promotion, and, Competition e.g. seminars.

Discussion held that there is currently a fine-line distinction in some of the duties of AUSKF officers as to which officer is responsible for what duties.

(4.) Vendors at AUSKF activities (camps, tournaments).

It was reported that there was a lawsuit filed in Minnesota: *Cutting Edge Technologies* ["CET"] v. *Nosu Industries, et. al.*, which resulted in a 2012 decision in which CET prevailed and was awarded a judgment of \$1.5 million; in addition a protective order was issued by the U.S. District Court barring the sales of Nosyuiaido products in the United States, Canada, Australia and Great Britain.

Also, it was reported that the litigant [CET] was considering suing the AUSKF due to having participated in a Minnesota Iaido event [Note: AUSKF approved two iaido sensei to assist as instructors at this event] which provided the venue for a vendor to sell Nosu Industries products.

There was an inquiry about what steps that the AUSKF should take to protect itself from future legal liability stemming from this specific lawsuit and the effect of the protective order barring the sales of Nosyuiaido products in the United States. It was decided that the AUSKE will seek

the hiring of outside legal counsel to develop a two (2) page contract to indemnify the AUSKF whenever a vendor of iaido related products seeks to sell such items at an AUSKF sanctioned event or venue.

(5.) How to manuals.

It was suggested that the AUSKF organization would benefit from the development of documented information on how to organize the important AUSKF events: AUSKF Championships, AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp, AUSKF Kendo Summer Camp, etc.

(6.) 2012 AJKF Foreign Leader Seminar.

Previously, it was announced that the AJKF had selected Mohebian Iraq (PNKF) and Rod Faghni (GNEUSKF) as the AUSKF participants in the 2012 ZNKR Foreign Kendo Leader's Summer Camp.

(7.) Replacement AUSKF ID Card policy.

After discussion, it was agreed to continue the current AUSKF ID card replacement policy to charge \$10 per request for a replacement AUSKF ID card.

(8.) Fire Athletic Club Television.

After explaining that the AUSKF administration was recently contacted by a Japanese television show producer; who requested that the AUSKF release the names of AUSKF kenshi for the purpose of being contacted to participate in the Fire Athletic Club Television show; it was agreed that this type of request could not be approved due to the confidential AUSKF membership information, and other considerations.

(9.) Scheduling 2012-2014 AUSKF Board of Directors meetings in advance. To assist the AUSKF members to plan for future Kodansha promotion examination testing that occurs on the same weekend as the AUSKF board of directors meetings; the following locations were proposed for the AUSKF board of directors meetings:

- Nov. 17 &18, 2012 = Washington, DC
- April 2013 =NCKF/West Coast
- Nov. 2013 =Houston, Texas

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2012-2014 AUSKF OFFICERS REPORTS:

Tim Yuge, AUSKF VP-Competition:

The 3rd AUSKF Junior Open National Championships was held on August 4, 2012 at the Kent Meridian High School in Kent, Washington.

The results of this event are as follows:

9yrs old & below:

1st Place: T.Katayama ECUSKF
2nd Place: M. Liu SCKO
3rd Place: H. Allen PNKF
3rd Place: A. Fujiwara SCKO
Best 8: K. Kotake SCKO, S. Hsu, SCKO
S. Kato SCKO.

10-11yrs:

1st Place: A. Okikubo SCKO
2nd Place: B. Yoo WKF
3rd Place: M. Katayama NCKF
3rd Place: S. Yoo WKF
Best 8: N.Suzuk, NCKF, A. Fujiwara
SCKO, S. Kelly PNKF, K. Takeda SCKF

12-13 yrs:

1st Place: T. Horii, SCKF
2nd Place: B. Wang, WKF
3rd Place: I. Kotake, SCKO
3rd Place: T. Marsten, PNKF
Best 8: G. Takahashi SCKO, G. Sugino
NCKF, J. Wilson P:NKF, D. Lin PNKF

14-15yrs:

1st Place: D. Kumagai SCKF
2nd Place: K. Choi WKF
3rd Place: K. Jo, WKF
3rd Place: L. Suzuki, SCKF
Best 8: Kotaro Kato SCKO, A. Sinclair
PNKF, B. Wi WKF, M. Uto NCKF

16-18yrs:

1st Place: D. Williams CCKF
2nd Place: K. Kobayashi SCKF
3rd Place: K. Fujimoto NCKF
3rd Place: N. Nogimura SCKF
Best 8: A. Yan GNEUSKF, T. Makiuchi
SCKF, Y.J. Suk WKF, T. Nagatani SCKF

13yrs and under Girls:

1st Place: Y. Kil SCKF
2nd Place: C. Yoon, SCKF

3rd Place: J. DeJong PNKF
3rd Place: B. Park, PNKF
Best 8: A. Hii SCKO, M. Blechschmidt PNKF,
K. McManus, PNKF, K. Ariga, SCKO

