

## Wahiawa Kendo Club Bulletin - April 2026

Kenshikan Tournament scheduled to take place on Sunday, March 15 was postponed because Gym was designated to be one of evacuation shelters from severe storm hit Hawaii that week. They are asking the new permit on one of May Sundays. Stay tuned for the new date. Kamiya Sensei and Ugajin Sensei and his son Naoya came all the way from Tokyo to support the tournament could not do much though they visited our club and practiced with us.

Torrance Kendo Dojo Tournament was participated from Hawaii by the following kenshis; Eiji Lim, Kyouka Lim, Kenzen Hino, Carter Goodin, Maddy Goodin, Abby Mejia and Rina Ono-Brown. They were coached by Chris Goodin Sensei. Eiji Lim's Team came in 3rd. They had good experiences and had a good time.

Haruko Hirano Sensei, 7 Dan, from Kanagawa came to Kenshikan Dojo on Wednesday, March 25 and practiced. She contacted Tina Kaku Sensei before she join the practice.

Mr. Axel Wilhite from Venice Kendo Dojo came to Honbu Dojo on Sunday, March 29 and join our practice. He is formally from New York where he practiced along with Tina Kaku Sensei at New York University Kendo Club.

Hawaii Kendo Federation 1 Kyu and Dan examination is scheduled on Sunday, May 31 at Honbu Dojo. If you are eligible to take the promotional examination, contact your dojo senseis and practice for it.

Leeward Oahu Kendo Tournament is now scheduled on Sunday, June 28 at Mililani District Park Gym. Mark your calendar and practice for it.

Daiki Miura, a former University Hawaii student, plans to revisit Hawaii from July 10 through 16. Please welcome him when he visits your dojo for practices.

Ms. Reiko Hayashi created her own Blog to share her Kendo pursuance and experience. They are very inspirational. Please view them when you have time. Japanese Site - [kendocat.com](http://kendocat.com) and English site - [kendocat.com/en](http://kendocat.com/en)

We had only 4 girls and 4 adults in one Monday practice recently. When the command was made, "面をつけ," "*Men Wo Tsuke*, put *men* (head gear) on," all 8 of us started same time. However, 4 girls were finished and standing ready to go already while any of us 4 adults were still finishing to put *men* on. I was impressed by these girls because Kendo Senseis always tell you not to have senseis wait. By saying that, Kendo Senseis try to develop persons who get jobs in adult life and become persons who do not let their superiors, customers, patients, clients and co-workers wait. This is one of factors person considered dependable and reliable to take leadership positions and become successful.

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