

Wahiawa Kendo Club Bulletin - March 2023

Steveston Kendo Tournament was held on February 11. About 330 people participated in it. The followings are Hawaii people's performance. Genevieve Antaya was 3rd in Women 1 Dan and under. Erika Hill came in 2nd in Women 2 Dan and above. Issei So was Champion in 3 Dan Division. In 4 Dan and Above, Dr. Braxton Fukutomi came in 2nd. Hawaii had 2 Senior teams. Both ended as the best 8 out of 35 teams entered. Beside getting good results, all enjoyed the trip and made friends.

Dale Hatakeyama Sensei from San Jose Kendo Jojo came to practice in various Hawaii dojos two times a week during February and leaving soon. He received Kendo 6 Dan in August last year. His eagerness to get better and efforts to put in will make him pass 7 Dan as soon as he becomes eligible to take the examination. Thank you for practicing with us during his vacation.

Yamada Masayuki Sensei from Morioka, Iwate is in town with his family. He came to Hawaii Daijingu Dojo and Honbu Dojo. He will be at our dojo Wednesday. His last practice will be at Hawaii Daijingu Dojo on March 3. He corrects *kenshis'* bad habits precisely & timely manner.

Kenshikan Kendo Club is hosting their tournament on Sunday, March 5, at Manoa District Park Gym. Our dojo has 7 participants. Good luck. Make friends. Enjoy the tournament.

Sasaki Hiroshi Sensei of Akita with his beautiful wife, Keiko Sensei, are finally coming to Hawaii from March 14 through 19. They are kind enough to plan visiting our club on March 15.

International Kendo Leaders' Seminar in Chiba is from March 18 through 24. This time they limited one person each from an organization. Dr. Braxton Fukutomi will go from Hawaii.

Dr. Hisamitsu Hidaka will be in Hawaii from March 27 to 30. He has been practicing kendo for a long time while being very busy treating his patients. His article was in *Kensho* Kendo Magazine April 2022 issue telling his life long Kendo experiences. Hawaii Daijingu Dojo will have a special practice session on Tuesday, March 28. Come and practice with him.

Hawaii Kendo Federation President Emeritus, Dr. Noboru Akagi's Funeral, is at Hosoi Garden Mortuary on Thursday, March 30. Visitation 5-6PM, Service 6-7PM and 7-8PM Refreshment. No flowers nor monetary offering are requested by the planning committee.

We are happy to announce that besides Wednesdays, Wahiawa Kendo Club will open one more day, Monday practice effective in April. Please come and practice if your schedule matches.

Whenever I cannot read or understand writings on Kendo *tenugui* towels, I go to Rev. Eijo Ikenaga. Writings are done by *Kaisho* (Printed style), *Gyousho* (Semi-cursive style) and *Sousho* (Highly cursive style.) *Sousho* is one hard to identify Chinese characters. Rev. Ikenaga said that writings could be read if those who studied throughly from *Kaisho*, *Gyousho* and *Sousho* wrote them. If someone did not study basics and just copy or trace teacher's writings, writings could be hard to read. Rev. Ikenaga concluded that like in Kendo, going through basics is very important.

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