

calendar of events

2000-2001

Oct 22, 2000	NCNF Annual Tournament San Jose State University
Nov 1-3, 2000	<i>Tendo ryu Shingetsukai Taikai</i> and Seminar, Shubu-kan, Itami
Nov 10-12, 2000	ECNF Annual Seminar, George Mason University, Virginia
Nov 18-19, 2000	INF Seminar and Promotional Test INF Technical Committee Meeting Melbourne, Australia
Feb 2001	NCNF Annual Seminar San Jose State University
Mar 10-11, 2001	USNF Promotional Test and General Meeting; USNF Board Meeting San Jose, CA
May 2001	AJNF <i>Shingi</i> and <i>Shinsa Kai</i> (<i>shogo</i> , <i>yondan</i> , <i>godan</i> tests), Shubu-kan, Itami
Jul 26-29, 2001	USNF/INF Seminar and Promotional Test; USNF Board Meeting INF Board Meeting Sonoma State University Rohnert Park, California



NCNF Promotees 1999: Maureen Hawk, Karen Schmucker, and Stephanie Hoppe with Tanaka Sensei.

from the editor

Many thanks to Tanaka Sensei for contributing photos and information for this issue as well as to Stephanie Hoppe (NCNF) for contributing additional photos and for drafting the section on the 1999 Seminar in Long Island.

A special thanks to Sue Kent (SCNF) for all the digital photos from the Hawaii Tournament and Seminar. Without her help, we would not have had photos of anyone in *bogu* from Hawaii.

For those of you who may not have seen your favorite photo or event published, please send those photos and/or draft articles to me and I will see that they are published in the next issue.

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usnf tournament and seminar 2000

The United States Naginata Federation (USNF) held its sixth national tournament and seminar July 13-16 at the Ala Wai Palladium in Honolulu, Hawaii. Hosted by the Hawaii Naginata Federation (HNF), the event drew over fifty participants. This year we were fortunate to have two visiting teachers sent by the International Naginata Federation (INF) from Japan to preside over the events and instruct advanced students — Midori Sunagawa Sensei (*hanshi*) and Takeko Kajiyama Sensei (*hanshi*). In addition to the visiting sensei, Miyako Tanaka Price Sensei (*kyoshi*) also participated as a seminar instructor for beginners and intermediate students.

Referee Seminar

Following the practice of the past few years, the first day of the seminar was dedicated to *shinpan* training for *sandan* rank and above, with the following days open to all levels. Those who had not yet reached *sandan* level and were not officially attending the *shinpan* seminar gained valuable extra training by participating in *engi* and *shiai* matches for referee seminar attendees to observe and practice their judging skills.

Two-Day Seminar

The rest of the seminar was devoted to overall training for all levels. In addition to reviews of *kihon*, *shikake-oji* and training in *bogu*, advanced students also trained in *Zen-Nihon Kata*. All aspects of naginata were thoroughly reviewed and everyone trained hard, improved their skills, made several new friends, and renewed old friendships.

Promotional Tests

At the conclusion of training, promotional tests were held for both *dangai* and *yudansha* ranks. (Results of the testing are listed on page 6.)

Tournament

The 6th national tournament was held on Sunday, July 16th. *Engi*, Women's Individuals and Women's Team matches were held in the morning following a group warmup practice. Men's Individual's and Men's Team Matches were held in the afternoon. Everyone trained hard in the competitive matches, which were very spirited and engaging to watch. In addition to competing in the matches, many participants offered their help in running the tournament, serving as scorekeepers, timekeepers, and so on. They were very much appreciated.



Group Practice Takami Tanner
Photo: Richard Berrsenbrugge

Demonstrations

The afternoon session of the tournament began with a children's demonstration of *engi*. Participants included: Collin Chiu, Sophia Custodia (NCNF), Alex Chiya (HNF), and Kevin Tanner (RMNF). The children performed the first five techniques of *shikake-oji* very well and showed much improvement during their time at the seminar. After their demonstration, Kajiyama Sensei and Miura Sensei gave a demonstration of *Jikishin kage ryu* naginata followed by a demonstration of *Tendo ryu* naginata by Sunagawa Sensei and Tanaka Sensei.

The results from the tournament were as follows:

Engi

First Place	Ian Ono/Kevin Saxton (SCNF)
Second Place	Kurt Schmucker/Bob Peterson (NCNF)
Third Place	Mike Tanner/Takami Tanner (RMNF)

Women's Individuals

First Place	Takami Tanner (RMNF)
Second Place	Kaori Shimauchi (HNF)
Third Place	Fran Vall (ECNF)

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1999 seminar, new york

The USNF 1999 Annual Seminar, hosted by the East Coast Naginata Federation (ECNF), took place August 4-8 at the Southampton, New York, campus of Long Island University. A sizable contingent from the Northern California Naginata Federation (NCNF) joined students from ECNF as well as a good number of beginners for the four-day event. Thursday was devoted to shinpan training for those holding the rank of *sandan* or higher.

