

Wahiawa Kendo Club Bulletin - September 2021

Hawaii Kendo Federation Zoom sessions become more important when more dojo's do not have in person practices due to COVID-19 infections. Last Sunday, August 29, was taught by Tusha Buntin Sensei how to maintain the safe conditions of our *shinai*s. My comment was, "More people should have watched this." I think for some beginners and lower rank persons get intimidated to see all those high rank persons in Zoom. My suggestion is like what I do, which is to go in without video so that you can only view it. In my cases I can hardly keep up with exercises with young instructors and do not want others to see me struggling. Hawaii Kendo Federation Sunday Zoom Keiko; Meeting ID - 856 0373 7825 and Passcode - 492556, Every Sunday 10 - 11 AM. Please join and experience it.

Hawaii Kendo Federation *Iai-do Bu* announced on August 29 that they are suspending their practices about 1 month due to exploding spikes of COVID-19 in Hawaii. I thought that *Iai-do* can be safely practiced because they do not yell (*kiai*) and can keep safer distance with each other. They are doing this with abundance of precaution.

Hawaii Kendo Federation is participating in Foodland's Give Aloha Fundraiser program again this year. The duration is September 1 to 30. With Foodland Maikai card, donate up to \$249 at Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farms checkout. Your donation will be matched by Foodland for 20 - 25 per cent. This program was started to honor Foodland's founder, Maurice J. "Sully" Sullivan who was always community minded while doing business in Hawaii. You can mention to checkout person that Hawaii Kendo Federation code number 79036 with Maikai card. If you do not have Maikai card, they can create one for you.

Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation informed me that their annual tournament normally held in November has been postponed indefinitely. And, PNKF Women's Kendo Seminar and Tournament in year 2022 is still in planning stage. The tournament venue is not secured yet. But, they are hoping July 16 for 1st choice and July 23 for 2nd choice. I am hoping that COVID-19 subsides enough to hold the event by that time. Ladies, mark your calendar for those days next year.

Our Club is collecting dues now. If you have not submitted, let me know. Hawaii Kendo Federation decided not to collect their dues this year mostly because we did not have any in person practices. However, they are asking for donations if you can because they certainly have some expenses to cover. Maybe, Foodland's Give Aloha Fundraiser is a good tool.

For those of you who have been receiving our Bulletin by facsimile, I am sorry that my landline telephone has been terminated. So, you are not receiving fax. If you want to, I will mail it to you. Let me know. Or, give me your email address. I will add yours in my distribution list. Also, you can always delete emails but if you want me to remove you from my distribution list, let me know.

In recent Church service, the speaker talked about War College for military personnels aspiring for higher rank go through. In order to defeat enemies quickly, there are two effective methods they have. One is to cut off food and water supply for them. Other is to cut off their communication. It is easy to say than do. But, when comes to reality, it is true that we can win war quickly if we can accomplish these two. When I think about kendo, some people are fading away from kendo now because we are not actively practicing together. We have to tell them that they are not alone. Let them join Zoom practices, have them watch YouTube kendo programs and so on to keep them engaged with kendo.

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