



# The All United States Kendo Federation

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**To: AUSKF Board of Directors and Officers**

**From: Takeshi Yamaguchi, Chairman, AUSKF Iaido Committee**

**Subject: AUSKF 2011 Iaido Camp and Jodo Workshop Report**

The 2011 AUSKF Iaido Camp and Jodo Workshop was held at the MAC Center Annex Gym on the campus of Kent State University in Kent, Ohio on June 9-13. This event was organized and hosted by the Cleveland Kendo Association and Cleveland Toyukai of the GNEUSKF.

Two instructors from the Zen Nippon Kendo Renmei (ZNKR), Iaido Section attended the camp and workshop: Chihiro Kishimoto sensei, Hanshi 8 dan Iaido, and former ZNKR Iaido Section Chairman and Masahiro Yamasaki sensei, Hanshi 8 dan Iaido and Kyoshi 7 dan Kendo. This was Kishimoto sensei's third consecutive year as guest instructor of the camp and Yamasaki sensei's fifth consecutive year.

The following instructors from the AUSKF were in attendance:

Takeshi Yamaguchi sensei (SCKF/SCIA), Kyoshi 7 dan, Iaido (Camp Head Instructor)  
Shozo Kato sensei (GNEUSKF), Kyoshi 7 dan, Iaido  
Tatsuhiko Konno sensei (PNKF), Kyoshi 7 dan, Iaido  
Ichiro Murakami sensei, (SCKF/SCIA), Renshi 6 dan, Iaido (AUSKF President)

Over 130 participants attended the Iaido camp, including a few Iaidoka from the Brazilian Kendo Confederation (CBK) and the Canadian Kendo Federation (CKF). The Iaido camp consisted of two days of seminars, the AUSKF 2011 National Iaido Taikai and a promotional examination (shinkyu shinsa). Kishimoto sensei and Yamasaki sensei led the instruction during the two days of seminars and performed various demonstrations of and explained the concepts behind the ZenKenRen Iaido kata. Yamasaki sensei also conducted an Iaido Shimpan seminar for 4 dan and above on Friday, June 10.

Following the conclusion of the promotional examination on Sunday, June 12, a Jodo workshop was held to gauge interest in Jodo in the AUSKF. The workshop was attended by 20-30 participants. Instruction in the basics of ZNKR Seitei Jodo was led by Kishimoto sensei, who holds the rank of Kyoshi 7 dan in ZNKR Seitei Jodo with assistance from Meik Skoss sensei, 5 dan, ZNKR Seitei Jodo, Shutokukan Dojo, and Loren Nishiimura sensei (PNKF). The workshop was continued on Monday, June 13.



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The results of the AUSKF 2011 National Iaido Taikai held on Saturday, June 11, are as follows:

(Place: First Name, Last Name, Dojo, Federation)

## **Mudansha Cup (2 kyu and below)**

1st Place:	Jeff Terzi	Ken Zen Institute, AEUSKF
2nd Place:	David Chin	Ken Wa Kan, ECUSKF
3rd Place:	Michelle Lee	Shidogakuin NY, GNEUSKF
3rd Place:	Andrew Chu	Ken Zen Institute, AEUSKF
Fighting Spirit:	Pamela Carlson	Dallas/Fort-Worth Kendo and Iaido Kyokai, SWKIF

## **Murosako Cup (1 kyu and 1 dan)**

1st Place:	Seth Rissmiller	Rocky Mountain Budokan, RMKF
2nd Place:	Emily Morgan	Musokai, PNKF
3rd Place:	Jocelyn Wright	Shidogakuin DC, GNEUSKF
3rd Place:	Thomas Yosenick	Dallas/Fort-Worth Kendo and Iaido Kyokai, SWKIF
Fighting Spirit:	Danielle Ippolito	AiShinKai, PNKF

## **Yamaguchi Cup (2 dan and 3 dan)**

1st Place:	Tsuyoshi Nishiura	San Jose Iaido, NCKF/NCIA
2nd Place:	Monica Iwakabe	Rocky Mountain Budokan, RMKF
3rd Place:	Tomoyuki Hirasawa	Dallas/Fort-Worth Kendo and Iaido Kyokai, SWKIF
3rd Place:	Jiyou Ni	Japanese Swordsmanship Society, EUSKF
Fighting Spirit:	Rod Faghani	Shidogakuin DC, GNEUSKF

## **Nakanishi Cup (4 dan and above)**

1st Place:	Terry Fukui	Ken Zen Institute, AEUSKF
2nd Place:	Thomas Hooper	Sei-Zan Kai, AEUSKF
3rd Place:	Sachiko Prough	Japanese Swordsmanship Society, EUSKF
3rd Place:	Susan Sekreta	Ken Zen Institute, AEUSKF
Fighting Spirit:	Mathew Swisher	Cleveland Toyukai, GNEUSKF



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The taikai participant statistics are as follows:

<b>Division</b>	<b>Number of Participants</b>	<b>Percent of Total</b>
Mudansha Division (2 kyu and below)	21	24%
Murosako Cup (1 kyu and 1 dan)	18	21%
Yamaguchi Cup (2 dan and 3 dan)	29	33%
Nakanishi Cup (4 dan and above)	21	24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Federation</b>	<b>Number of Participants</b>	<b>Percent of Total</b>
AEUSKF	17	19%
GNEUSKF	16	18%
PNKF	10	11%
SWKIF	9	10%
EUSKF	8	9%
RMKIF	7	8%
ECUSKF	5	6%
NCIA/NCKF	5	6%
SCIA/SCKF	4	4.5%
SEUSKF	4	4.5%
MWKF	3	3%
CCKF	1	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Number of Participants</b>	<b>Percent of Total</b>
Dan	65	73%
Kyu	24	27%
<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>100%</b>
Age range of all participants: 20 to 69		Average age: 47

The taikai results and statistics were compiled and provided by the taikai organizers, Russell Ichimura sensei (SWKIF) and David Cooper sensei (SWKIF).



