



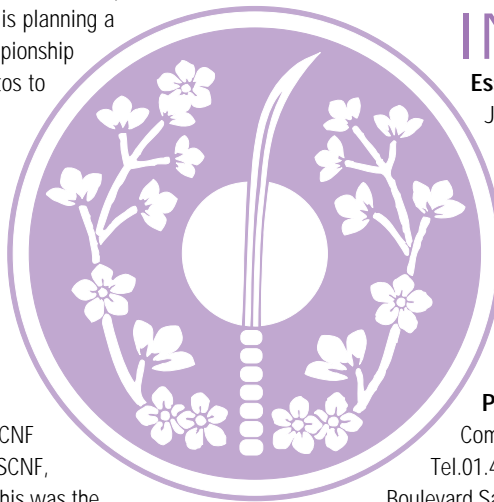
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Rebirth of the USNF Newsletter

The long silent USNF Newsletter is making a comeback, following the many requests for better communications at the last general meeting. Karen Schmucker has volunteered to design and write the newsletter on a quarterly basis. Issues will be posted on the Naginata Web Site. Hard copies will be available at Seminars and tournaments. Karen is planning a special issue of the newsletter following the INF Championship in Paris. Please forward your news items and photos to her at: karenysch@aol.com.

U.S. Team Practice

Many members of the USNF Delegation to the upcoming INF Second World Championship in Paris were able to get together for a weekend practice in the San Francisco Bay Area from March 19-21. They were especially lucky because Yamauchi Sensei was visiting from Japan and was able to assist Tanaka Sensei and Chiu Sensei in getting USNF members ready for the INF events. NCF members were happy to host team members from SCNF, who drove up from Los Angeles for the practices. This was the first joint practice of the majority of the U.S. Team. Everyone left better prepared to represent the U.S. in this international event.



Esprit de Corps

Many thanks to Kevin Saxton (SCNF) for taking the lead on procuring matching windbreakers for the U.S. Delegation to Paris for the INF World Championship. The jackets are very high-quality and arrived just in time.

INF in Paris

Essentials

Just a word to the wise, in case you haven't traveled in France before: pack your own washcloths and bath towel. In general, Europeans consider washcloths to be personal items and hotels do not provide them. Also, previous travelers to another French sports facility (not Vichy) discovered that the facility did not provide any towels. It doesn't hurt to be prepared.

Paris hotels:

Comfort Inn, 84 Rue Régnault, 75013 Paris France
Tel.01.45.85.70.70; Hotel Sofitel Forum Rive Gauche, 17, Boulevard Saint Jacques, 75014 Paris Tel.01.40.78.79.80.

U.S. Team Assignments

Departure time for the trip to Paris is rapidly approaching. To refresh your memories, here is the current line-up for the team and officials:

Women's Team:

Senpo: Yoko Fujita
Chuken: Diana Garrett
Taisho: Jean Yien

Men's Team:

Senpo: Ian Ono
Chuken: Kevin Saxton
Taisho: Bob Peterson

Women's Individuals: Fran Vall, Marcia Toyohara, Margaret Green

Men's Individuals: Kurt Schmucker, Kevin Saxton, Temuchin Lowe

Engi Pairs: Temuchin Lowe & Bob Peterson; Diana Garrett & Dan Garrett

Referees: Miyako Tanaka Price, Helen Nakano, Malyne Chiu

Team Manager: Karen Schmucker

Coach: Takami Tanner

Elections

USNF Election Results

The USNF General Election took place on March 21st. The results were as follows:

President: Miyako Tanaka Price
Vice-President: Diana Payne
Executive Secretary: Kurt Schmucker
Recording Secretary: Karen Schmucker
Treasurer: Stephanie Hoppe

Best Wishes to Diana Payne... for a speedy recovery. Diana was to be the manager of the U.S. Team, but had to cancel her plans to attend the INF Championship in Paris this Spring for medical reasons. Diana will be greatly missed, but she will be in our thoughts as we travel to Paris.

Gambat-te!