

# AUSKF NEWSLETTER

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR 2013!

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Report submitted by Arthur I. Murakami

To the members and families of the All United States Kendo Federation:

I would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year and thank you for the cooperation and help you have given to us during the year that has just ended. I hope that you will continue to help all of us to maintain the AUSKF as a world-class national kendo federation.

2012 was a busy year for all of us; and, it appears that 2013 will be equally as busy. With the assistance of the AUSKF board of directors and respective officers, we are working very hard to plan for several AUSKF Education tour programs in 2013 [Note: For the first time, there will be an AUSKF Iaido Education Tour; details can be found in the AUSKF VP-Education report section].

I hope that every AUSKF kenshi (kendo student) will attend as many of the 2013 AUSKF Education tour programs that you can; we are very fortunate to have the support of the kendo/iaido sensei from Japan to be featured as the guest instructors. Each of the planned 2013 AUSKF Education Tour seminars will strive to ensure that the kendo/iaido training taught by the guest instructors, will be consistent with the way that kendo/iaido is being taught to the

kenshi/iaidoka in Japan, to avoid any confusion from past kendo/iaido training that may not have been coordinated with these goals in mind.

I believe that everyone knows that in 2015, the 16<sup>th</sup> World Kendo Championships ["WKC"] will be held in Tokyo, Japan. To be able to achieve the best AUSKF Team USA results in 2015, all of the kenshi must continue to practice hard. Although the past selected AUSKF Team USA members have represented only a few of the fifteen (15) AUSKF member federations; I am hopeful with the proposed "new" AUSKF Youth Development Committee recommendations, we are planning to develop and build-up the skills of kenshi from all fifteen (15) AUSKF member federations, so that in selecting the 16<sup>th</sup> WKC-Team USA, we will be better able to select more men and women kenshi from each of the fifteen (15) AUSKF member federations, as possible.

One of the ongoing AUSKF Youth Development programs to be held in 2013, is the 4<sup>th</sup> AUSKF Junior Open National Championships to be held on Sunday, June 23, 2013 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Additional details for this event, can be found in the AUSKF VP-Competition report section.

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 April 2013.

Sincerely,  
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**Highlights from the November 17 & 18, 2012, AUSKF Board of Directors Meeting, Washington D.C.:**

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

[Note: This report is being made pending the approval of the minutes of the November 17 & 18, 2012 AUSKF Board of Directors meeting; the reader is forewarned that this information is subject to modification]

**I. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. AUSKF Liability Insurance [Update]:**

(1.) Previously an additional liability insurance coverage for the AUSKF board of directors and officers at a cost of \$50 per individual director and officer; the application form required review of several informational inquiries which were resolved and the matter is expected to be submitted to request the additional liability insurance coverage.

**B. Committee Action Items:**

**(1.) Budget/Finance:**

**(a.) Microsoft Office 365 [update]**

- New member data base. It was reported that the transfer from the old Excel format has been completed for 2005-2012 including the AUSKF ID numbers. Also, the AUSKF promotion records from 1992-2007 are also now transferred and accessible on the Virtual office; currently, access to these records will be limited to AUSKF board of directors which will require a password.

- Document repository. An additional feature of the use of the Microsoft Office 365 is the scanning of AUSKF records. It was reported that a committee of IT experts has been organized to develop a Virtual Office plan to place the scanned AUSKF records for access to members on the AUSKF website..

**(2.) Education:**

**(a.) AUSKF Summer Kendo Camp [update]**

This event was successfully held on July 20-22, 2012, in Las Vegas, Nevada..

**(B.) Kanto Gakuen Group.** It was explained that this is a Tokyo area university student kendo federation group and was invited to conduct a Goodwill Friendship tour during the 2012 Nisei Week Kendo Tournament; there were 13 men and 7 women. The 2012 group

leader was Nariaki Sato; the first *Kanto Gakuen Group* visited the United States in 1987.

**(c.) Team USA Tour 2012 [update]**  
It was reported that the GNEUSKF has invited the 15<sup>th</sup> WKC-Team USA members and coach to an event on April 7, 2013. Also, the 15<sup>th</sup> WKC-Team USA women's members are invited to participate in the 5<sup>th</sup> North American Women's Kendo Taikai on July 13, 2013, hosted by PNKF.

**(3.) Promotion:**

**(a.) PPG Appendix A. Section VII. Revocation of Rank/Shogo. This matter was amended and approved as follows:**  
**Article 3.** Upon request by the AUSKF president; the Board of Inquiry shall be established to prepare a report of their findings and make a recommendation to the AUSKF Board of Directors whether or not the kendo rank and/or Shogo Title of the MKF member affiliated with AUSKF should be revoked in the event:

(i.) The MKF member is found by a state court or federal court of the United States to be guilty of a felony under the laws of the state where the MKF member resides or a federal law of the United States.

(ii.) Based on a finding of the Board of Inquiry determined after a thorough investigation: that the MKF member has committed an act that has brought humiliation and embarrassment upon the AUSKF or the art of Kendo; and, a person of proper moral character would not have committed this type of act.

**(4.) Competition:**

**(a.) 15<sup>th</sup> WKC-Team USA report.** Congratulations were given to 15<sup>th</sup> WKC-Team USA manager Shozo Kato, Yuji Onitsuka assistant manager, and coaches: Chris Yang and Song Yi Yang, for their dedicated efforts which resulted in both the Team USA men's and women's kendoists being highly competitive and achieving good results at the 15<sup>th</sup> WKC in Novara,

Italy.

**(b.) AUSKF Junior Team USA program** was introduced and approved. The Goal: To involve the younger generation of kenshi in the United States in national training camps in order to: 1) Improve the level of kendo for the next generation of U.S. kenshi; 2) Increase awareness among younger kenshi about Team USA and World Championships; and, 3) Enhance the pool of young candidates for Team USA in the future.

**(c.) Training for Trainers program** [update] Further information was provided as to the plans to implement having selected 7 dan and above kendo sensei to be part of a travelling instructors program to teach shiman seminars in previously designated areas/Zones during 2013-2014; proposed budget for 2013-2014 was approved.

**(d.) 2012 AUSKF Jr. Open National Tournament [update]:**

The hosting AUSKF federation: PNKF was thanked for their dedicated efforts and hard work to have a successful event.; there were 139 participants representing ten (10) AUSKF member federations. Review of the first time use of electronic scorekeeping indicated that the results included improved record keeping and was found to be very helpful to move from one round of the tournament to the next; one problem area noted was the human error factor as to the input of the information. Other concerns discussed: (i.) Information and application forms were distributed late;

(ii.) High ranking referees invited by AUSKF Jr. Open tournament planning officials were underutilized.in the semi-final and final matches; (iii.) A larger size tournament facility may be needed for the next planned AUSKF Jr. Open tournament; (iv.) Budget for referees needs to be increased for the next planned AUSKF Jr. Open tournament; (v.) Which rules should be used regarding encho; (vi.) Coaching from the sidelines needs to be controlled better by the referees; (vi.) *Kendo Jidai* news article written by one (1) AUSKF member federation did not

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**I. OLD BUSINESS:** [continued]

d.) 2012 AUSKF Jr. Open National Tournament [update]: [continued]

appear to be representative of all of the fifteen (15) AUSKF member federations. It was agreed that for the future news articles received from an AUSKF member federation by *Kendo Jidai*, an informal request will be made to the Kendo Jidai editor, requesting to allow the AUSKF officers, e.g. VP-Competition, to review the submitted news article prior to the publication of the article.

**(5.) Iaido:**

(a.) 2012 AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp [update]. It was reported that this event was successfully held on June 21-24, 2012 in Tacoma, Washington; consisting of two days of iaido instruction seminars, one day for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual AUSKF Iaido Championships taikai, and a half day for a Jodo workshop.

