



# New South Wales Kendo Association President's Report 2006

## **Introduction**

The NSW Kendo Association has again grown in membership and in interaction between players and clubs. This year has seen more interaction between the two main Kumdo clubs which is always exciting to see as they have so many great players.

We have also seen a slow but increasing interaction between the clubs with shiai and shinpaning which so many players enjoy. This has encouraged us to put together a club delegates group which should promote even more inter club activities.

I have been in contact with the NSW Sport and Recreation centre which is a NSW government programme that give grants to clubs like ours, they have offered to help me through the red tape and in filling out the forms, this is not an overnight thing as we have missed the 2005 -2008 programme but we must start now to get in for the 2008 intake for grants.

The NSW Kendo Calendar is getting more and more congested with events and social activities every year which must mean we are on a steady increase; however we all need to keep it heading that way by getting more involved in your clubs.

For those wanting more experience I would strongly recommend that they try to join the teams that go over to the International events as they are fun with lots to be learnt by many different players.

## **International Events**

NSWKA would like to give a special thanks to UNSW for their members participation in many of the yearly events.

## **2005 Rembudan Kendo Taikai**

Congratulations to Dino & Jackson for coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in Kata Teams and again Dino for making 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the kyu Individuals.

Big thank you to all who attended and battled the cold, and we hope to continue to send a delegation to New Zealand each year. These kiwis are a force to be reckoned with.

(It is noted that this invitation is open to all clubs)

## **6<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Asian (Regional) Invitational Kendo Tournament**

In February once again members from NSW went across and participated in the 2006 Hong Kong Asian (Regional) Invitational Kendo Tournament. This is always a fun and great learning experience. There are many different countries being represented, with over 300 participants over a two day competition.

Special mention too the 2 Dan and below teams NSW A& B came equal third  
Thanks again to Vivian Yung who neve fails to impress us with her efforts and ability to make new friends at these events, she joined a combined women's team which come 2<sup>nd</sup> and then she was awarded a fighting spirit award at the end.

For those who are interested Vivian Yung has produced a great report on this year's event which makes for great reading as learn how the NSW teams made such a wonderful effort in getting through to the finals.

## **Nippon Sports Science University**

As everyone is well aware this is a yearly event that we all look forward too and hope that these visits continue, we had 118 guests made up of instructors and students for a series of Cultural Exchange practice sessions and at the end of the week we where treated to Demonstrations and a dance, the turn-out was overwhelming, (*However, we had a low turnout at the Nittaidai thanking dinner, and would like to improve our attendance in the future*). Therefore I have proposed that at this Founders Cup we select a meet and greet group made up from all the clubs that will meet and greet our guests at the airport when they arrive and that this group will make up part of the dinner party.

## **Founders Cup**

Thank you for the Sydney Kendo Club for hosting the last event and special thanks to Doug Stouffers for all his effort, who has been working tirelessly behind the scene.

THANKS DOUG

## **31<sup>st</sup> Australian Kendo Championships in Perth**

With an 18 member team from NSW we where well represented in Perth and again we managed to finish strong.

Thank you to both Paul Rixon Sensei & Ted Rixon Sensei (Dan Team) and Michael Payne Sensei (Kyu Team) for the coaching and training leading up to the competition and on their support.

With Kirby Smith doing what he does best taking out Dan Individuals for the 4 time in a row and Stuart Burke runner up.

Vivian Yung was the runner up in the women's Individuals

Dennis Hong Soo Kim AKA Kote Kim took out the Veterans

Well done to Elaine Chan who was awarded the fighting spirit award.

For those that stayed at the local Hotel good to see that no one was tempted to join the party right out side our window which was held by the locals and which lasted all through the night.

It was also nice to see everyone made it home in one piece following the formal dinner, after Jackson managed to take out 2 locals that were doing nothing but waiting for the next space ship to dock and whom the lovely old women thought he was a long distance relative from the tribe wolla wolla woolma.

Never a dull moment when you're around, Jackson.

### **Han Rim Won 9<sup>th</sup> Korean Kumdo (Kendo) Championship**

This was hosted at Macquarie University Sports Association Centre on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2006. It was a great day with many players competing.

Congratulations to the winners

### **Dan Han Moo Do Kwan Competition**

This was hosted at the Burwood PCYC on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2006. For those that could not cut and follow through in a hurry this was the floor for you. This was very formal with those who wanted to wipe the sins from their feet before entering the shiai-job. Great day I felt held by all.

Congratulations to the winners

### **National Squad Trainings**

Congratulations to the big effort from those who have been attending the national squad trainings. We wish the selected team all the best and look forward to great outcome. Again it is great to see players from NSW getting into the selection.

For those whose minds were willing but bodies started to fall apart... Hang in there, it will all start again next year; I know that I have had to start taping myself together before training.

A NSW support group is being put together for all those that are interested in going to Taiwan to watch, make yourself known and we will advise you on what we have to date as far as accommodation and costs.

## **Closing report**

Welcome and Congratulations to all the new committee members whoever they may be, I do hope that the next two years are conducted with honesty and leadership that the members of our state deserve and we as the old Committee have try to maintain.

My goals over the last few years have been to treat everyone with respect and dignity that we all deserve, this has not been easy and by no means have I managed to do this on an every day occasion, I have seen and been part of many misunderstandings and prides being hurt however I am thankful to those that continue to remind me of why we are all here, the one thing that we all have in common, and that is to be part of a sport the we love to play KENDO.

Good luck to all those grading today and in the team events tomorrow.

In skill opposed in spirited united

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# New South Wales Kendo Association Treasurer's Report 2006

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## Introduction

NSWKA continues to maintain a strong financial position over the past financial year. I am please to announce that the association is cash flow positive for financial year 2005 – 2006.

As mentioned by Andrew in his report earlier, it has been a fairly eventful year for NSWKA. From the financial side of things, we have tried to build upon the success of last year and see that the association ends the year in a stronger position. This has been achieved through a more strategic pricing of competition entry fees and providing incentive for members to pay their membership fees on time.

On the expenses side, we continued to provide subsidies to help our members travelling to compete at events such as the Australian Kendo Championships and Hong Kong Invitational. Total subsidy available has been set at a sustainable level unlike last year where we provided more than \$4,000 in funds. NSWKA has also invested in new equipments such as electronic whistles and shimpan equipments.

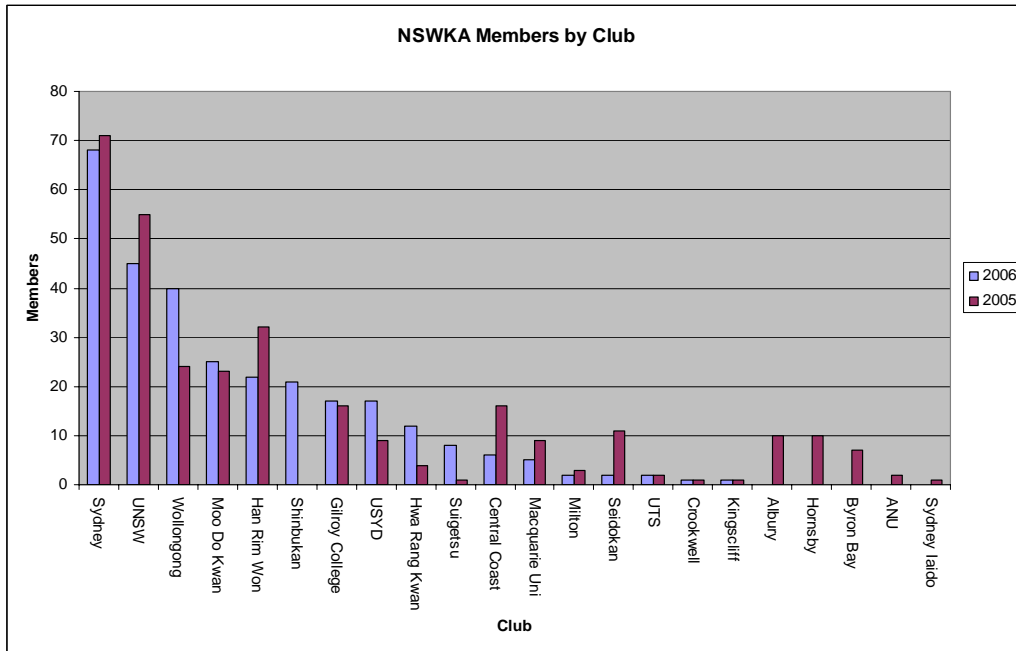
Membership level has reduced slightly over the year as registrations from traditionally large clubs such as Sydney, UNSW and Han Rim Won fell. It is encouraging to see younger clubs like Shinbukan and University of Sydney contributing more members. I look forward to seeing our membership grow this year and encourage you all to register as soon as possible.

Lastly, I would like to thank my fellow executives for all the help and input that they have provided over the year. I am especially grateful for Vivian's assistance and understanding.

Suradet Thiyavutikan  
**Treasurer, NSWKA**

# Membership

Membership declined slightly from 308 in 04/05 to 294 in 05/06. The chart and table below display the composition of members by club.



| Club           | 2006       | 2005       |
|----------------|------------|------------|
| Sydney         | 68         | 71         |
| UNSW           | 45         | 55         |
| Wollongong     | 40         | 24         |
| Moo Do Kwan    | 25         | 23         |
| Han Rim Won    | 22         | 32         |
| Shinbukan      | 21         | 0          |
| Gilroy College | 17         | 16         |
| USYD           | 17         | 9          |
| Hwa Rang Kwan  | 12         | 4          |
| Suigetsu       | 8          | 1          |
| Central Coast  | 6          | 16         |
| Macquarie Uni  | 5          | 9          |
| Milton         | 2          | 3          |
| Seidokan       | 2          | 11         |
| UTS            | 2          | 2          |
| Crookwell      | 1          | 1          |
| Kingscliff     | 1          | 1          |
| Albury         | 0          | 10         |
| Hornsby        | 0          | 10         |
| Byron Bay      | 0          | 7          |
| ANU            | 0          | 2          |
| Sydney Iaido   | 0          | 1          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>294</b> | <b>308</b> |

Other details regarding our members are summarised in the table below.

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| <b>Adult</b>  | 261 |
| <b>Junior</b> | 35  |
| <b>Total</b>  | 294 |

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| <b>Male</b>   | 249 |
| <b>Female</b> | 45  |
| <b>Total</b>  | 294 |

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| <b>Kendo</b> | 273 |
| <b>Iaido</b> | 34  |
| <b>Jodo</b>  | 13  |

## