

AUSKF NEWSLETTER

KENDO

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

2009-2011

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AUSKF director

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Report submitted by Arthur I. Murakami

2010 was another great year for the AUSKF. I send my deepest thanks to the AUSKF board of directors and officers, AUSKF member federation presidents, kenshi and their families for all of their hard work and support which resulted in making the AUSKF a better organization. I hope that everyone will continue giving their support to the AUSKF in the coming new year.

To recap some of the major events for the AUSKF in 2010:

● 1st AUSKF Junior Open National Championships was held on July 25, 2010. This inaugural event succeeded due to the hard work of Yuji Onitsuka, AUSKF VP-competition and with the strong support of the 14th WKC-Team USA members, AUSKF board of directors and sensei from throughout the United States.

● September 3-4, 2010, AUSKF kenshi participated in the Sport Accord Combat Games was held in Beijing, China. Shozo Kato and Koki Ariga attended as shimpan; Men's Special Invitation high dan rank player was Yoshiteru Tagawa, Women's Special Invitation high dan rank player was Saeko Tew [took 3rd place]. Also, Christopher Yang and Daniel Yang

participated in the Men's Individual division, Sachiko Tamura and Grace Lee [took 3rd place] participated in the Women's Individual division. In addition, participants in the Combat Games Kendo World East vs. West Team Match were Yoshiteru Tagawa, Saeko Tew, and Christopher Yang [received a Sai Yushusho senshu award].

At the November 13 & 14, 2010 AUSKF board of directors meeting; the following were approved as the 15th WKC-Team USA officials:

Team USA Manager: Shozo Kato
Assistant manager: Yuji Onitsuka
Men's Coach: Christopher Yang
Women's Coach: Song Yee Choi
Team Trainer & Physician: Dr. Sean Shinada
Advisor: Yoshiteru Tagawa

On December 5, 2010 in Cleveland, Ohio, the AUSKF held the 15th WKC-Team USA Elimination tournament; out of all the participants, fifteen (15) men and eleven (11) women were selected and will begin a rigorous training schedule starting in January 2011, in preparation for the 15th WKC to be held in Novara, Italy on May 25-27, 2012.

Please contact me if you have any concerns about the ongoing operations of the AUSKF.

Happy Holidays.

Sincerely,
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AUSKF Board of Directors Meeting.

Atlanta, Georgia:

Reported by Norman K. Otani, 2009-2011

AUSKF Board of Director.

*[Note: This report is being made pending the approval of the minutes of the November 13 & 14, 2010 AUSKF Board of Directors meeting; **the reader is forewarned that this information is subject to modification**]*

I. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Resignation of Robert Stroud Effective March 29, 2010.

This matter was reviewed and no further action was required.

B. Promotional DVD for 14th WKC [Final Update Report].

This project was reported to be now completed with the final distribution of the unsold remaining copies of the 14th WKC promotional DVD's to the AUSKF member federations.

C. AUSKF Liability Insurance Policy [Update]. Approval was given to purchase additional liability insurance coverage for the eighteen (18) AUSKF board of directors and officers at a cost of \$50 per individual director and officer.

Also, it was recommended that when a foreign national instructor is invited to attend any AUSKF dojo, or member federation event; the AUSKF dojo, or member federation is requested to inquire and ensure that the foreign national instructor has acquired a traveler's insurance policy prior to attending the AUSKF dojo or member federation event.

D. AUSKF Tenugui [Update].

It was reported that there is still a supply of AUSKF tenugui available for sale.

The cost is \$7.00 per tenugui, and a minimum order of ten (10) tenugui is required to cover the cost of shipping.

Orders are made by sending the payment for the AUSKF tenugui order to: Arthur I. Murakami [see address on cover page].

E. Fall-2010 AUSKF Education Tour [Update].

Due to the unavailability of kendo instructors from Japan, to invite for the Fall-2010 AUSKF Education Tour, this event will not be held in 2010.

F. 2010 AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp.

It was reported that the 2010 AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp was successfully held in San Antonio, Texas on June 9-13, 2010.

