

AUSKF 2006 Iaido Camp Report

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To: AUSKF Board of Directors and Officers

From: Dennis Ralutin, President, Southern California Iaido Association (SCIA)

Subject: AUSKF 2006 Iaido Camp report

The AUSKF 2006 Iaido Camp was held at the Corryville Recreation Center in Cincinnati, Ohio from Thursday, September 28 through Sunday, October 1. This event was organized and sponsored by the Northern Kentucky Kendo Club of the East Central United States Kendo Federation (ECUSKF).

The following instructors from the AUSKF were in attendance:

Takeshi Yamaguchi sensei (SCKF/SCIA), 7 dan Iaido, camp head instructor

Shozo Kato sensei (GNEUSKF), 7 dan Kyoshi Iaido

Tatsuhiko Konno sensei (PNKF), 7 dan Renshi Iaido

Ichiro Murakami sensei (SCKF/SCIA), 6 dan Iaido

Thomas Hooper sensei (AEUSKF), 6 dan Renshi Iaido

Dick Anderson sensei (PNKF), 6 dan Iaido

A total of 94 participants attended the camp, which consisted of a two-day seminar, the AUSKF 2006 National Iaido Tournament and promotional examination (shinkyu shinsa).

The results of the AUSKF 2006 National Iaido Tournament held on September 30 were as follows:

Mudansha Division (1 kyu and below)

1st: Marcos Altuna, GNEUSKF (Shidogakuin DC)

2nd: Michelle Gay, AEUSKF (Ken Zen Institute)

3rd: David Spina, AEUSKF (Ken Zen Institute)

3rd: Matthew Blanchard, AEUSKF (Doshikai Kendo and Iaido Dojo)

Kanto-Sho (Fighting Spirit): Robert Maddux, AEUSKF (Meitokukan Kendo and Iaido Club)

Yamaguchi Hai (1 dan and 2 dan)

1st: Paul Shin, GNEUSKF (Shidogakuin NY)

2nd: Terry Fukui, AEUSKF (Ken Zen Institute)

3rd: Paul Tigh, SWKIF (Dallas/Ft. Worth Kendo and Iaido Kyokai)

3rd: Jonathan Corum, EUSKF (Japanese Swordsmanship Society)

Kanto-Sho (Fighting Spirit): Walter Gallo, AEUSKF (Sei Zan Ken)

Nakanishi Hai (3 dan and above)

1st: Pam Parker, AEUSKF (Ken Zen Institute)

2nd: Yukiko Abe, ECUSKF (Northern Kentucky Kendo Club)

3rd: Jason Hankins, RMKIF (ZenBuKan)

3rd: Sachiko Prough, EUSKF (Japanese Swordsmanship Society)

Kanto-Sho (Fighting Spirit): Samuel Okuno, SCKF/SCIA (Norwalk Kendo Dojo)

The promotional examination took place on the last day of the camp with 65 candidates testing from 3 kyu to 5 dan. 83% (54 out of 65) of the candidates passed compared to 78.7% (48 out of 61) at last year's examination in Torrance, California. The following individuals received new ranks:

3 Kyu

Conrad DeLancey	SEUSKF	Memphis Iaido Dojo
Brian Railing	PNKF	Musokai
Thomas Petchel	PNKF	Musokai
Daisuke Ueda	SWKIF	Dallas/Ft. Worth Kendo and Iaido Kyokai
Hiroshi Toriumi	RMKIF	ZenBuKan
Donovan McCain	SWKIF	Memphis Iaido Dojo
Amanda Doran	SWKIF	Memphis Iaido Dojo
Heath Rice	SWKIF	Memphis Iaido Dojo
Adam Wilson	SEUSKF	Memphis Iaido Dojo
Billy DeLancey	SEUSKF	Memphis Iaido Dojo
Larry Runnels	SEUSKF	Memphis Iaido Dojo