Discussion was held regarding the repair and/or replacement of the AUSKF Iaido Championships Perpetual Trophy's; it was suggested to retire the Nakanishi Cup, and the AUSKF Iaido Committee proposed the following:

- "New" 4 Dan and up-AUSKF Iaido Championships Perpetual Trophy with an inscription: In Memory of Takeshi Yamaguchi.
- "New" 2 Dan & 3 Dan AUSKF Iaido Championships Perpetual Trophy: Donated by Pat Murosako sensei.
- "New" 1-kyu - 1 Dan AUSKF Iaido Championships Perpetual Trophy: Donated by Arthur I. Murakami.

In addition to the perpetual trophies, the AUSKF Iaido committee recommended to create a "new" medal for the AUSKF Iaido Championships.

**(6.) Anti-Doping: [Update]**

It was reported that there were twelve (12) anti-doping tests [both OOCT and ICT] conducted at the 15<sup>th</sup> WKC in Novara, Italy, by two Italian officers (one male and one female)

from the IATA. Dr. Masayuki Miyasaka, FIK Anti-Doping committee chairman with assistance from other FIK officials, successfully administered the anti-doping testing at the 15<sup>th</sup> WKC.

**(7.) Development: [Update]**

It was reported that through the use of the Microsoft Office 365 software program, the AUSKF Virtual Office is beginning to make good progress through the shared features allowing collaboration with several AUSKF officers who are developing the AUSKF database for membership records, promotion exam records, oral/history project, etc.

The AUSKF website has also been updated to include an Athlete section that includes the anti-doping information to be implemented by all fifteen (15) AUSKF member federations, and a Frequently Asked Questions ["FAQ"] section is being developed for implementation. Currently under review is an effort to try and integrate a AUSKF member federation calendar with the AUSKF official news and events section of the AUSKF website.

**(8.) Other:**

- Update job descriptions in AUSKF by-laws to reflect statement of work of each AUSKF officer. It was decided that additional time was required to review these matters.
- Establish clearer definition of areas of concern between Education/Promotion/Competition: e.g. seminars. It was decided that additional time was required to review these matters.

• Vendors at AUSKF activities: Retaining legal counsel. After review of this matter with an attorney; it was decided to develop an AUSKF disclaimer/waiver/indemnification document to be signed by vendors at AUSKF activities.

**• How to manuals [Update].**

It was reported that the following How to manuals have been completed/in progress: A. Hosting AUSKF Board of Directors Meeting.

**B. AUSKF Championships.**

**II. Committee Meetings/Committee Reports:**

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

**(2.) Education:**

The following AUSKF Education events were reported for 2012-2013:

- 2012 AUSKF Education Tour - Western Region will be held on November 30 -December 10. Guest instructor will be Yuji Nakata sensei, 8 Dan Hanshi, former Vice-Chief Instructor of Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department.

- AJKF Championship Champion Tour to be held on December 8-15, 2012. Susumu Takanabe sensei, 6 Dan Renshi, was the 2010 and 2011 AJKF Championship Champion.

- AUSKF Mentor Program: MWKF Iaido Seminar to be held on November 30-December 1, 2012. The MWKF-Agassiz Dojo was approved by AUSKF to conduct a Iaido Seminar at Fargo, North Dakota.

- 1<sup>st</sup> AUSKF Iaido Education Tour will be held February 1-10, 2013. Guest Iaido instructor will be Chihiro Kishimoto sensei, Iaido 8 Dan, Hanshi & Kendo 7 Dan Kyoshi.

- FIK America Zone Shinpan Seminar to be held on March 9 & 10, 2013 in Washington D.C. a the Northern Virginia Community College, Ernst Cultural Center.

- AUSKF Kendo Education Tour-East Region will be held on March 29-April 9, 2013. Guest instructor will be Masaharu Kakehashi sensei, 8 Dan Hanshi, retired Chief Instructor of Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department.

**(3.) Promotion:**

- The reissuance of an AUSKF menjo for a non-current AUSKF member living outside of the U.S.A., was discussed; it was approved to charge a \$50.00 fee in these situations; this required amending the prior AUSKF policy.

- New rule: RE:Kodansha menjo will be sent to the AUSKF member federation president/representative.