Also, there was a reported concern that the hosting federation, where the 2010 AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp was held, was believed to have opened a separate bank account for this event; the opening of separate bank accounts by a hosting federation or related entity results in a previously raised concern that the AUSKF is technically not financially responsible for any financial losses incurred for the AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp event, if organized in this manner. Due to the current AUSKF policy and procedure regarding the AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp being unclear as to the above raised concern; it was decided that the AUSKF would take responsibility for the financial outcome of the 2010 AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp. However, to avoid any similar concerns in the future; the AUSKF Iaido Committee agreed to develop a clearer AUSKF policy and procedure regarding this issue for the future AUSKF Iaido Summer Camps.

In addition, two separate incidents were reported that note mention:

1. Due to an injury suffered by one of the participants during a practice period held in a separate practice room; it was recommended to establish clear rules to determine a safe maximum number of participants during each scheduled iaido practice sessions held at future AUSKF Iaido Summer Camps.

2. Unauthorized joyriding by two participants on a golf cart at the Trinity University, resulted in a strong admonishment and a restriction placed on these individuals participation in the 2010 AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp.

G. 2010 AUSKF Kendo Summer Camp [Update].

It was reported that the 2010 AUSKF Kendo Summer Camp was successfully held in Tacoma, Washington.

One concern was raised regarding a separate facility fee being assessed by the AUSKF, for individual AUSKF members who wanted to only participate in the AUSKF Kodansha Shinsa, and not participate in the AUSKF Kendo Summer Camp seminar, etc. Due to the facility fees being charged per person and not a flat fee for use of the facility where both the AUSKF Kendo Summer Camp and AUSKF Kodansha Shinsa were held, this raised the issue of charging a separate facility fee for AUSKF individual members who want to only participate in the AUSKF Kodansha Shinsa.

This issue was resolved for the 2010 AUSKF Kendo Summer Camp, by not charging a separate facility fee for the individual AUSKF members who only want to participate in the AUSKF Kodansha Shinsa. This matter was to be further discussed by the AUSKF Education Committee to determine if a specific policy is needed to assess a separate facility fee for those AUSKF individual members who only want to take the AUSKF Kodansha Shinsa promotion exam when it is held in conjunction with the yearly AUSKF Kendo Summer Camp.

H. 2010 AUSKF Jr. Open National Championships [Update].

It was reported that the 2010 AUSKF Jr. Open National Championships was a successful inaugural event; it is proposed to held annually as an event to support the development of the younger AUSKF kenshi to be better prepared for participation in the tri-annual AUSKF Championships, and other AUSKF national events, e.g. WKC-Team USA Elimination Tournament, etc.

I. 2010 [GAISF] Sport Accord Combat Games-Beijing, China. [For details: see President's Message on cover page]

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AUSKF Board of Directors Meeting, Atlanta,
Georgia:**

Reported by Norman K. Otani, 2009-2011
AUSKF Board of Director.

I. OLD BUSINESS: [continued]

J. Proposal for AUSKF Jodo Program [Update]
It was reported that after extensive research, it was found that there are approximately one thousand (1000) jodo practitioners in the United States [including both aikido and iaido programs].

Also, after discussion with the AJKF: Jodo Committee Chairman, Chihiro Kishimoto, it was recommended that the AUSKF have a Jodo Demonstration [Sei Tei Jodo Kata] at the 2011 AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp, and to have a Jodo Seminar, at the same event. Also, it was recommended that the AUSKF Jodo program be made a part of the AUSKF Iaido Committee.

In addition, it was recommended that Meik Skoss, Jodo instructor, currently located at the Kenzen Dojo, be approved to assist in the development of an AUSKF Jodo Program.

K. Document Review.

The documents reviewed for recommended updates to clarify specific matters previously not reconciled with past approved AUSKF policies, included the following:

● AUSKF By-Laws:

Article VI Membership was clarified to denote that there are two classes of membership in the AUSKF: member federations are the primary members and the dues paying individuals belonging to the member federations are secondary members.

Based on the above clarification of primary and secondary members; the AUSKF By-Laws were amended to reflect the above clarification.

● AUSKF Policy and Procedures:

Due to oversight, a copy of this document had not been previously provided for review; the matter was tabled.

● Appendix A: Regulations For

Kendo/Iaido/Jodo Promotion Examinations.
Several proposed clarifications were reviewed and approved for updating of Sections I, III, IV,

VI, X, and XI of this document. Section IX was tabled, for further review by the AUSKF Iaido Committee.

