

Wahiawa Kendo Club Bulletin - November 2022

Foodland Supermarket yearly "Give Aloha" program yielded more donation to Hawaii Kendo Federation than last year. Thank you for those who donated.

Zippy's ticket sale is in final stage. If you still have some tickets left and not able to sell, return unsold tickets to me as soon as possible. If we do not return unsold tickets in time, Zippys will charge us without providing products. If you happen to want more tickets to keep goods in freezer, let me know, I will send tickets to you quickly. Tickets are good till November 13 with 5 days grace period.

Hijikata Masamitsu Sensei from *Kotobuki Kenyukai* in Yokohama, Kyoshi 7 Dan, visited Kenshikan Kendo Club on October 18, 19, 25, 26 and Kaimuki *Honbu* Dojo on Sunday, October 23 with his wife Sayoko, 4 Dan. He is such a high caliber Kenshi who passed 1st stage of 8 Dan examination more than 10 times. We could certainly see his super ability.

Yamada Masayuki Sensei from Iwate, Kyoshi 7 Dan, is visiting us after more than 2 years and half absence due to Covid restriction. He visited Kenshikan Dojo on October 26 and Hawaii Daijingu Kendo Club on 28th and 29th. He gave us advices at Kaimuki *Honbu* practice on Sunday, October 30. Please visit our dojo on Wednesday, November 2 when he comes to be with us. He plans to visit Hawaii Daijingu Kendo Club on November 4 and 5. His last practice with us will be at the new *Honbu* Dojo in Pearl City District Park on November 6. Kaimuki Gym will be under renovation for several months.

Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation Tournament is on Sunday, November 6 in Tacoma, Washington. Hawaii participants are Leland Hara, Issei So, Sho Ishida, Erika Hill, Lonny Hancock and me along with 2 chaperons. We will be enjoying our trip to make friends, renew friendship, sight-seeing and some shopping.

Aiea Taiheiji Kendo Club Tournament is on Saturday, November 19. Participants from our dojo are Peyton Ching, Dylan Sato, Noa Mulder and David Sato. I will volunteer *shinpan*.

Hawaii Kendo Federation 1 *Kyu* and *Dan* examination is on Sunday, November 20 at Halawa District Park Gym. Study and practice for the examination if you are taking one.

Hawaii Kendo Federation is having Fund Raise Banquet at Natsunoya Tea House on Sunday, November 20. We have 9 people attending from our club. Enjoy banquet and get-together.

International Kendo Leaders' Seminar is from March 18 through 24 in 2023 in Saitama, Japan. Years preceding we had it in summer and nick named "Summer Camp." Another change was the allocation to a country or organization is only one instead of multiple for some countries.

Dojo's in Hawaii resumed practices regularly after more than two years of lock down and/or restrictions. Now masks are optional unless infection spikes again. I am happy to practice with people who have not been seen for a long time and happy that visitors from outside of Hawaii started to come and practice with us. Sad things are that some regular *kenshis* of pre-Covid never come back for some reasons. Please come back if you are one of them. Everyone needs adequate exercises for maintaining good health. Kendo is a good tool to accomplish that. You do not need to have strenuous training if you are not young and not training for that. Persuade your kendo friends who stopped coming to come back and enjoy.

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