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**II. Committee Meeting/Committee Reports: [continued]**

**(4.) Competition:**

- 2013 AUSKF Jr. Open National Championships. It was reported that the recently approved Youth Development Committee recommendation was to have this event return to be held in California/Las Vegas; after discussion, the AUSKF board of directors approved to have the 2013 AUSKF Jr. Open National Championships in Las Vegas, Nevada.

• 2012-2014 AUSKF Referee Seminar information to be sent to all AUSKF member federations.

• 2014 AUSKF National Championships. Proposals to host this event should be submitted to the AUSKF Competition committee by 12/31/12.

• 16<sup>th</sup> WKC-Team USA Selection process was discussed; the AUSKF board of directors approved a Tryout Weekend in BOTH the West and East coast. The selection process will consist of: Saturday: Elimination tournament selection AND coach/manager can make additional selection; Sunday: Gasshuku will be used to make the decision as to which kendoists will be continue to be considered as Team USA members. Final selection of the Team USA members will be done by the coach and manager; this can include ADDING kendoists for selection if needed. Selection of the 16<sup>th</sup> WKC-Team USA manager to be decided at the April 2013 AUSKF board of directors meeting.

• 2002 medal replacement is being reviewed and a recommendation will be made at the April 2013 AUSKF board of directors meeting.

**(5.) Iaido:**

• **2013 AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp will be held on June 27-30, 2013 in Council Bluffs, Iowa;** three (3) AJKF iaido sensei will be requested to provide enough examiners to conduct Iaido Promotion Examination for 5 Dan candidates.

(a.) Jodo will continue to be a workshop at the 2013 AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp. It was reported that the AUSKF will plan to develop a program to approve AUSKF Jodo instructors.

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

**(7.) Development:**

• AUSKF College Liason/Resource subcommittee approved with a \$500 budget to begin implementing proposed goals: To provide resources includng but not limited to: web page, mentorship, FAQ, and webinars oriented towards the college age kendoist.

**III. New Business:**

(1.) Review AUSKF policy regarding private invitation of AUSKF kendo or iaido sensei to participate in foreign countries to conduct kendo/iaido seminars and serve as kendo/iaido examiners.

Due to insufficient time for discussion; this matter will be referred to the AUSKF Education and Promotion committees for review and recommendation at the April 2013 AUSKF board of directors meeting.

(2.) Request by SCKO to review "Hanshigo."

Due to insufficient time for discussion; this matter will be referred to the AUSKF Promotion committee for review and recommendation at the April 2013 AUSKF board of directors meeting.

(3.) AUSKF Youth Development Committee.

Proposed \$5,000 budget approved to allow committee members to begin reviewing venues for Jr. Team USA training camps, etc.

(4.) 2013-2014 AUSKF Iaido Committee Chairman.

Due to the passing away of (late) Takeshi Yamaguchi sensei; Arthur I. Murakami, AUSKF President recommended that Shozo Kato be selected to be the 2013-2014 AUSKF Iaido Committee Chairman. This recommendation was unanimously approved by the AUSKF board of directors.

(5.) Next AUSKF board of directors meeting to be hosted by the Northern California Kendo Federation on April 13 & 14, 2013.

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**Tim Yuge, VP-Competition**

**4<sup>th</sup> AUSKF Jr. Open National Championships: June 23, 2013, Las Vegas, Nevada.**

On January 14, 2013, the AUSKF Jr. Open National Championship Committee sent the announcement letter and entry forms to the fifteen (15) AUSKF member federation presidents for the 4<sup>th</sup> AUSKF Jr. Open National Championships to be held on Sunday, June 23, 2013 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Kendoists who are 18-years and younger regardless of rank are eligible to participate. The entry forms must be submitted by each of the fifteen (15) AUSKF member federations by DUE DATE: April 1, 2013.

As previously approved by the AUSKF board of directors in 2012; the AUSKF will make available to each of the fifteen (15) AUSKF member federations, a \$1,000 Scholarship if the AUSKF member federation sends a minimum of two (2) kendoists to the 4<sup>th</sup> AUSKF Jr. Open National Championships. If the AUSKF member federation sends only one (1) kendoist to the 4<sup>th</sup> AUSKF Jr. Open National Championships, they will be eligible for a \$500 Scholarship from the AUSKF.