Also, it was agreed that Section VII, will need revisions that provide a due process procedure, which in the current language does not provide for an individual to have any due process rights prior to revocation of one's kendo rank/Shogo title. This matter was referred to the AUSKF Promotion and Examination Committee.

In addition, Section IX was tabled and referred to the AUSKF Iaido Committee for further review and recommendations.

L. 2011 AUSKF Championships.

It was reported that the 2011 AUSKF Championships will tentatively held on either August 11-14 or August 10-13 [Note: As of 11/19/10, it was announced that the dates of the 2011 AUSKF Championships will be held on August 12 -13, 2011]; the location will be Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

Also, a preliminary entry deadline will be set for April 2011; this will provide the AUSKF Competition committee needed information to make plans for the management of this event. A final deadline will be set at a later date, and this will be the information that each member federation will be required to submit with the names of the participants in each division, entry fees, etc.

In addition, it was reported that the 2011 AUSKF Championships will not have an initial round-robin match for the individual divisions, and instead will be conducted in a modified double elimination system.

M. 2010 AUSKF Shimpan Seminars[Update].

No additional update information reported.

N. 15th WKC: Team USA.

Selection of 15th WKC-Team USA officials [see From the President on the cover page for details].

O. AUSKF ADC Committee Meeting [Update].

A copy of the 9/25/10 AUSKF ADC committee meeting minutes was provided to the 2009-2011 AUSKF board of directors and officers.

Also, the following seven (7) recommendations by the AUSKF ADC Committee were approved for implementation by the 2009-2011 AUSKF board of directors:

1. AUSKF Anti-Doping Rules adopted.
2. AUSKF individual (secondary) members are required to have on file with the AUSKF [Excel data base to be developed by the AUSKF ADC] a signed copy of the ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT TO SUBMIT TO AUSKF and/or MEMBER FEDERATION ANTI-DOPING ACTIVITY [aka: Athlete AD Form].
3. Signed copies of the Athlete AD Form to begin to be obtained from AUSKF competitors at the upcoming future AUSKF events: 2011 AUSKF Championships, 2011 AUSKF Iaido Taikai.
4. AUSKF ADC-Administrative DCO to provide educational materials to each of the fifteen (15) AUSKF member federations.
5. AUSKF website to have dedicated Athlete Section for links to anti-doping information, e.g. WADA Prohibited Substance List, FIK Anti-Doping Rules, etc.
6. AUSKF ADC Administrative DCO authorized to place annual order from WADA for 100 ["free"] copies of List of Prohibited Substances; distribution to AUSKF board of directors, officers, AUSKF member federations, 15th WKC-Team USA members, manager, coaches, etc.
7. AUSKF ADC Medical Issues DCO is authorized to contact the United States Anti-Doping Agency to

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

O. AUSKF ADC Committee Meeting [Update]
[continued]

obtain information as to the types of ICT doping testing services available, costs for each test sample, laboratory test costs for each sample, OOCCT services available, etc.

II. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. 2012-2014 AUSKF Board of Directors Elections.

(1.) Per the AUSKF By-Laws, Arthur I. Murakami, AUSKF President appointed directors Atsushi Hori and Norman Otani to the Election Committee.

(2.) Per the AUSKF By-Laws, April 15, 2011 was Set as the Record Date for the 2012-2014 AUSKF Board of Directors Election.

(3.) AUSKF By-Laws: Article VII. Section 7. Voting. Number of Representatives was amended as follows: [amended language in bold italics and underlined] Each member shall be entitled to authorize and appoint one (1) **separate individual** representative for every fifty (50) persons who are dues paying individuals in good standing of the member of this corporation as of the "record date."

(4.) AUSKF By-Laws: Article VII. Section 2. Elections, was amended as follows: [amended language in bold italics and underlined] Each member's representative shall return the completed ballot in the unmarked envelope provided by the corporation. The unmarked envelope with ballot enclosed shall be sealed in a separate envelope and mailed to the corporation, to the attention of the executive vice-president, by **U.S. postal service**, certified, or registered mail.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Budget/Finance:

After review of the AUSKF board of directors and officers \$800 maximum allowed for travel expenses to attend the semi-annual AUSKF board of directors meetings; it was recommended and approved to increase the

amount to \$1,000 maximum.

