

Wahiawa Kendo Club Bulletin - June 2026

Nakamura Moe Sensei, 6 Dan, from Aichi visited Kenshikan Kendo Club practices on Saturday May 9 and Tuesday May 12.

Hawaii Daijingu Kendo Club's Yukimasa Furutani Sensei along with me who regularly attend practices there were very happy to see their members swept Novice Division in Kenshikan Kendo Club Tournament on Saturday, May 23. Their Children's Team placed 1st. This proves that their teaching is on the right course.

Congratulations to our Club member, Phillip Billiot who passed Kendo 1 Dan examination on Sunday, May 31. He accomplished this while recuperating his shoulder ailment.

On Sunday, May 31, Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force 9 members Headed by Miura Hiroyuki Sensei and Danda Nobutaka Sensei, both 6 Dan Renshi, came to Honbu Dojo practice. It was admirable for them to mingle with local people to share same interest of Kendo rather than hitting Waikiki Beach. Other 7 members were Hashimoto Kento, Kimura Tamaki, Yoshida Keita, Ishii Zenshu, Nobuta Rikuto, Miyake Shuto and Kano Ryu.

Sasaki Hiroshi Sensei and his lovely wife Keiko Sensei, Renshi 6 Dan, will make their annual Hawaii visit from June 26 till July 2. Sasaki Hiroshi Sensei, Kyoshi 7 Dan, continuously visits Hawaii since He came during his university student time. We are very thankful for their visit and teachings. They plan to visit our Club, Wahiawa Kendo Club, on Monday, June 1. Please come and join our practice.

Leeward Oahu Kendo Tournament will be held on Sunday, June 28 at Mililani District Park Gym. Please come and observe even if you do not participate. Also, we need volunteers for courts and lunch room. One Kendo Equipment company so far plans to come for our equipment needs. I have ordered items on line for them to bring with them, already. Please do the same if items you want requires size or measurements.

Miura Daiki, a former Hawaii Kendo Federation member and University of Hawaii student, will visit us from July 10 through 16. Please welcome him if he visits your club.

International Kendo Federation announced American Zone Shinpan Seminar to be held on September 12 and 13. They will let us know the location later. Hawaii did not have any representatives in the last seminar, I am hoping someone preferably higher rank persons to attend and learn, then disperse the current referee tournament rules to Hawaii Kenshis.

In April I was fortunate to celebrate my elementary and junior high school classmate Oiwake Takuya Sensei's Aiki-do 8 Dan award ceremony with over 100 people. He was the first person to receive 8 Dan in Fukushima Prefecture. He started Aiki-do when he entered his university. He continued to practice and teach over 50 years while opening his own dojo. This was done while being the president of a company overseeing company operation. He had a stroke which paralyzed his one side. He overcame his disability by rehabilitation with strong determination. He had both knees replaced which was a big disadvantage for Aiki-do person. His strong willpower and continuous efforts made his 8 Dan possible. He created many teachers among his students. I want to follow his way at least in spirit.

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