



SCKF Iaido

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To: SCKF Officers and Dojo Representatives

From: Dennis Ralutin, Chairman, SCKF Iaido Committee

Subject: 2017 SCKF Iaido Seminar and Shinsa

The SCKF hosted an Iaido seminar and shinsa at Venice Iaido Dojo on October 28-29. Shozo Kato Sensei, kyoshi 7 dan Iaido and Chairman of the AUSKF Iaido Committee, led the seminar on Saturday and Sunday and was the head shinsa-in during the shinsa on Sunday.

The following 4 dan and above sensei from SCKF were also present and were seated on the shinsa panel:

Samuel Okuno (6 dan Iaido, SCKF Iaido Head Instructor)

Jean Kodama (4 dan Iaido, SCKF President)

Setsuo Tanaka (4 dan Iaido)

Dennis Ralutin (4 dan Iaido)

Fifteen participants (including the sensei) were in attendance during the seminar. All were from SCKF.

Kato Sensei provided instruction in reiho (etiquette), kihon (basics), the twelve ZenKenRen Iaido kata (forms), and Muso Shinden Ryu Iaido.

After the conclusion of the seminar on Sunday, October 29, the shinsa was held for three kyu candidates and two dan candidates. Below is a list of the candidates and the ranks that they received:

3 kyu

Nestor B. DeVera and Paul Ige

Venice Iaido Dojo

Jun Ayahara

Venice Iaido Dojo / San Fernando Kendo Dojo

1 dan

Cliff Asai and Harry Mott

Venice Iaido Dojo

Overall, the seminar and shinsa was a success and could not have been possible without the support of Kato Sensei, SCKF, and Venice Iaido Dojo.

Special thanks go out to the following individuals:

Kato Sensei, for making time during his busy kendo and Iaido schedule to travel to Southern California and providing excellent instruction and sitting on the shinsa panel.

Tim Yuge Sensei, for taking care of Kato Sensei during his arrival on Friday, October 27.

SCKF Iaido Sensei, for their support during the seminar and shinsa.



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Group picture taken on Sunday, October 29, courtesy of Narbeh Bagdasarian:

