

AUSKF 2010 IAIDO CAMP REPORT

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To: AUSKF Board of Directors and Officers

From: Takeshi Yamaguchi, Chairman, AUSKF Iaido Committee

Subject: AUSKF 2010 Iaido Camp Report

The 2010 AUSKF Iaido Camp was held on the campus of Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas on June 10 through June 13. This event was organized and hosted by the River City Iaido and Kendo Kyokai from the SUSKIF.

Two instructors from the Zen Nippon Kendo Renmei (ZNKR), Iaido Section attended the camp: Chihiro Kishimoto sensei, hanshi 8 dan Iaido and Masahiro Yamasaki sensei, hanshi 8 dan Iaido and kyoshi 7 dan kendo. This was Kishimoto sensei's second consecutive year a guest instructor of the camp and Yamasaki sensei's fourth consecutive year.

The following instructors from the AUSKF were in attendance:

Takeshi Yamaguchi sensei (SCKF/SCIA), 7 dan kyoshi, 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

Pam Parker sensei, (AEUSKF), 6 dan renshi Iaido

Russell Ichimura sensei, (SWKIF), 6 dan Iaido

Mark Uchida sensei, (SWKIF), 6 dan Iaido

Over 100 participants attended the camp, except for the sensei, including an Iaidoka from the Brazilian Kendo Federation. The camp consisted of two days of seminars, the AUSKF 2010 National Iaido Taikai and a promotional examination (shinkyu shinsa). Kishimoto sensei and Yamasaki sensei led the instruction during the two days of seminars and performed various demonstrations of and explained the concepts behind the ZenKenRen Iaido kata. Kishimoto sensei also conducted an Iaido shimpan seminar for 4 dan and above on Friday, June 11.

Taikai Results

Mudansha Division (2 kyu & below)	Name	Dojo/Federation
1st Place: #B1	Lucy Nagashima	Dallas-Ft Worth Kendo & Iaido Kyokai / SWKIF
2nd Place: #A1	Alberto Kiramoto	Dallas-Ft Worth Kendo & Iaido Kyokai / SWKIF
3rd Place: #A6	Sasha Corchado	Japanese Swordsmanship Society / EUSKF
3rd Place: #B5	Ryuichi Shimizu	Seattle Kendokai / PNKF
Kantoshō: #A2	Teal Wall	Rocky Mountain Budokan / RMKIF

室迫杯 Murosako Cup (1 kyu & 1 dan)	Name	Dojo/Federation
1st Place: #A21	Seth Rissmiller	Rocky Mountain Budokan / RMKIF
2nd Place: #B16	Tomoyuki Hirasawa	Dallas-Ft Worth Kendo & Iaido Kyokai / SWKIF
3rd Place: #A13	Jeff Keffer	Memphis Iaido Club / SWKIF
3rd Place: #B21	Emily Morgan	Musokai / PNKF
Kantoshō: #B11	Thomas Yosenick	Dallas-Ft Worth Kendo & Iaido Kyokai / SWKIF

山口杯 Yamaguchi Cup (2 dan & 3 dan)	Name	Dojo/Federation
1st Place: #B36	Andre Chen	Shidogakuin / GNEUSKF
2nd Place: #A45	Brian Wright	Shidogakuin WA / GNEUSKF
3rd Place: #A34	Gordon Hall	Ken Zen / AEUSKF
3rd Place: #B44	Tsuyoshi Nishiura	San Jose Dojo / NCKF
Kantoshō: #B43	Loren Nishimura	Alaska Kendo Club / PNKF

中西杯 Nakanishi Cup (4 dan & above)	Name	Dojo/Federation
1st Place: #B51	Paul Shin	Shidogakuin NY / GNEUSKF
2nd Place: #A60	Pam Parker	Ken Zen / AEUSKF
3rd Place: #A52	Jason Hankins	Zen Bu Kan / RMKIF
3rd Place: #B60	Debi Farmer	Shidogakuin NY / GNEUSKF
Kantoshō: #A57	Jonathan Bannister	Tsubomi Seishin Kan / PNKF

