

## Wahiawa Kendo Club Bulletin - May 2026

Hawaii Kendo Federation president Dr. Fukutomi announced that Mr. Michael Sone had stepped down from Head Instructor of Mitsune Kendo Club in Maui and Mr. Ryan Nagata assumed Head Instructor position. Mr. Ryan Nagata and Mr. James Brent will represent their club as board members for Hawaii Kendo Federation. Thank you for Mr. Sone's long time service to Hawaii Kendo. Please support Mr. Nagata and Mr. Brent.

Mr. Tero Patana from Kirkland Club visited Kenshikan Kendo Club on Tuesday, April 21.

Hawaii Kendo Federation is having Shinpan Seminar on Sunday, May 3 at Honbu Dojo Myohoji Temple from 10AM. Please come and observe even if you are not yet refereeing.

Bad weather postponed Kenshikan Kendo Club Tournament in March is now rescheduled on Saturday, May 23 at Manoa District Park Gym. Unfortunately only one participant from our dojo. They are trying to confirm if any of Kendo Equipment vendors will still come and assist our equipment needs after initial one postponed.

Hawaii Kendo Federation 1 Kyu and Dan examination is on Sunday, May 31 at Honbu Dojo, Myohoji Temple in Nuuanu. Our club has only one applicant. Good luck to him.

Leeward Oahu Kendo Tournament is scheduled on Sunday, June 28 at Mililani District Park Gym. Mark your calendar and inform your senseis if you want to participate.

If you have vehicles no longer you need, consider to donate them to Hawaii Kendo Federation through Kokua In Kind program for tax break.

Wahiawa Kendo Club has Club T-shirts for sale. Sizes are S, M, L and XL for \$15. The back of T-shirt says, "Kendo Will Make It Better." Contact me if you want one.

Emoto Tadashi Sensei of Kanagawa Kendo Federation shared with me what he heard, 「勝ちに不思議な勝ちあり、負けに不思議な負けなし」 *"Kachi Ni Fushigi Na Kachi Ari, Make Ni Fushigi Na Make Nashi,"* There maybe unexplainable winning, but there is no unexplainable losing. You may win with simple luck but when you lose, you can pinpoint causes why you lost. You can learn more from losing and failing than winning. Do not get discouraged much from loss or failure. You can leap higher by identifying your improvable areas.

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