14-18yrs Girls:

1st Place: S. Sugeta, SCKO
2nd Place: E. DeJong PNKF
3rd Place: Y. Matsuyama GNEUSKF
3rd Place: B. Lin PNKF
Best 8: M. Abe PNKF, R. Kambe GNEUSKF,
M. DeJong PNKF, Mieko Cabral NCKF

12yrs and under Team:

1st Place: SCKO A
2nd Place: SCKO B
3rd Place: PNKF A
3rd Place: PNKF B

Girls Team:

1st Place: SCKO
2nd Place: NCKF-A
3rd Place: PNKF-B
3rd Place: GNEUSKF

Boys Team:

1st Place: SCKO A
2nd Place: WKF
3rd Place: SCKF-A
3rd Place: SCKF-B

2012 AUSKF MEMBER FEDERATIONS REPORTS:

1. Northern California Kendo Federation.
Report submitted by: Court Tanouye.

A. NCKF Kendo Summer Camp was held on June 22, 23 & 24, 2012. Tadanori Ota sensei and Masaharu Kakehashi sensei [both are 8 Dan Hanshi] from Tokyo, Japan; led the camp at Leigh High School in San Jose.

B. NCKF Championships was held on July 15, 2012 at Leigh High School in San Jose.

C. NCIA Iaido Seminar was held on July 20, 21 & 22, 2012; guest iaido instructor from Aichi prefecture in Japan, Matsuoka sensei, Iaido 8 Dan Kyoshi led the seminar. Also, in attendance was Konno sensei from PNKF.

D. NCKF had approximately thirty (30) juniors participate in the 3rd AUSKF Jr. Open National Championships held on August 4 in Kent, Washington.

E. Congratulations to San Jose Kendo Dojo on

their 50th Anniversary Tournament held on August 18, 2012.

Guests in attendance were: Tadanori Ota sensei, Yuji Nakata sensei, and Masaharu Kakehashi sensei [all three sensei are 8 Dan Hanshi, from the Tokyo Police Department]. Also, in attendance were two AUSKF 8 Dan sensei: Yoshiteru Tagawa and Shozo Kato. AUSKF President Arthur I. Murakami was also in attendance.

In addition, the invited participants came from CCKF, SCKF and SCKO; also, invited were sister dojos from Honolulu, and Kyoto, Japan. In addition, the Steveston Dojo from Canada was invited.

2. Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation ["PNKF"] Reports submitted by: Doug Imanishi and Jeff Marsten.

IN MEMORIAM:

YASUI, Kiyoshi
[1918-2012]

Kiyoshi Yasui sensei, 94 years old, passed away on May 25, 2012. Meiyo Shihan of the Seattle Kendo Kai; Yasui sensei was instrumental in the development of kendo during post-WWII in Seattle and the Pacific NW area as well as other parts of the United States.

Yasui sensei will be remembered as a great kenshi, sensei and mentor.

5th Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation North American Women's Team Tournament:

The PNKF has now established a date for its 5th Women's Team Tournament which is scheduled to take place once again at Renton Community Center on July 13, 2013. Preliminary invitations will soon be going out to all of our Canadian, Mexican, Hawaiian and USA kendo communities. Some organizations outside of North America have requested to enter teams and they will be included in the invitation.

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FEDERATIONS REPORTS:

2. Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation
["PNKF"] [continued]

Organizations may enter up to two teams either as one of the AUSKF federations or as individual club/dojo.

In addition to the team event there will be individual competition for mudansha and yudansha respectively.

For further info; please visit our website at:
<http://womenskendo.com>

3. Southern California Kendo Federation.
Report submitted by: James Yamasaki.

On June 24, 2012, SCKF held the 36th Annual SCKF Individual Championships; the results are as follows:
HM=best 8 FS=kantoshos

0-6kyu Group:

1st Place: T.Nakashimo (GED)
2nd Place: H. Yi (TOR)
3rd Place: A. Crawford (PCI)
3rd Place: A. Kim (TOR)
FS: K. Yap (PCI)
FS: J.Y. Ko (YKG)

5kyu-4kyu Group:

1st Place: K. Kim (STYO)
2nd Place: D. Quan (TOR)
3rd Place: Y. Nikaido (STYO)
3rd Place: R. Shima (GED)
FS: M. Sugiyama (STYO)
FS: T. Kim (TOR)

3kyu-1kyu Group:

1st Place: D. Kumagai (CM)
2nd Place: I. Toyomitsu (GED)
3rd Place: E. Kim (GED)
3rd Place: T. Hori (TOR)
FS: S.H. Yoon (IRV)
FS: K. Mizobe (STYO)