Discussion then followed as to what is allowed as travel expenses to attend the semi-annual AUSKF board of directors meetings. Due to several different board of directors opinions as to what should be included in the maximum \$1,000 travel expenses to attend the semi-annual AUSKF board of directors meeting; this matter was tabled for further review by the Budget/Finance Committee, to develop and recommend specific and clear policy guidelines as to what is considered to be part of the \$1,000 maximum travel expenses, e.g. dinner on arrival date before the first business session of the AUSKF board of directors meeting, etc.

2. Competition Committee.

It was reported that the 2011 AUSKF Jr. Open National Championships will be held in June 2011 in Los Angeles, California.

3. Promotion Committee.

(a.) It was reported that the AUSKF member federation seminars on preparation to take promotion examinations is available upon request to Shinichi Koike, AUSKF VP-Promotion and Examinations.

(b.) The AUSKF Kodansha Promotion Examination was held on Sunday, November 14, 2010.

(c.) It was recommended to continue the written question requirement for the kendo ranks of 5-dan and above.

(d.) It was reported that the AUSKF Promotion Examination Outside of the U.S. procedure is now available on the AUSKF website; these requests must be submitted to the AUSKF VP-Promotion and Examinations ninety (90) days in advance of the examination date.

4. Education Committee:

(a.) Team USA: Mentoring Program [Update].

It was confirmed that the AUSKF Policy and Procedure Guide for this matter needs to be completed.

(b.) 2010 AJKF Champion Education Tour.

It was reported that Takanabe sensei, the

2010 AJKF Champion has been invited to conduct a 2011 Education Tour which will take place in several west coast U.S. venues.

(c.) 2011 AUSKF Kendo Summer Camp. It was reported that this event is proposed to be held in the Washington D.C./Virginia area. The two proposed dates are September 2-4, 2011 [1st choice] or July 15-17, 2011 [2nd choice].

(d.) 2011 AUSKF Education Tours. It was reported that these tours will tentatively be held in February 2011 [proposed to include east coast and other U.S. venues]; and, in July 2011 [proposed to include Rocky Mountain regions and other U.S. venues].

(e.) 2011 AJKF Jr. High School Overseas Training Tour.

It was reported that the proposed dates for this tour are March 19-28, 2011; and will travel to the same venues as in 2010.

5. Iaido Committee.

It was reported that the 2011 AUSKF Iaido Summer Camp will be held at Case Western University, Cleveland, Ohio [as of the publication date of the AUSKF Newsletter, it was reported that the date of this event will be confirmed at a later date, and notices will be sent to all AUSKF member federations, when this is confirmed].

6. Development Committee:

(a.) Proposal for AUSKF Headquarters Office [Update].

The committee members reported that the previous approved office space size, rental costs, utilities costs, and part-time staff [20hrs per week] expenses were found to be previously underestimated.

After the committee members have contacted real estate agencies in the Los Angeles area, and discussed the needs of a part-time staff person's salary for the AUSKF Headquarters and Office; it was recommended and approved to increase the office space to 500 sq. ft., which would increase the yearly rental costs and utility costs to \$25,000; and the salary range will be

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II. **NEW BUSINESS:** [continued]

B. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**[continued]

6. Development Committee: [continued]
negotiable for between \$8-\$10 per hour
[depending on the skill level of the staff person
hired] for a maximum of \$25,000 per year.
Also, one time expenses were recommended
and approved for office furniture [computer,
printer, desk, filing cabinet, chair, etc.].

(b.)AUSKF Newsletter.

There was one issue published on June 1, 2010:
Vol. 13 No.1.

(c.). AUSKF Archives and Oral History
Project. [No additional update].

(d.). AUSKF Website.

It was reported that implementation of a
previous reported udate is still pending
completion.

(e.). Marketing and Advertising.

It was reported that there are no pending
marketing/advertising projects at this time.

(f.) AUSKF Recognitions.

It was reported that AUSKF member
federations may submit nominations for
recognitions of AUSKF sensei or other persons
deserving of recognition. Those nominated will
be reviewed for approval by the AUSKF board
of directors at the next meeting in April 2011; it
is anticipated that the individuals approved for
recognition will be presented a special award at
the 2011 AUSKF Championships.