The promotion examination was held on Sunday, June 13, with candidates testing from kyu to 6 dan and shogo. The following individuals received new ranks:

(First Name, Last Name, Dojo, Federation)

6 Kyu

Teal Wall

Rocky Mountain Budokan

RMKIF

5 Kyu

Donna Aranda	El Paso Kendo Club	SWKIF
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4 Kyu

Christopher George	Northern Kentucky Kendo Club	ECUSKF
Carmen Mandel	Doshikai	AEUSKF

3 Kyu

Jordan Dillon-Maginnis	Memphis Iaido Club	SWKIF
Lucy Nagashima	DFWKIK	SWKIF
Kok Leong Ng	DFWKIK	SWKIF

2 Kyu

Alberto Kiramoto	Dallas-Ft. Worth	SWKIF
David Norton	Ken Zen	AEUSKF

1 Kyu

Ryuichi Shimizu	Seattle Kendokai	PNKF
Sasha Corchado	JSS	EUSKF
Phyllis Stone	RCIKK	SUSKIF

1 Dan

Seth Rissmiller	Rocky Mountain Budokan	RMKIF
Andrew Southworth	DFWKIK	SWKIF
Thomas Yosenick	DFWKIK	SWKIF
Pedro Borrego	Renshinkan El Paso	SWKIF
Yoshiyuki Hasegawa	Ken Zen	AEUSKF
David Fitch	Ken Zen	AEUSKF
Rodolfo Lynch	Ken Zen	AEUSKF

2 Dan

Jeffrey Meyers	Zen Bu Kan	RMKIF
Mark Chevalier	Memphis Iaido Club	SWKIF
Tomoyuki Hirasawa	DFWKIK	SWKIF
Kimiye Touchi	Emeryville	NCIA

3 Dan

Gordon Hall	Ken Zen	AEUSKF
Bob Eitel	Baltimore-Annapolis	AEUSKF
Martin Kale	Doshikai	AEUSKF

4 Dan

Silvio Yoshikawa	Rudge Ramos Kendo	BRAZIL
Andre Chen	Shidogakuin	GNEUSKF
Brian Wright	Shidogakuin WA	GNEUSKF
Joe Sheldon	RCIKK	SUSKIF

5 Dan

Moki Yoshikawa	Tacoma Kendo & Iaido Club	PNKF
Isabella Church	Shidogakuin	GNEUSKF

Shogo - Renshi

Russell Ichimura	DFWKIK	SWKIF
Mark Uchida	Mushinkan	RMKIF

Hideki Iwakabe Rocky Mountain Budokan RMKIF

Shogo - Kyoshi

Tatsuhiko Konno Musokai PNKF

The AUSKF 2011 laido Camp is tentatively scheduled for June 2-5, 2011 on the campus of Case Western University in Cleveland, Ohio and will be hosted and organized by Tsuyoshi Inoshita sensei and the GNEUSKF. The AUSKF 2012 laido Camp is tentatively scheduled to take place in Tacoma, Washington and will be hosted by the Tacoma Kendo and laido Club of the PNKF.

The 2010 camp was a great success which is attributed to the cooperation and hard work of the camp hosts and head organizers, Rose Kanusky and Joe Sheldon of the River City laido and Kendo Kyokai (SUSKIF). Russell Ichimura sensei and David Cooper sensei did an excellent job organizing the taikai, as did Pam Parker sensei (AEUSKF) organizing the shinsa. Special thanks also go out to Mark Kerstein sensei (SUSKIF President), Loren Nishimura (PNKF) and Yuko Nishida (AEUSKF) for their translating duties and all the volunteers from the River City laido and Kendo Kyokai, Houston Budokan, University of Houston Cougar Kendo Club, friends and family. Pictures from the camp are available on the Internet from the following individuals and their websites:

Dennis Ralutin:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/ocbpictures/collections/72157624320471890/>

University of Houston Cougar Kendo Club:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/CougarKendo/10SummerAUSKFlaidoCamp1#>

<http://picasaweb.google.com/CougarKendo/10SummerAUSKFlaidoCamp2#>

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