

Wahiawa Kendo Club Bulletin - February 2026

American Zone Shinpan Seminar is held in Steveston Canada on January 31 and February 1. Unfortunately, no one from Hawaii is participating this year.

From Mimasaka City, Okayama, 5 people are visiting Hawaii. Two of them are Hara Naofumi Sensei, Kendo 8 Dan, Tadamasa Miki Sensei, 7 Dan. The delegation is led by Mr. Soshi Michiue and accompanied with Mr. Tetsuya Haruna and Mrs. Tomoko Hara. They have a practice session in Lihue on January 31. They arrive in Honolulu morning of February 1 and come to our Honbu Dojo practice. They visit our club Monday February 1st night for joint practice session with Mililani Kendo Club. Please come and join our practice.

Hawaii lai-do members are very happy to have lai-do senseis from Okayama come and conduct the seminar at our dojo on Monday, February 9. They are very nice to keep hosting Hawaii lai-do delegation to practice and take examinations there in the past. Our kendo practice has been canceled that night, but please come and observe the seminar.

Steveston Kendo Club's 62nd Annual Tournament is on Saturday, February 21. Many people from Hawaii are going to participate in the tournament along with family member chaperons. Some of them extend their stay to enjoy their winter vacation. We are not used to cold weather. Stay warm. Be safe. Make friends. Enjoy the trip.

Over one hundred Martial Arts student group of Nihon Taiiku Daigaku (Nittai-Dai, Nippon Sport Science University) will come to Hawaii for their learning excursion. They have Demonstration and Workshop session at Waipahu High School Arena from 1PM on Sunday, February 22. They include Judo, Karate, Kendo, Kyudo, Aikido, Sumo, Shorinji Kenpo and Traditional performing arts. Please tell your friends and come together to watch their performance. Kendo group has 32 members who will come to Kenshikan Dojo to have goodwill practice on Saturday, February 21.

Kenshikan Kendo Club is hosting their annual Tournament on Sunday, March 15 at Manoa District Park Gym. Tournament will start at 8:30AM. Two Kendo Equipment vendors will be there for your equipment needs. If items require measurements, contact them beforehand so that they can bring them over for you.

We are collecting Hawaii Kendo Federation dues from our members now. Some have already paid. Our Club dues will be collected later when the amount is determined by senior members. If you can tell me the intention to continue to be HKF members this year, I will submit dues to HKF from our Club Fund to meet the deadline date. Let me know soon.

At one dojo I regularly go and practice, Sensei has his routine for students to perform at the end of practice session. Kids are told to go to observing parents, sit down and bow to show their appreciation for their support. If I had a teacher like this sensei when I was young, I would have become much better son for my parents. When I experienced how hard and it required love to raise my own children, I keenly recognized my parents' love. But, I could not do much to show my appreciation. When I have time and financial resources to do something for my parents, they were long gone. Respond to your parents' love while they are still alive.

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