

Wahiawa Kendo Club Bulletin - January 2025

Happy New Year! Hope this year is prosperous for you and you kendo improvement.

We were pleasantly surprised that Mr. Azamat Kumykov from Russia showed up to practice with us on Sunday, December 29 at Myohoji Honbu Dojo. He has been with us ever since he was a foreign student at University of Hawaii. Welcome home.

After Covid Pandemic, Emoto Tadashi Sensei from Tokyo, finally can come back to be with us from January 3rd. Please welcome him when he visit clubs in Hawaii.

Chris Goodin Sensei is kind enough to take 3 children, Kyouka Lim, Kenzen Hino and Carter Goodin to Torrance Kendo Club sponsored tournament on January 25 in California. They have been practicing hard. Good luck to them. Enjoy and make friends there, too.

Steveston Kendo Club Annual Tournament is on Saturday, February 8 in Richmond, B.C. Canada. Many Hawaii kenshis and their family are going. Some are combining their winter vacation along with this tournament. Keep yourselves warm and enjoy the trip.

American Zone FIK Referee Seminar is held on Saturday and Sunday, February 22 and 23 in Los Angeles area, Irvine and Cerritos, California. Please inform Hawaii Kendo Federation President Furutani as soon as possible if you want to participate.

Kenshikan Kendo Club announced that their tournament will be held on Sunday, March 16. Mark your calendar and prepare to participate. I am hoping that some senseis from Japan can come as usual year and assist us for refereeing along with teaching us.

International Kendo Leaders' Seminar will be held from March 17 through 24 at Nippon Budokan Kenshu Center in Chiba Japan. Mrs. Tina Kaku-Miura will be representing Hawaii there. She is a good candidate to attend and disperse her learning to young ones in Hawaii.

We recently reproduced our club T-shirts. We now only have black ones. Back of T-shirt says "Kendo will make it better." Sizes available are S, M, L, XL for \$15 and XXL for \$17. It used to be our fund raise project. We no longer make money because prices stay same. Let me know if you want to have one.

I will start to collect Hawaii Kendo Federation and our club dues for year 2025. As every year I say, "Paying dues and attending events organizations you belong to are very important support you can give." I pay dues just to support some organizations though I do not join activities.

Japan has season's greeting custom to send 年賀状 "Nenga-jo, New Year Card" just like Western tradition of sending Christmas cards. Recent trend is sending the notice of cessation of sending New Year Cards so that others do not wonder why they do not receive one this year. This is because increased postage costs and development of other means of communication. But, it is sad. It is nice to hear from friends and relatives at least once a year to know that they are doing OK especially for elderly folks who are isolated and lonely. Call or send greeting cards, text messages, emails and letters to brighten their monotonous and lonesome lives.

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