2 Kyu

Philip Ma	SCKF/SCIA	Norwalk Kendo Dojo
Tomoyuki Hirasawa	SWKIF	Dallas/Ft. Worth Kendo and Iaido Kyokai
Shauna Toh	AEUSKF	Meitokukan Kendo and Iaido Club
Sylvain Leroy	AEUSKF	Ken Zen Institute
James Konrad	SEUSKF	Annapolis Kendo and Iaido Club
Robert Baruch	GNEUSKF	Washington Kendo and Iaido Club
Barbara Esher	GNEUSKF	Washington Kendo and Iaido Club

1 Kyu

Jeremy Yamashiro	RMKIF	ZenBuKan
David Yang	EUSKF	Japanese Swordsmanship Society
Arthur Cain	EUSKF	Japanese Swordsmanship Society
Chao-I Huang	EUSKF	Japanese Swordsmanship Society
Cheuk Ying Tang	EUSKF	Japanese Swordsmanship Society
Lauren Valdata	SEUSKF	Annapolis Kendo and Iaido Club
Lee Adamo	EUSKF	Japanese Swordsmanship Society
Robert Maddux	AEUSKF	Meitokukan Kendo and Iaido Club

1 Dan

David Spina	AEUSKF	Ken Zen Institute
Martin Kale	AEUSKF	Doshikai Kendo and Iaido Dojo
Matthew Blanchard	AEUSKF	Doshikai Kendo and Iaido Dojo
Mark Magpayo	EUSKF	Japanese Swordsmanship Society
Marcos Altuna	GNEUSKF	Shidogakuin DC
Mark Chevalier	SWKIF	Memphis Iaido Club
Michelle Gay	AEUSKF	Ken Zen Institute
David Jones	SEUSKF	Charlotte Kendo Club
Robert Souder	SEUSKF	Gulf Coast Kendo of Tampa Bay

2 Dan

Donald Crittenden	SEUSKF	Memphis Iaido Club
Shigemi Matsuyama	GNEUSKF	Cleveland Kendo Club
Robert Eitel	SEUSKF	Annapolis Kendo and Iaido Club
Robert Tranchin	SWKIF	Dallas/Ft. Worth Kendo and Iaido Kyokai
Paul Tigh	SWKIF	Dallas/Ft. Worth Kendo and Iaido Kyokai
Rod Faghani	GNEUSKF	Shidogakuin DC

3 Dan

Tom Olson	AEUSKF	Doshikai Kendo and Iaido Dojo
Chad Cook	AEUSKF	Doshikai Kendo and Iaido Dojo
Jonathan Corum	EUSKF	Japanese Swordsmanship Society
Sachiko Prough	EUSKF	Japanese Swordsmanship Society
Andre Chen	GNEUSKF	Shidogakuin DC
Paul Shin	GNEUSKF	Shidogakuin NY
Terry Fukui	AEUSKF	Ken Zen Institute
Kevin Loughlin	AEUSKF	Ken Zen Institute
Peter Lichtman	SCKF/SCIA	Pasadena Japanese Cultural Institute Kendo Dojo

4 Dan

Richard Hill	NCKF/NCIA	San Jose Kendo Dojo
Michael Ugarte	AEUSKF	KenZen Institute
Jean Kodama	SCKF/SCIA	Norwalk Kendo Dojo
Richard Tanaka	NCKF/NCIA	San Jose Kendo Dojo

5 Dan

Debi Farmer	GNEUSKF	Shidogakuin NY
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The following dates and locations have been set for future Iaido camps:

July 26-29, 2007: Omaha, Nebraska (SWKIF)
TBD 2008: Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania (EUSKF)

The 2006 camp was an overall success and could not have been such without the cooperation and hard work from the camp organizers, Jim Atkins (ECUSKF), Dennis Ralutin (SCKF/SCIA) and Isabella Church (GNEUSKF). Thanks also go out to all the volunteers from members of the Northern Kentucky Kendo Club and Memphis Iaido Club for their help during the camp.

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