C. 2011 America Zone Referee Seminar in
United States.

It was reported that this seminar will be held in
Chicago, Illinois on March 19 & 20, 2011.
[Note: As of the publication date of the AUSKF
Newsletter; notices of this seminar were sent to
the fifteen (15) AUSKF member federations to
submit the names of the individual AUSKF
members 5 dan and above to: Arthur I.
Murakami, AUSKF President by the
DEADLINE DUE DATE: January 21, 2011.

D. Puerto Rico: Kum Do Dojo request to
join AUSKF.

It was reported that a previous request from
the Puerto Rico territory of the United
States was received to join the AUSKF; as
this other matter was agreed to be handled
by Noboru Kataoka sensei, AEUSKF, the
recent inquiry from the Puerto Rico: Kum
Do Dojo will be referred to Kataoka sensei
for followup.

E. Maki Miyahara: Consulate General of
Japan in Los Angeles; Request for AUSKF
financial statement of income and expenses.
After review by the 2009-2011 AUSKF
board of directors; it was decided to decline
the request to provide the Consulate
General of Japan in Los Angeles the
requested AUSKF financial statement of
income and expenses. It was determined
that this type of confidential information
should not be released in this instance for
the consideration of Maki Miyahara being
granted a Jokun medal from the Emperor of
Japan.

F. 2011 AJKF Foreign Leaders Summer
Seminar.

There was no information to report.
[Note: As of the publication date of the
AUSKF Newsletter; the AUSKF has
received the notification from the All Japan
Kendo Federation that the 2011 Foreign
Kendo Leader's Summer Seminar will be
held on July 29-August 5, 2011]

Based on the previously approved AUSKF
rotation order for selection priority in 2011,
the top four (4) AUSKF member
federations that will be considered initially
are: #1. Western Kendo Federation; #2. All
Eastern United States Kendo Federation;
#3. Southern United States Kendo
Federation, and #4. Pacific Northwest
Kendo Federation.

Interested applicants wanting to attend the
2011 AJKF Foreign Leaders Summer
Seminar from all fifteen (15) AUSKF
member federations were requested to
submit the names to: Arthur I. Murakami,
AUSKF President by **DEADLINE DUE
DATE: February 1, 2011.**

G. Spring 2011 AUSKF Board of Directors
meeting: April 9 & 10, 2011.

Two (2) recommended locations were in
either Los Angeles or Seattle.
AUSKF administration will make a final
determination by 12/31/10.

H. Other:

It was reported that the AUSKF website
has a posted notice that there
is an AUSKF Nito Seminar. After
discussion, it was determined that as this
Nito seminar is not an official AUSKF
event, this should not be posted as an
AUSKF Nito Seminar.

REGIONAL MEMBER'S NEWS:

1. Central California Kendo Federation.
Submitted by Norman K. Otani, CCKF
Representative.

The tri-annual All California Open Kendo
Tournament was successfully held in
Fresno, California on Sunday, September
5, 2010.

This is the only statewide tournament held
once every three years and now includes
the five (5) California kendo federations:
Northern California Kendo Federation
[NCKF], Southern California Kendo
Federation [SCKF], Southern California
Kendo Organization [SCKO], Western
Kendo Federation [WKF], and Central
California Kendo Federation [CCKF].

The results of the 2010 All California Open
Kendo Tournament are as follows:

13yrs and under Division:

1 st Place	Kahn Jo [WKF]
2 nd Place	Derek Choi [WKF]
3 rd Place	Ryan Choi [WKF]
3 rd Place	Kelvin Choi [WKF]
Fighting Spirit	Francis Choi [SCKO]

14yrs-17yrs Division:

1 st Place	Max Nguyen [NCKF]
2 nd Place	Julian Williams [CCKF]
3 rd Place	Tepei Makiuchi [SCKF]
3 rd Place	Shota Sugeta [SCKO]
Fighting Spirit	Raphael Lopez [CCKF]

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1. Central California Kendo Federation:
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Adult Kyu Division:

