

Wahiawa Kendo Club Bulletin - July 2026

Mr. Marcus Hawkins from D.C. came to Honbu Dojo to practice with us on Sunday, June 7. Thank you for carrying his equipments during his business trip to find time to be with us.

Congratulations to 4 Hawaii *Iai-Do* members who all passed *Dan* promotion examination in Tsuyama, Okayama on June 14 at the end of seminar started on June 10. They were Carl Nakamura and Wesley Fujimoto for 3 *Dan* as well as 2 *Dan* for Sean Kimizuka and Matthew Takemoto. We are very appreciative for Okayama *Iai-Do* people to give them great hospitality.

Sasaki Hiroshi Sensei and his wife Keiko Sensei arrived in Hawaii on Friday, June 26, then that night they taught at Hawaii Daijingu Kendo Club. They visited Kenshikan Kendo Club on Saturday, 27th. He was Chief Referee at Leeward Oahu Tournament on Sunday where he educated referees for current rules. He conducted practice on Monday at Mililani Kendo Club. Tuesday, he taught Kendo Kata at Meikyokan Kendo Club. They will visit our club on Wednesday, July 1. We are very grateful for them to teach us updated Kendo information.

I was happy to see some children who practice with me placed in Leeward Oahu Tournament. We were glad to have Taryn Imanishi and Jane Higa flew over to Hawaii from Seattle to participate in the tournament. They gave Hawaii girls inspiration.

We are looking forward to having former Hawaii Kendo Federation member Miura Daiki come from Japan for July 10 to 16. Please welcome him if he visits your dojo.

Ono Tomohide Sensei from Saitama will be in town from August 4 to 18. Please welcome him and assist him with his need during his stay.

American Zone Shinpan Seminar is scheduled on Saturday, September 12 and Sunday, September 13 in Los Angeles Area. Details will be disclosed later. Mark your calendar if you want to participate and learn current referee rules.

Mrs. Naomi Hongo who came to Hawaii to practice with us in late November last year posted the followings in Facebook.

身だしなみは、相手への敬意。そして同時に、自分への敬意でもあると思う。自分が心地よいもの。心がときめくもの。何を身につけるかで、自分の気持ちも変わる。いつも自分を大切に。”Having decent appearance is

respect for others. And at the same time it is respect for myself, I think. What you wear things comfortable and pleasing may change your feelings. Always make yourself dear.”

This reminded me *Chakusoh* “How to wear Kendo Gear” in Kendo. Wearing gear neat and tidy impresses others and makes yourself feel good.

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