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The promotional examination was held on Sunday, June 12, with candidates testing for various kyu ranks up to 6 dan. The promotion success rate this year was 61.6% (45 out of 73 passing). The following individuals received new ranks:

(First Name, Last Name, Dojo, Federation)

## **4 kyu**

Christopher Zust	Northern Kentucky	ECUSKF
Jose Cabrera	San Jose Iaido	NCKF/NCIA
Daniel Hammond	Battle Creek Kendo Kai	MWKF

## **3 kyu**

Narbeh Bagdasarian	Pasadena Japanese Cultural Institute	SCIA/SCKF
Levon Sukiassyan	San Fernando Valley Kendo Dojo	SCIA/SCKF
John Helland	Cleveland Toyukai	GNEUSKF
Pamela Carlson	Dallas/Fort-Worth Kendo and Iaido Kyokai	SWKIF
John Beatty	Cleveland Toyukai	GNEUSKF
Christopher George	Northern Kentucky	ECUSKF
Peter Alexander	Castle Rock Iaido	RMKIF

## **2 kyu**

Andrew Chu	KenZen Institute	AEUSKF
John Mullin	Ken Zen Institute	AEUSKF
Michelle Lee	Shidogakuin NY	GNEUSKF
Patricia Villanueva	Iaido Miami	SEUSKF

## **1 kyu**

Kelly Maier	Moorhead	MWKF
Sean Hannon	Castle Rock Iaido	RMKIF
Jeff Terzi	Ken Zen Institute	AEUSKF
David Norton	Ken Zen Institute	AEUSKF
Douglas Picard	San Jose Iaido	NCKF/NCIA

## **1 dan**

Frederick Fourie	AiShinKai	PNKF
Richard Todosichuk	Doshikai	AEUSKF
David Christman	Battle Creek Kendo Kai	MWKF



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Shinsa results (cont.):

## **2 dan**

Seth Rissmiller	Rocky Mountain Budokan	RMKIF
Orsolya Kiss	Cleveland Toyukai	GNEUSKF
Hans Anderson	AiShinKai	PNKF
Natalie Rayzblat	Cleveland Toyukai	GNEUSKF
Andres Cabrera	Shidogakuin NY	GNEUSKF
Thomas Yosenick	Dallas/Fort-Worth Kendo and Iaido Kyokai	SWKIF
Jocelyn Wright	Shidogakuin DC	GNEUSKF
Yoshiyuki Hasegawa	Ken Zen Institute	AEUSKF
Rodolfo Lynch	Ken Zen Institute	AEUSKF
Martin Krist	Cleveland Toyukai	GNEUSKF

## **3 dan**

Jiyou Ni	Japanese Swordsmanship Society	EUSKF
Robert Streeter	Sei Zan Kai	AEUSKF
Hiroaki Fukumoto	Seattle Kendo Club	PNKF
Tsuyoshi Nishiura	San Jose Iaido	NCKF/NCIA

## **4 dan**

Frank Nieves	Iaido Miami	SEUSKF
Hans Eyman	Rocky Mountain Budokan	RMKIF
Monica Iwakabe	Rocky Mountain Budokan	RMKIF
James Atkins	Northern Kentucky	ECUSKF
Steven Sasaki	Omaha Kendo and Iaido Kyokai	SWKIF
Rod Faghani	Shidogakuin DC	GNEUSKF
Loren Nishimura	Alaska Kendo Club	PNKF
Sanae Tsutsumi	Rio de Janeiro	CBK (Brazil)

## **5 dan**

Samuel Okuno	Norwalk Kendo Dojo	SCIA/SCKF
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The shinsa results were compiled and provided by the shinsa organizer, Pam Parker sensei (AEUSKF)



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The AUSKF 2012 Iaido Camp is tentatively scheduled for June 20-25, 2012 on the campus of Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington and will be hosted and organized by the Tacoma Kendo and Iaido Club of the PNKF. Bids are currently being accepted for the AUSKF 2013 Iaido Camp venue.

The 2011 camp was a great success which was attributed to the cooperation and hard work of the camp host and head organizer, Dr. Shigemi Matsuyama (GNEUSKF) and co-organizer, Isabella Church sensei (GNEUSKF). Special thanks also go out to Russell Ichimura sensei and David Cooper sensei for coordinating the taikai, Pam Parker sensei for organizing the shinsa, Loren Nishimura sensei for translating duties and all the volunteers from the Cleveland Kendo Association, Cleveland Toyukai, friends and family.

Pictures from the camp are available on the internet from the following individual:

Gordon Hall:

<http://s288.photobucket.com/albums/ll196/zh001d/2011%20AUSKF%20Iaido/?albumview=slideshow>

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