

2005 Kendo Summer Seminar - San Diego

Presented by:



San Diego Kendo Club

Honorary Speaker and Instructor:

Maki Miyahara Sensei, Hachi Dan (8th Dan)

Saturday, June 25, 2005 from 12.00 noon to 5.00 p.m.

Meadowbrook Gymnasium (Meadowbrook Middle School)

12320 Meadowbrook Lane (at Pomerado Road), Poway, CA 92064

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## Miyahara Sensei

Mr. Maki Miyahara, hereafter addressed as Miyahara Sensei has made an extraordinary contribution to the development of kendo in the United States of America. Kendo is a Japanese Martial Art that is often described as “the way of the sword” and associated with the samurai. But after the war, and around the early 1950’s, kendo became a popular sport with the use of the shinai, a bamboo sword. There is an international organization for the promotion of kendo around the world; it is the International Kendo Federation (IKF).

Miyahara sensei is an American of Japanese ancestry. He has been practicing and teaching kendo for over sixty years. His father was one of the people that helped to start kendo in the USA before the Second World War. Miyahara sensei helped in the formation and organization of several dojos, regional and national kendo federations in the USA. He is passionate about kendo and an excellent teacher. Miyahara sensei has good communication skills and is able to communicate easily with all members in our multicultural society. Moreover, he is always willing to share his kendo knowledge with students without reservations and is well respected.

Miyahara sensei holds the award of kendo hanshi and rank of hachi-dan (8<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt), which is the highest in the USA. Beside these achievements, Miyahara sensei still practice kendo regularly and is ready to teach students and instructors of all ranks and degrees. We at the San Diego Kendo Club are honored to have Miyahara sensei as the main speaker and kendo instructor in the 2005 Summer Program of Community Activity in San Diego-Poway, California.