1st Place Alan Kern [SCKF]
2nd Place Kyle Kim [SCKO]
3rd Place Yuji Sakazaki [CCKF]
3rd Place Fumiaki Kato [SCKO]
Fighting Spirit Carlos Lopez [NCKF]

Women's Division:

1st Place Nishiki Sano [SCKF]
2nd Place Michiye Cabral [NCKF]
3rd Place Mieko Cabral [NCKF]
3rd Place So Young Choi [SCKO]
Fighting Spirit Sakaya Sugeta [SCKO]

Senior Division:

1st Place Masataka Sakaue [SCKF]
2nd Place Katsuhide Kinjo [SCKF]
3rd Place Manabu Yabe [CCKF]
3rd Place Masami Yamaguchi [NCKF]

1 Dan - 3 Dan Division:

1st Place Kyle Umeda [NCKF]
2nd Place Chang Park [NCKF]
3rd Place David Pruitt [SCKF]
3rd Place Kazauma Kittagaito [SCKO]

4 Dan & up Division:

1st Place Jason Brown [SCKF]
2nd Place Jay Oh [WKF]
3rd Place Hiroshi Ichimura [NCKF]
3rd Place Jimmy Eitoku [NCKF]

Team Matches:

1st Place SCKF
2nd Place SCKO

2. Midwest Kendo Federation.

Submitted by: Les Wilson, MKF President.

In Memoriam:

MAEDA, SACHIO sensei, 7 Dan Kyoshi, passed away December 1, 2010 at the age of 89.

Maeda sensei was born in Kochi, Japan, and started kendo at the age of 11. He was a student of Yamamoto, Harusuke sensei.

He came to Chicago in the 1950's and later joined the Chicago Kendo Dojo. Subsequently, Maeda sensei joined the Choyokan Kendo Dojo, and became the head instructor in the early 1990's when Miyazaki, Yutaka sensei returned to Japan. Maeda sensei taught and practiced actively at Choyokan Kendo Dojo until about a year ago.

He will be remembered for his honest kendo and most generous spirit.

3. Northern California Kendo Federation.
Submitted by: Anthony Cabral, NCKF Public Relations Officer.

A. NCKF Championships were held on June 20, 2010; the results were:

10yrs and under Division:

1st Place G. Sugino, San Jose
2nd Place M. Lee, Mt. View

11yrs- 13yrs Division:

1st Place D. Inoue, Salinas
2nd Place T. Uto, Salinas
3rd Place Y. Katayama, San Jose
3rd Place Y. Tokunaga, San Jose

14yrs-17yrs Division:

1st Place K. Nguyen, San Jose
2nd Place S. Park, San Jose
3rd Place M. Cabral, Sacramento
3rd Place M. Nguyen, San Jose

Adult Kyu Division:

1st Place D. Chung, Berkeley
2nd Place C. Lopez, Mt. View
3rd Place F. Yuan, San Francisco
3rd Place H. Minoshima, Palo Alto

Women's Division:

1st Place Michiye Cabral, Sac'to
2nd Place G. Chuang, San Jose
3rd Place Mieko Cabral, Sac'to
3rd Place R. Doi, San Jose

1 Dan -2 Dan Division:

1st Place F. Michioka, Salinas
2nd Place M. Konopka, San Mateo
3rd Place R. McGlennen, S.F.
3rd Place Adam Eitoku, Salinas

3 Dan & up Division:

1st Place K. Umeda, San Jose
2nd Place Y. Onitsuka, Salinas
3rd Place M. Nagatome, San Mateo
3rd Place J. Hatakeyama, San Jose

Senior Division:

1st Place A. Mizunoue, Oakland
2nd Place H. Nagai, Oakland
3rd Place C. Tanouye, Oakland
3rd Place M. Koga, San Mateo

Youth Team Match:

1st Place San Jose

Women's Team Match:

1st Place San Jose

Adult Team Match:

1st Place Salinas

Kurosawa Hai Trophy:

1st Place Michiye Cabral, Sac'to

Kantoshō:

Youth M. Uto, Salinas
Adult J. Pang, Rancho Cordova

B. Sensei from Niigata, Japan visit NCKF.

On December 11, 2010, a special kendo practice was held with the following:

Yoshimitsu Shirai 8 Dan
Mikio Watanabe 8 Dan
Yoshio Yamada 8 Dan
Taizo Kosugi 7 Dan
Kenichi Uyeno 5 Dan

4. Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation.