Additional details can be found online at: [www.usjuniorikendoopen.com](http://www.usjuniorikendoopen.com)

**Shozo Kato, VP-Education:**

**2013 AUSKF Iaido Education Tour February 1-10, 2013.**

The first AUSKF Iaido Education tour was approved by the (late) Takeshi Yamaguchi prior to his passing away [see In Memoriam in SCKF report].

The guest instructor will be Chihiro Kishimoto sensei, Iaido 8 Dan Hanshi; and will be assisted by Shozo Kato, Iaido 7 Dan Kyoshi.

The proposed areas for the 2013 AUSKF Iaido Education Tour include: New York, Dallas, Seattle, San Jose and Los Angeles.

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**Tsuyoshi Inoshita, AUSKF Treasurer**

On January 1, 2013, a letter was sent to each of the fifteen (15) AUSKF member federation presidents giving notification that the 2013 AUSKF membership dues should be collected by the respective dojos and submitted to their AUSKF member federation officer in charge of submitting the 2013 AUSKF membership dues to: Tsuyoshi Insoshita, AUSKF Treasurer, by the DUE DATE: 3/31/13; Only one (1) check as payment by each of the fifteen (15) AUSKF member federations is requested to be mailed to: 916 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Portsmouth, OH. 45662

The 2013 AUSKF membership fees are as follows:

Adult [18yrs & older] = \$40.00  
Youth [17yrs & below] = \$25.00

If there are any additional questions; please contact:

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**2013 AUSKF MEMBER FEDERATION REPORTS:**

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Submitted by: Yoshiteru Tagawa:

15<sup>th</sup> Annual Detroit Kendo Open Tournament to be held on Sunday, February 17, 2013 at Novi High School, 24062 Taft Rd., Novi, Michigan 48374.

Also, a Kendo Seminar will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at Novi Meadows Elementary School, 25435 Taft Rd., Novi, Michigan 48374. The guest instructors will be Toshiya Ishida sensei and Yoko Ishida sensei.

Additional information can be located online at: [www.detroitkendodojo.com](http://www.detroitkendodojo.com)

Submitted by: Bradley Anderson:

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Agassiz Dojo/MWKF Iaido Seminar was held on December 1-2, 2012, hosted by the Musoshindenryu Iaido-Agassiz dojo, in association with the Midwest Kendo Federation, in Fargo, North Dakota.

Guest AUSKF iaido instructors were: Tatsuhiko Konno sensei and Pam Parker sensei.

## 7. Northern California Kendo Federation

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Submitted by Court Tanouye:

- NCIA Iaido Seminar will be held on March 17, 2013.
- NCKF will host the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual North-South Tournament on April 21, 2013.
- San Jose Kendo Dojo 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Tournament will be held on May 19, 2013.
- NCKF Kendo Summer Camp will be held in June 2013.

## 8. Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation

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Submitted by: Jeff Marsten:

5<sup>th</sup> Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation North American Women's Kendo Taikai.

PNKF is proud to announce that the 5<sup>th</sup> North American Women's Kendo Taikai will be held Saturday, July 13, 2013 at the Renton Community Center and our special guest instructor will be Chinatsu Murayama sensei, 6 Dan. Murayama sensei is with the Saitama Prefectural police department and has won the All Japan Ladies title 5 times. She will be leading seminars throughout the week prior to the taikai, as well as being our guest of honor at the after taikai party. Registration, hotel accommodation and seminar information can be found online at:

[www.womenskendo.com](http://www.womenskendo.com)

## 9. Rocky Mountain Kendo &amp; Iaido Federation

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Submitted by: Monica Iwakabe:

Rocky Mountain Kendo & Iaido Seminar & Shinsa was held on October 27 & 28, 2012. Robert Stroud (Kendo 7<sup>th</sup> Dan Kyoshi & Iaido 6<sup>th</sup> Dan) from PNKF was the guest instructor. There were 39 people who participated in the Kendo seminar and 23 people participated in the Iaido seminar. Not only did members from RMKIF participate, but also from SWKIF. It was a very successful event.

