

## Wahiawa Kendo Club Bulletin - September 2024

We are very happy and proud of accomplishments by Mr. Franklin Chong who passed Kendo 6 Dan examination on August 31 and Mr. Mark Miyamoto, 7 Dan on September 1 in Fukuoka, Japan. Both had multiple attempts before passing. I am glad that they did not lose hope and pursue improvements. Their determination prevailed. Congratulations to them.

It is that time of the year for the Foodland Give Aloha Fundraiser. This Fundraiser starts on Sunday, September 1 and runs through September 30. Customers at Foodland can donate money to support Hawaii Kendo Federation and others. Foodland will match a portion of this donation. You must have Maika'i Account. You may donate up to \$249 per organization. Hawaii Kendo Federation organization code is 79036. Donations are tax deductible. Please donate. I am planning to.

Zippy's Fundraiser Program for our club will start shortly. The cost of a ticket is \$11. It will give you a choice of followings;

\*Meat & Egg Breakfast with Small Coffee or Regular Soft Drink (redeemable during breakfast Hours only. Orange Bang and Lilikoi drinks are not included.)

\*Cornbread (5 pieces)

\*Portuguese Bean Soup (1.5 lbs.)

\*Zippy's Chili in Original, Vegetarian or No-Bean (1.5 lbs.)

Please help us with tickets by buying and selling. Fund raised is used not only for our club but also promoting Kendo and Iai-do in Hawaii.

Hamabe Yoshiharu Sensei from Tokyo will visit Hawaii from September 8 to 13. He plans to visit Kenshikan Kendo Club.

Okayama Iai-do practice, seminar and examination along with kendo practice will be from October 29 through November 5. Around 10 persons including our club's own Tusha Buntin Sensei will participate. We owe Yamashibu Kazunori and Hiroshi Sensei's to implement this programs for Hawaii people. We appreciate continued friendship created by Late Dr. Akagi.

Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation Tournament is on Saturday, November 2 in Tacoma Washington. This year our club is sponsoring Hawaii Children's Team. Numbers of both adult and children's team members are almost completed. Let me know if you want to go.

Paris Olympics ended. Whenever Olympics comes, the question of why kendo is not taking a part comes up. Many countries push kendo to be in because they receive possible government funding. And by doing so, more people may get to know kendo and join practice to increase kendo population. Oppositions are that emphasis of winning distorts principals of kendo. Kendo pursue personal growth regardless of winning or losing. A good example is that celebration of winning is not allowed on the court just like professional Sumo in Japan. We think about loser's feeling because we were there many times before. We think about your practice partners, teachers, family members, dojo maintenance people, etc. Another thing is that kendo point or score is very subjective. Two of out three referees must agree to constitute a point. Yet, fencing is very objective. When the tip of sword touches the opponent body, light comes on. Machines do not have bias. Kendo referees are subject to be influenced, pressured, threatened and may be bribed.

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