

## Mississauga Kendo Club News – 2008

### A new location for Wednesday Practices! (Posted Dec. 15/08)

Effective January 7, 2009 our Wednesday evening practices will be held at the Yoshukan Dojo, located at 2355 Royal Windsor Dr., Unit 9. Please check our Schedule page for directions.

### Beginners Classes - Winter 2009 Term (Posted Dec. 15/08)

We will be again accepting beginners during the month of January. All new beginners must fillout the membership form and come ready to practice. It is best to come in clothes you are happy to work up a sweat in, such as a t-shirt and sweat pants.

### The 2008 CKF Fall Grading (Posted Nov. 25/05)

Congratulations to all MKC members who were successful in their grading at the fall CKF grading, held Nov. 23/08 at the JCCC in Toronto. Congrats go out to Jacky Cheng (1-kyu), Dion Sugna (1-dan), Jae Hun Kim (2-dan), and Faisal Shahenn (2-dan). Keep up the good work!

### Special Bogu Members Keiko at TKC - Dec. 13/08

On December 13th, all MKC members in bogu are invited to a special keiko at the Toronto dojo. Lets go and show them how we do kendo in the 'burbs!

### The 2008 Ontario Open Shiai

Nov. 24th saw the MKC competing once again in the annual Ontario Open Tournament. Congratulations to all MKC members who competed; we again showed how strong our dojo is. A full review of the event is being compiled...check back soon for details!

### Special Godo Keiko with Team Canada - Sept. 26/08

The Mississauga Kendo Club hosted a special Godo Keiko on Sept. 26th, from 7:30-9:30 pm. Joining us at keiko were members of Team Canada, who were recently selected during the 16th Canadian National Kendo Championships, held this past June and hosted by the MKC. Team Canada members are getting ready for the 14th World Kendo Championships to be held next year in Sau Paulo, Brazil. Everyone who attended had a great keiko, renewed freindhips and crossed shinai with the Kendoka who will be representing Canada on the world stage in Brazil. We hope to do it again soon!

### 2008 SWORD Tournament

The 2008 Sword Torunament was held on Saturday, September 13th in Waterloo. Congrats to all MKC Participants!

### Fall Practices Begin Sept. 3rd & Beginner Practices Start Sept. 17th

The first practice of the Fall term is Sept. 3/08 at 8:30 pm in the UTM Dance Studio. Please note that practices are now Wednesday and Friday evenings. For all interested beginners, we are accepting new beginners from Sept. 17th until Oct. 15th,

after which you will have to wait until January to join. Please check the Schedule for our updated practice times, and remember that term practice fees are due.

### 16th Canadian National Kendo Championships

The Mississauga Kendo Club hosted the 16th Canadian National Kendo Championships and Team Canada Selection this past June 27-29. Many thanks to all our volunteers and all competitors for making the event such a success! Please check out the National Championships Website. We will post pictures soon!

### The 2008 Ontario Junior Tournament (Reported by David Hayashida & Posted May 20)

Hello Everyone.

Sunday 18 May 2008, started off as a lovely day and then it began to rain and rain. And besides the water outside fortunately for our club it was raining trophies as well! Once again I must say I was very pleased with the efforts of our Junior members and again very proud as a father of two of them

Rowyn Hayashida started off as our representative in the non-bogu category. His first opponent was a Meytal Kosower from JCCC. (I thought for sure this little girl would win for sure.) Fortunately for Rowyn he had a very nice kiti kishi and won the first round with a call of 2 to 1 for him. His next round was against a Ryo Sean also from JCCC. This boy was very good. His do's were very good and Rowyn's wasn't so strong and a bit "baseball" like. Again I was certain this other boy would win. Once again Rowyn surprised me with a lovely kiti kishi and I think this won it for him again. Again the score was 2 to 1, for him. Next Rowyn faced a Kyle Hunag from JCCC. This boy was very good. Rowyn tried his best but this boy's Do's and kiti kishi was excellent and he took the match with a score of 2 to 1. The two wins were enough to earn Rowyn 3rd place in the non-bogu category. An excellent achievement for the first time out.

I missed Brennen's first match in the 10 and under category as it was going at the same time as Rowyn's last match. He played a Dain Lee from JCCC. My wife videoed it and I managed to catch his first point, which was a Do. Unfortunately, Brennen was not turning quick enough when he followed through and his opponent scored two men on him as he was turning around.

The 10 and under played a round robin so Brennen then faced a Ryo Kariya from Etobicoke Kendo Club. This boy was very fast. He also played on the Etobicoke A team, which I believe won the team match. Brennen was very defensive and tried to block everything. His opponent scored a Men then a Do to take the match.

I'm not too certain how the round robin was scored, but somehow Brennen managed to come in 3rd place for the 10 and under category. (My guess is one opponent didn't show up so this was a win and he managed to score a point so maybe this was more than the others.) Anyways a win is a win, and there is another trophy in the living room cabinet.

I must apologize to Owen Yamada. I don't know which is harder to do, take care of two boys or watch 6 courts at once. As a result I missed Owen's first two matches. Owen's first match was against a Yoon-Jae Kim from Jung Ko Kendo Club. He defeated his opponent by scoring 2 points and advanced to the next round of the competition. His next opponent was an Ayaka Sugiyama from JCCC. Again Owen was victorious and scored 2 points to take the match to go to the finals for the court and quarter finals of the

category. I managed to see Owen's third match. This was against a Michael Park from Jung Ko Kendo Club. Owen fought very well in this match. A couple of times I thought he was very close to scoring a point, but the judges never agree with me. His opponent scored a men and then for the rest of the match he stuck in close and Owen couldn't break away. He won with the single point. (Maybe it would have been better if I didn't see Owen's third match, as I seemed to have brought bad luck.) Owen's two victories were enough for him to win Third place in the 11 - 13 yr old category. Fantastic work Owen.

Finally our team, which consisted of Brennen Hayashida, Sujan Park (Forest City) and Owen Yamada was matched up with Etobicoke A team. Brennen was up first and facing a boy who had previously defeated him in the individually competition. Once again Brennen was too defensive and lost his match. Sujan was next. She fought very well and tied her opponent. Finally Owen was up. His opponent was in the 14 - 16 yr old category and very much taller than himself. Owen also fought very well and tied his opponent. Unfortunately the Etobicoke A team advanced as they had won the one match.

Over all it was a fabulous day for the Junior team. We had 3 members compete and each one won a trophy for 3rd place.

Well done boys! Keep up the great work.

David Hayashida

#### The 2008 University of Toronto Kendo Tournament (Posted March 2008)

We had another strong turn out for the Saturday 5 April 2008 U. of T. Kendo Tournament. Eleven of our members turned out and we were well represented in all divisions, except for the women. I also think it is the first time our Shodan / Nidan outnumbered our Mudansha. Which is great for our club, as we grow stronger and stronger. And it was also Daniel Chan's and Lachlan Dodds' very first tournament.