## 10. Southern California Kendo Federation

Tim Yuge, President  
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Submitted by Tim Yuge:

**IN MEMORIAM:**

It is with a great deal of sadness the Southern California Kendo Federation announces the recent passing away of two kendo icons, as follows:

**YAMAGUCHI, Takeshi (1938-2012)**

In October, 2012, Takeshi Walter Yamaguchi, Kendo Kyoshi Nanadan and Iaido Kyoshi Nanadan passed away at the Norwalk Kendo Dojo. He was 74 years old. Yamaguchi sensei started kendo in 1963 and became one of the most recognized and prominent kendo sensei in the country, known by fellow kenshi from all over the world.

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He served as President of SCKF and has served for many years on the Board of Directors of AUSKF. He co-founded Covina Kendo Dojo, the Norwalk Kendo Dojo and the Costa Mesa Kendo Dojo.

HATTANDA, Mikio  
(1929-2012)

On December 23<sup>rd</sup>, Mikio Hattanda, Kendo Kyoshi Nanadan peacefully passed away at home. He was 83 years old. Hattanda sensei graduated from Dai Nippon Budo Kai Senmon Gakko (Busen) in Kyoto, at that time one of the most prestigious martial arts universities in Japan. Hattanda sensei has been a significant part of the growth of kendo in Southern California for many years. He came to Santa Barbara in 1959 and taught at the Santa Barbara Kendo Dojo. In addition to later founding the Oxnard Kendo Dojo. Hattanda sensei's kendo has been described by many as beautiful and his methods of teaching were unparalleled.

Both of these treasured people will be missed, not only by those of us in SCKF, but also by kendoists from all over the world.

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Submitted by: Kohjiro Kinno  
SCKF Team Championships and Fall Team Tournament was held on September 23, 2012 at Wilson Park, in Torrance, CA.

Results are as follows:

### Youth Kyu Team:

1 <sup>st</sup> :	Sho Tokyo B
2 <sup>nd</sup> :	Sho Tokyo B
3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Gedatsu B
3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Torrance A

### Adult Kyu Team:

1 <sup>st</sup> :	Torrance A
2 <sup>nd</sup> :	San Diego
3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Irvine
3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Costa Mesa

### Women's Team:

1 <sup>st</sup> :	Costa Mesa
2 <sup>nd</sup> :	Gedatsu

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3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Norwalk
3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Sho Tokyo A

### Team Championship:

1 <sup>st</sup> :	Torrance
2 <sup>nd</sup> :	OCB
3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Norwalk
3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Gedatsu

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### 11. Southern California Kendo Organization.

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### 12. Southeast U.S. Kendo Federation

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### 13. Southern U.S. Kendo & Iaido Federation.

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### 15. Western Kendo Federation

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### **IAIDO NEWS AND EVENTS:**

Submitted by: Dennis Ralutin.  
Southern California Kendo Federation and Southern California Iaido Association will be hosting the Los Angeles portion of the 1<sup>st</sup> AUSKF Iaido Education Tour, to be held on February 9 & 10, 2013.

The Los Angeles, California portion of the 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 AUSKF Iaido Education Tour will consist of a three-hour iaido seminar and an iaido taikai.

The iaido taikai will be held in memoriam of (late) Takeshi Yamaguchi sensei (Kyoshi 7 dan Kendo and Kyoshi 7 dan Iaido). Yamaguchi sensei was an instrumental kendo and iaido instructor for many years in Southern California and conducted many kendo and iaido seminars in the United States, Central America, and South America. Yamaguchi sensei passed away in October 2012.

The seminar will be held on the afternoon of Saturday, February 9, 2013 at the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center gymnasium (Covina Kendo Dojo).

The Yamaguchi Memorial Iaido Tournament will be held on Sunday, February 10, 2013 at the Southeast Japanese School and Community Center gymnasium (Norwalk Kendo Dojo). Opening ceremonies will begin at 9:00 am and the tournament will start at approximately 10am.

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