Submitted by: Jared Burns, Obukan Kendo Club President; Thomas Bolling, PNKF Kenyu Newsletter, Editor.

2010 Obukan Summer Camp was held on June 17-20, 2010 at Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon. This event was a

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4. Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation [continued]
four day camp of intensive training in three martial arts: Kendo, Iaido and Jodo.

Guest instructors from the Hiroshima Prefecture were:

KENDO:

Tadanori Yoshihara	7 Dan Kyoshi
Masaharu Nakamoto	7 Dan Kyoshi
Sadao Sasaki,	7 Dan Kyoshi
Kichibei Tsuchida	7 Dan Kyoshi

IAIDO:

Kazuma Okuda	8 Dan Kyoshi
Hisashi Urabe	7 Dan Kyoshi
Takeshi Fujita	7 Dan Kyoshi
Haruko Ikeoka	5 Dan

JODO:

Takashi Fujita	7 Dan Kyoshi
Kazuma Okuda	7 Dan Kyoshi

For other updated PNKF news matters, please refer to the PNKF *Kenyu* online newsletter at:
<http://www.kendo-pnkf.org/news/kenyu.phtml>

5. Southern California Kendo Federation.
Submitted by Arthur I. Murakami and Kohjiro Kinno.

On 11/20/10, the Southern California Kendo Federation ["SCKF"] had their Election of Officers for 2011-2012; the newly elected SCKF President is: Mr. Tim Yuge

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SCKF Elimination Tournament was held on October 31, 2010. A total of 39 kenshi were selected to represent Team SCKF at the 2011 AUSKF Championships. Team SCKF will be led by manager: James Yamasaki, and coaches: Christopher Yang, Brandon Harada, Song Yi Choi, Kevin Huh, and Shuntaro Shinada.

6. Western Kendo Federation.
Submitted by: Samuel Suh and Norman K. Otani.

The Western Kendo Federation, which became the 15th AUSKF member federation in June 2007, held their 2010 Year End Tournament on November 20, 2010 in Fullerton, California. The results are as follows:

8yrs and under Division:

1 st Place	Andrew Suh, US Chun Ma
2 nd Place	Joseph Park, US Chun Ma
3 rd Place	Joon Ha Yoon, Tustin
3 rd Place	Sol Lee, Il Do

9yrs - 11yrs Division:

1 st Place	Yae Ji Kim, Il Do
2 nd Place	Branden Wang, Il Do
3 rd Place	Davis Shim, Il Do
3 rd Place	Brian Lee, Il Do

12yrs - 13yrs Division:

1 st Place	Kahn Jo, Il Do
2 nd Place	Brian Wi, Il Do
3 rd Place	Peter Yoon, US Sung Moo
3 rd Place	Daniel Lee, Il Do

14yrs - 15yrs Division:

1 st Place	Damian Williams, CCKF
2 nd Place	James Hyun, Il Do
3 rd Place	Daniel Bodine, Il Do
3 rd Place	Hana Shim, Il Do

16yrs - 17 yrs Division:

1 st Place	Steve Chae, Olympic
2 nd Place	John Song, Olympic
3 rd Place	Damian Kim, Western
3 rd Place	John Park, Tustin

Adult Kyu Division:

1 st Place	Sam Shin, DHMD (G.D)
2 nd Place	Sung Ho, DHMD (G.D.)
3 rd Place	Tim Shin, DHMD (L.A.)
3 rd Place	Min Hwa, US Chun Ma

1 Dan - 3 Dan Division:

1 st Place	Steve Lee, Western
2 nd Place	Son Sung Jun, Western
3 rd Place	Andy Kim, Tustin
3 rd Place	In Jun Chang, Western

4-Dan and above Division:

1 st Place	Pil Soo Kim, Tustin
2 nd Place	Dong Soo Lee, Il Do

3 rd Place	Jay Oh, US Sung Moo
3 rd Place	George Sakazaki, CCKF

Senior Division:

1 st Place	Warren Kim, Olympic
2 nd Place	Jay Oh, US Sung Moo
3 rd Place	Frank Lopez, CCKF
3 rd Place	George Sakazaki, CCKF

