

Wahiawa Kendo Club Bulletin - October 2023

Our Club's Annual Fundraiser, Zippy's ticket sale is in full swing. They raised the price to \$11 this year. Tickets are good till November 19 with 5 day grace period. A ticket will give you a choice of Zippy's Famous Chili, Portuguese Bean Soup, Breakfast set or 5 pieces Corn Bread. If you can help us contact me or club members for tickets.

Dale Hatakeyama Sensei of San Jose Kendo Dojo will be in Hawaii from October 1 to 31. He will visit selected dojos. If he comes, please welcome him and practice with him.

Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation 47th Annual Tournament is on Saturday, October 28 at Kent Commons Community Center. Team Hawaii members are Abigail Mejia, Brandyn Matsumoto, Issei So, Erika Hill, Sean Repp, Kevin Chun and Seth Harris. Good luck to them. Make friends, renew friendships, enjoy the trip and most importantly stay safe.

World Combat Games will be held in Riyadh in Saudi Arabia on October 29 and 30. This is the 3rd one after Beijing, China and St. Petersburg, Russia. Hawaii will be represented by Dr. Braxton Fukutomi and Mrs. Tina Kaku-Miura. Enjoy the trip and be safe.

Aiea Taiheiji Kendo Club will sponsor their tournament on Saturday, November 18. They have not announce the tournament site yet. Let me know if you, Wahiawa Kendo Club member, wants to participate.

Hawaii Kendo Federation 1 Kyu and Dan examination will be held on Sunday, November 19 at Halawa District Park Gym. If you are eligible and want to take the examination, let your Dojo teachers know.

Tsuyama Budo Gakuen in Okayama is inviting Budo people including Hawaii Kendo persons for the tour to experience old Budo related sites and to meet people related to Budo from December 8 to 11. Hawaii Kendo delegation so far are Corey Kahalewai, Kazuko Nishiyone, Jason Bryant, Cherlyn Jensen and Liz Santana led by HKF President Furutani. Enjoy the tour.

A dojo posted on the board, “一日 書を読まねば 心が錆びる。一日 竹刀持たねば 身が錆びる” “Ichinichi sho-wo yomaneba kokoro ga sabiru. Ichinichi shinai motaneba miga sabiru.”

I interpret this as “If you do not read a day, your heart becomes dull. If you do not practice a day with shinai, your body becomes dull.” Many senseis have their mottos like “文武両道、文武不岐、右武左文、Bunbu-ryohdoh, Bunbu-fuki, Youbu-sabun.” All these telling students to practicing kendo and studying are going together. It is the best when students can accomplish academically while practicing kendo as much as they can. If they can do both well, students become very good human beings. I get disappointed when highly paid and admired athletes by youth commit anti-social or criminal acts. Just like this instructor posted the sign, we teachers, should assist students achieve both in study and in kendo admirably.

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