Miyako Tanaka Price Sensei (*kyoshi*) and Sachiko Yamauchi Sensei (*kyoshi*) instructed the students in tournament management, with an emphasis on *engi* judging. Lower-ranked individuals gained additional experience and feedback by performing *engi* and *shiai* matches so that seminar attendees could practice judging skills.

Friday through Sunday sessions offered training for all levels, instructed by Tanaka Sensei and Yamauchi Sensei, joined by Malyne Chiu Sensei (*renshi*). The afternoon on Saturday brought *dan* and *kyu* tests for all levels of practitioners and practice for new *kyu* examiners. On Sunday, participants gathered for tournament practice. New students competed in their newly learned skills of *joge buri* and *uchi kaeshi*, with new officials presiding.

Saturday evening the group celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the USNF with a dinner at a Japanese restaurant that somehow extended late into the night. One of the highlights of the evening came when photo albums were produced and passed around the tables. Everyone marveled at seeing snapshots of naginata students and teachers in their younger years. It must be said that the parade of fashion and hairstyles garnered the most attention. (*Marcia, was that really you under that hair?*)

All in all, the seminar was a huge success and was most enjoyed by everyone. The university offered a lovely, parklike setting of brick buildings amid lawns and large trees, with convenient, if spartan (at least for those of the group some decades removed from college

life) accommodations, with dorm rooms and cafeteria within walking distance of the training facility. Our thanks are owed to the ECNF, especially to Jackie Gettling and Fran Vall for making all the arrangements. And we are happy to report that many of the new people who tried out naginata at this seminar are continuing their training!



Promotional Test
Karen Schmucker (NCNF), Marcia Toyohara (NCNF)



Long Island Seminar Participants, August 1999

august 1999 promotions

sandan
Karen Schmucker (NCNF)
nidan
Stephanie Hoppe (NCNF)
Maureen Hawk (NCNF)
shodan
Brian Moore (ECNF)
Raymond Sosnowski (ECNF)

2 kyu
Jackie Gettling (ECNF)
Michael Doherty (ECNF)
Kazuo Kato
4 kyu
Marc Lamoureux (ECNF)
Shawn Wilson (ECNF)
Philip Ortiz (ECNF)
5 kyu
David Rubinovici (ECNF)

Long Island, New York, July 1999



Marcia Toyohara (NCNF) with Stephanie Hoppe (NCNF)

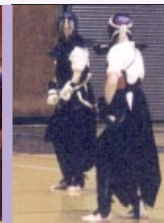


Maureen Hawk (NCNF) with Brian Moore (ECNF)



Promotional Test 1999

Photos this page by various participants.



Stephanie Hoppe (NCNF) and Maureen Hawk (NCNF)



Karen Schmucker (NCNF) leading *happo buri*



Fran Vall, Marcia Toyohara, Karen Schmucker, Miyako Tanaka Price, Malyne Chiu, Maureen Hawk, Stephanie Hoppe.



Stephanie Hoppe (NCNF) teaches a beginner.

2000 east coast seminar

This year the ECNF is holding its Fifth Annual Fall Naginata Seminar and Promotional Test 10 to 12 November 2000 at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. The event is being hosted by Northern Virginia Kendo Club.

Seminar training begins Friday evening and runs to Sunday afternoon. A promotional test is expected to be held on Saturday. For those who plan to fly, the two closest local airports are Ronald Reagan (National) Airport and Dulles International Airport.

Seminar fees* are as follows:

Three Days	Sat	Fri/Sun
At the Door (anyone) \$30	\$90	\$50
Pre-registered (unaffiliated) \$25	\$80	\$45
Pre-registered affiliated \$20	\$70	\$40

Please contact Fran Vall (703.533.1723 (h) 703.536.4201 (f) email: fvall@hotmail.com) or Ray Sosnowski (110742.522@compuserve.com) for more information and for an application form.

* Meals are not included in the fee; lunch is estimated at \$20.

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Zen nihon kata
Kurt Schmucker with
Sunagawa Sensei.

Photo: Richard Berssenbrugge.



Men's Competition Ian Ono (SCNF)
with Bob Peterson (NCNF)

usnf in hawaii, july 2000



Engi Referees
Nakano Sensei (SCNF)
Kajiyama Sensei
Chiu Sensei (NCNF)



Photo: Sue Kent (SCNF)

Engi Competition
Ian Ono (SCNF) with
Kevin Saxton (SCNF)

Photo: Sue Kent (SCNF)



Photo: Sue Kent (SCNF)



Photo: Sue Kent (SCNF)

Men's Competition
Glenn Shiraki (HNF)
with Bob Peterson (NCNF)



Photo: Sue Kent (SCNF)

Engi Competition
Kurt Schmucker (NCNF)
with Bob Peterson (NCNF)

(tournament results, continued from page 1)

Women's Team

- First Place Rocky Mountain Naginata Federation
Takami Tanner/Diana Payne
- Second Place Northern California Naginata Federation
Karen Schmucker/Stephanie Hoppe/
Maureen Hawk
- Third Place Southern California Naginata Federatoin
Margaret Green/Susan Kent/
Leslee Williams

Men's Individuals

- First Place Kevin Saxton (SCNF)
- Second Place Bob Peterson (NCNF)
- Third Place Ian Ono (SCNF)

Men's Team

- First Place Southern California Naginata Federation
Kevin Saxton/Ian Ono
- Second Place Northern California Naginata Federation
Martin Nobida/Bob Peterson/
Kurt Schmucker
- Third Place Hawaii Naginata Federaton
Kent Sato/Wayland Wong/
Nobuaki Shimauchi

Referees

- Takeko Kajiyama Miyako Tanaka Price
- Helen Nakano Malyne Chiu
- Takami Tanner Bob Peterson
- Kurt Schmucker Fran Vall
- Jean Yien Diana Payne

march 2000 promotions

shodan Nathan Scott (SCNF)

july 2000 promotions

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| sandan | 1 kyu |
| Andy Gibson (RMNF) | Collin Chiu (NCNF) |
| Kent Sato (HNF) | 2 kyu |
| nidan | Hideka Iha (HNF) |
| Nobuaki Shimauchi (HNF) | 3 kyu |
| Kaori Shimauchi (HNF) | Brian Monroe (ECNF) |
| Mike Tanner (RMNF) | 4 kyu |
| Wayland Wong (HNF) | Sophia Custodia (NCNF) |
| shodan | 5 kyu |
| Susan Kent (SCNF) | Alex Chiya (HNF) |
| Martin Nobida (NCNF) | Kevin Tanner (RMNF) |
| Leslee Williams (SCNF) | |



Helen Nakano, Midori Sunagawa and Takeko Kajiyama.
Photo: Susan Kent (SCNF)

referee promotions

Congratulations to Helen Nakano (President, SCNF), who received *Nishu Shinpan* (second-level referee) this summer. Sunagawa Sensei and Kajiyama Sensei were both members of Nakano Sensei's examination panel.

to hawaii naginata federation

The USNF would like to express its deep appreciation to Sensei Hanae Miura, President of the Hawaii Naginata Federation, for her and her students' extraordinary efforts in making our sixth annual tournament and seminar a success. The Ala Wai Palladium was a marvelous venue and its expansive views helped to create the perfect setting for our event. Anyone who has ever put on a similar event knows how much work is involved in a multi-day seminar and tournament. The entire federation sends you its thanks.

A special word of thanks goes to Kent Sato, who cheerfully ferried many participants back and forth between the Ala Moana Hotel and the Ala Wai Palladium each day. Most of all, participants enjoyed getting to meet and train with all of you. We hope to see you at many future USNF events.

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Miyako Tanaka Price
President, USNF

for upcoming issues

USNF Dojos

Several of you have requested that we publish a list of USNF dojos in an issue of the newsletter. We think this is a great idea and anticipated including the information in this issue, but found that our files are woefully out of date. Some regional federations list their dojos on their websites, but not all regional federations have websites and some that do are also out of date. Please send updated information (*email preferred, see back page for addresses*) to Kurt Schmucker, Executive Secretary, with a copy to Karen Schmucker, Recording Secretary and Editor of the Newsletter. We will see that it is published in the next issue and also included in the next update of the USNF website. Make sure you include the address, dates and times of practice, and instructor (with telephone/email address).



Visiting Sensei, Hawaii 2000: Left photo (left to right; top row) Hanae Miura, Miyako Tanaka Price, (bottom row) Takeko Kajiyama, Midori Sunagawa.
Photo: Richard Bessenbrugge.

Tell us what you think

Do you like the newsletter? Is there information you wish you could see? Is there a naginata experience or technique you would like to share with the group? Drop us a line and let us know. Most of us are busy professionals who find it challenging even to find time for practice, let alone sending in a photo or writing an article for the newsletter, but your fellow and future naginata practitioners would really appreciate it. The newsletter is more than an informational piece for USNF members. It is also a promotional tool that can be used to attract new members and further the practice of naginata in the United States. It will become more important in the next year or so as we approach the 2003 INF *Takai* and Seminar.

Honolulu, July 2000

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Photos this page by Richard Bessenbrugge and Sue Kent.



Group Practice: Alex Chiya (HNF), Collin Chiu (NCNF), Sophia Custodia (NCNF)



Men's Individual's Champions: Ian Ono (SCNF), Bob Peterson (NCNF), and Kevin Saxton (SCNF)



Women's Team First Place: Diana Payne (RMNF), and Takami Tanner (RMNF)



Men's Individuals Matches



Practice in bogu



Seminar, Basic Training



Collin Chiu (NCNF) with Tanaka Sensei (NCNF)