Women's Division:

1 st Place	Thecia Min, Western
2 nd Place	Sky Choi, Tustin
3 rd Place	Hana Shim, Il Do
3 rd Place	Hyun Ji Kim, Il Do

Team Matches:

1 st Place	Olympic Do Jo
2 nd Place	Il Do Do Jo
3 rd Place	Western Do Jo
3 rd Place	CCKF

As the editor of the AUSKF Newsletter, I would like to report that as both a participant, shimpan and court judge during the 2010 Western Kendo Federation End of Year Tournament; having been the 2006-2008 AUSKF Executive VP when the Western Kendo Federation was approved during the tenure of Atsushi Hori, 2006-2008 AUSKF President, it was very refreshing to see that the kenshi and the kendo sensei of the respective Western Kendo Federation dojos participating in the 2010 Year End Tournament demonstrated a much higher level of skills and knowledge of the traditional Japanese kendo, than in the initial stage when approved to become the 15th AUSKF member federation.

Congratulations are extended to Peter Kim, Western Kendo Federation President for maintaining strong leadership in guiding the kenshi and kendo sensei in the respective dojos of the Western Kendo Federation, to take the formative steps necessary to strengthen their kenshi and sensei's kendo skills and knowledge so that they too will begin to be a competitive factor in the growth and development of the All United States Kendo Federation as a world class national kendo federation.

IAIDO NEWS:

Submitted by: Dennis, Ralutin, SCIA
Representative.

Southern California Iaido Association ["SCIA"]
announced that they will be hosting an Iaido
Seminar on February 19 & 20, 2011, at the
Pasadena Buddhist Church Gym.

The seminar will feature guest instructor Katsuo
Oda Iaido 8Dan Hanshi from Shizuoka Prefecture,
Japan.

Also, if a sufficient number of qualified iaido
sensei can be empaneled, a promotion shinsa is
being considered to be held on February 20, 2011.

More details, including registration forms will be
released in the near future.

November 14, 2010 - AUSKF Kodansha

Shinsa Results: Submitted by: Shinichi Koike,
AUSKF VP-Promotions and Examinations.

On November 14, 2010, the AUSKF Kodansha
Shinsa was held in Atlanta, Georgia.

The results are as follows:

5th Dan: 14 candidates tested; and 4 passed:

Kwang Soo Chong, AEUSKF
Akira Banchi, SCKO
Won Chel Yong, AEUSKF
Ryoma Tominaga, SCKF

6th Dan: 9 candidates tested; and 3 passed:

Kohjiro Kinno, SCKF
Brandon Harada, SCKF
Song Yi Choi, SCKF

7th Dan: 8 candidates tested; and 1 passed:

Kunitoshi Arai, SEUSKF

Renshi: 2 candidates tested; and 2 passed:

Masayasu Ando, PNKF

Keisuke Hori, MWKF

Kyoshi: 1 candidate tested; and 1 passed.

Yuji Onitsuka, NCKF

Congratulations to the above list of successful
candidates that passed their respective ranks
tested for at the November 14, 2010 AUSKF
Kodansha Shinsa.

December 5, 2010 - 15th WKC Team

USA Elimination Tournament

Results: Submitted by Shozo Kato, 15th
WKC-Team USA Manager.

On Sunday, December 5, 2010, the AUSKF
15th WKC-Team USA Elimination
Tournament was held at Case Western
Reserve University.

After a shiai competition held by both the
men's and women's participants; the
following were selective as the initial 15th
WKC-Team USA Men's and Women's Team
candidates:

Men's Team: Total=15

Daniel Yang
Sandip Ghodgaonkar
Simon Yoo
Jason Brown
Jarrod Hatakeyama
Kunito Hashimoto
Travis Hill
Taishi Kato
Kenichi Kamimoto
Hiroyuki Ogikubo
Steve Lee
Kyle Umeda
Garrett Suzaka
Andre Hasche
Matthew Yang

Women's Team: Total= 11

Sachiko Tamura
Nishiki Sano
Emi Anderson
Michiye Cabral

Arisa Nakamori
Eugenia Yang
Aya Kuwabara
Isabel Lorimer
Keri Chen
Martha Adams
Mieko Cabral

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