Adult Kyu:

1st Place: D. Kim (IRV)
2nd Place: J. Trost (NOR)
3rd Place: T. Iwasaki (TOR)
3rd Place: G. Tria (SFV)

Women's:

1st Place: N. Sano (STYO)
2nd Place: E. Tam (SDKB)
3rd Place: Y. Shikai (CHUO)
3rd Place: R. Uto (JCD)

Senior:

1st Place: T. Shoraku (CM)
2nd Place: K. Kinjo (COV)
3rd Place: J. Kodama (NOR)
3rd Place: T. Kato (COV)

Yudansha Championships:

1st Place: H. Park (IRV)
2nd Place: K. Kobayashi (TOR)
3rd Place: T. Nagatani (CHUO)
3rd Place: S. Kil (CHUO)
HM: H. Komiyama (TOR), C. Inouye (VEN),
H.S. Kim (TOR), J. Yamasaki (PCI)

4. Southwest U.S. Iaido & Kendo Federation.
Report submitted by: Steve Sasaki.

On May 5, 2012, the 3rd Ito Tsutomu Cup was held in Denver, Colorado; the results are as follows:

Jr. Youth:

1st Place: Noah Heuertz (Omaha)
2nd Place: Roman Spanke (Omaha)
3rd Place: Koichi Saito, (Ito)
3rd Place: Anju Ogi (Ito)
Kantoshos: Akira Mapp (Ito), Andy Toth (Ito)

Youth:

1st Place: Keeley McManus (Kent)
2nd Place: Yuka Saito (Ito)
3rd Place: Yecham Cho (Chung's)
3rd Place: Kenny Nicoletti (Arkansas)
Kantoshos: Tommy Lee (Chung's)
Kantoshos: Tiarnan Marsten (Kent)

Ito Tsutomu Team Taikai:

1st Place: Kent
2nd Place: Rocky Mountain Budokan A
3rd Place: Oklahoma A
3rd Place: Ito A

IAIDO NEWS AND EVENTS:

Submitted by: Tom Bolling [see *Kenyu*, Volume 26, number 6/7], Steve Sasaki, and Brian Blomquist.

2012 AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp:

On June 20-24, 2012, the 2012 AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp was held on the campus of the Pacific Lutheran University, hosted by the Tacoma Kendoi & Iaido Club,

2012 Iaido Championships:

Mudansha Division 2 kyu-below:
1st Place: Jeremy Wong-NCKF
2nd Place: Peter Alexander-PNKF
3rd Place: David Aguero-NCKF
3rd Place: Narbeh B. -SCKF
Kantoshos: D. Benton-RMKIF

Murosako Cup 1 kyu& 1dan

1st Place: David Lau-NCKF
2nd Place: R. Sean H. -RMKIF
3rd Place: K. Miyamori-AEUS
3rd Place: John Mullin-AEUS
Kantoshos: E. Pesek-SWKIF

Yamaguchi Cup 2 dan & 3 dan

1st Place: Aram Kailian-GNUS
2nd Place: H. Fukumoto-PNKF
3rd Place: T. Hirasawa-SWKIF
3rd Place: T. Nishiura-NCKF
Kantoshos: G. Goerlitz-PNKF

Nakanishi Cup 4 dan-above

1st Place: D. Farmer GNUS
2nd Place: P. Shin GNUS
3rd Place: P. Parker AEUS
3rd Place: S. Sekreta AEUS
Kantoshos: T. Fukui, AEUS

Also, following the 2012 Iaido Summer Camp, there was a *Jodo* workshop led by Tom Groendal Jodo 4 Dan (Vancouver) and Marcus Phung Jodo 2 Dan (Seattle); with assistance from Pam Parker and Ed Olson.

Editor's Note: It was announced that the 2013 AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp will be held in Omaha, Nebraska.

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MODERN JODO

In 1930, Shimizu Takaji Shihan moved to Tokyo. In addition to teaching at the Kodokan and various Tokyo dojos; Shimizu sensei was Shihan to the newly formed KeiJutsu police units.

While Shimizu sensei was establishing what might be called the Tokyo style Shindo Muso Ryu [“SMR”] Jo-jutsu in Tokyo and other locales; Otofugi Ichizo Shihan in Fukuoka focused training in an older version of Jo-jutsu. The result was two styles of SMR Jo-jutsu: the Tokyo Jo-jutsu and the Fukuoka Jo-jutsu.

This SMR connection to the police proved highly desirable. Because it was a major part of the police training, SMR Jo-jutsu was not banned by GHQ at the end of World War II. Through a land gift by Suzuki Michio, Shimizu sensei was able to open his own Dojo in Tokyo, the *Rembukan*. Among the major changes by Shimizu sensei was the expansion of the Kihon to 12 Waza. This became necessary as a method of teaching up to 45 policemen at a time. The Tokyo Jo-jutsu was the precursor to modern Jodo.

While the *Rembukan* did not survive Shimizu sensei’s death in 1978, he is credited with establishing SMR in Tokyo and opening it to a much larger community, including Americans. Shimizu sensei trained many people in Manchuria, and it is estimated that he trained over 1.5 million people.

In the late 1960’s, similar to Iaido, AJKF Seitei Jodo of 12 Kata was created from mostly SMR Kata. The Jo as used in the Jodo-bu of the AJKF is 128 cm (50.4 inches) long with a diameter of 2.4 cm (0.94 inch).

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A major connection between the SMR and various American Budo-ka was Donn Draeger. His never-ending interest in Budo of all kinds gave him entry into most schools and teachers. In 1970, a demonstration of SMR Jo-jutsu was performed at Camp Bushido by Shimizu Takaji, Kaminoda Tsunemori, and Donn Draeger. As in Tokyo in 1920, this demonstration stirred great interest in Jodo among martial arts practitioners in the West. But it did not result in a permanent place for Jodo. Jodo Dojos were established slowly over time. Two of them are described below as examples of many other Dojo.

In August 1976, Mitsuzuka Kenshi sensei participated in a Iaido and Jodo seminar held by the New York IAIKAI. Mitsuzuka sensei was a retired Tokyo policeman who had rank in Kendo and Iaido, and had been training in Jodo with Kaminoda sensei. By the end of the two-week seminar the more experienced students had a good start in the Kihon and Seitei gata of Jodo.

During the seminar in New York City, Mitsuzuka sensei had discussions with a Aikido sensei who had a Dojo in the south of France. This resulted in a series of seminars in France under the care of the French Aikido Federation. Through this connection, Mitsuzuka sensei attracted more Aikido students to train with him in his Tokyo Dojo in the Police station at Yotsuya San Chome.

Mitsuzuka sensei returned to New York to teach Iaido and Jodo in the newly formed Japanese Swordsmanship Society (JSS). JSS continued training in Jodo. David Pearl who had returned from training in Japan with a 3-Dan Jodo; introduced Martyn Price and Harvey King, both of whom were students of JSS, to Matsumura Shigehiro, Jodo 8 Dan Hanshi. Martyn Price has returned to Australia and has stopped training because of a bad back. Harvey King continues teaching Seitei Jodo and Fukuoka SMR in Brooklyn, New York.

In Maryland, Rick Polland, established his *Beikoku Rembukan* in 1988. His training in Jodo began in 1972, when he started studying the Jodo Kihon with Bruce Brown. Rick Polland accompanied Bruce Brown to train at the *Rembukan* in Tokyo. Six months later, Rick Polland, came back to the United States, where he invited Ohtsuka Tadahiko and Miyake Mariko to demonstrate Jodo. Rick Polland later returned to *Rembukan* in Japan in 1976 to continue his Jodo. After his return from Japan in 1978, he started several Jodo classes and conducted demonstrations in different locations as he moved about America over the decade before establishing his own Dojo in Maryland. In addition to his own classes, Rick Polland, introduced Jodo in other Dojos by holding seminars, often with teachers from Japan. Rick Polland continues giving seminars and conducting demonstrations of

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Jodo, including several at AUSKF events.

In addition to an open Jodo seminar in Annapolis, Maryland, there was a special demonstration of Jodo and Iaido arranged by the Japanese Embassy as a special display of Japanese Culture. Kaminoda Sensei was the featured demonstrator, and it was his first return to the United States after a nearly 20-year absence.

Jodo Pops Up In Various Places

- Meik Skoss is teaching Jodo in New York City and New Jersey.
- Phil Relnick holds a Menkyo Kaiden in Jodo, where he teaches in Seattle. His sensei is Nishioka Tsuneo who is a student of Shimizu Shihan.
- In Hawaii, Jodo has been established by the efforts of Quentin Chambers and Wayne Muramoto.
- The Jikishin Kai is an organization in California and other locations, where they study Iaido and Jodo under Shimabukuro Masayuki sensei. His sensei is Miura Takeyuki Hirafusa who studied with Nakajima Asaakichi, one of Shimizu Takaji's senior students.

Summary

Many more than those mentioned in this article are doing Jodo in the USA. The addition of Jodo as a workshop at the 2011 AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp and future events will hopefully provide an opportunity for the AUSKF to bring new members into the federation. At the same time, the possible official formation of a Jodo section to the AUSKF, would give the current Kendo-ka and Iaido-ka a chance to learn new skills

and gain a greater understanding of Budo.

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Also, contributions included the notes and observations by the author and others.

All Japanese names are given in Japanese style: Surname, Given Name.

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