

## Wahiawa Kendo Club Bulletin - April 2025

Hawaii Kendo Federation had a referee seminar on Sunday, March 9 at Myohoji Honbu Dojo. Though it was short, we had a good learning experience for refereeing. Thanks to instructors and volunteers.

Kenshikan Tournament was held on Sunday, March 16. I was very happy that 3 children who regularly attend our Club practices though not our club members had a clean sweep in all Children's divisions, Novice, Yonenbu and Shonenbu. Congratulations to them. I am very proud of them. Their dedication and efforts prevailed. They are doing good in schools, too.

We were very happy that Kamiya Akihiro Sensei, Imazu Hisao Sensei, Ugajin Toru Sensei and his son, Naoya, recent college graduate came to assist Kenshikan Tournament and practiced with us while they were in Hawaii. We are hoping that they repeat their visit next year, too.

Mr. Jonah Wu from Dallas Texas came to practice with us at our Honbu Dojo Myohoji on Sunday, March 23. Hope many kenshis follow his visit from other places. We welcome them.

Tina Kaku, Vice-President of Hawaii Kendo Federation, had passed Kendo 6 Dan examination at Nippon Budokan Kenshu Center in Chiba during Foreign Kendo Leaders' Seminar in March. She is the first female 6 Dan in Hawaii Kendo Federation history. Congratulations to her!

Hawaii Kendo Federation 1 Kyu and Dan examination will be on Sunday, May 25 at Honbu Dojo Myohoji. If you are eligible for promotion and ready, contact your senseis.

Leeward Oahu Tournament is on Sunday, June 29 at Mililani District Park Gym. Practice and prepare to participate. Sasaki Hiroshi Sensei and Keiko Sensei from Akita will come and observe our improvement.

Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation Women's (16 years and older) Tournament is announced. It will be on Saturday, July 19 at Spartan Recreation Center, 202 NE 185th St. Shoreline WA. Please check with other ladies and try to participate in Tournament as Team Hawaii.

Our Club T-shirts are available. Color is black and back of the shirt says, "Kendo will make it better. Sizes S through XXL.

“転石、苔生さず, Ten Seki Koke Musazu,” A rolling stone gathers no moss. When I found out that Japanese and American interpret this absolute opposite, I was so intrigued. Japanese sees Koke, Moss, as beautiful green plant which survives and flourishes on stationary stone after a long period of time, representing endurance and perseverance with difficult times. American considers Moss dirty, undesirable thing like a scab. If you move around, you may be free from dirty attachments and able to stay fresh without being influenced by bad people or things.

Recently I got to know two important persons for me ended up with arguments. If they think like me, "Wow, there are some people think totally different from the way I think," arguments never would have escalated.

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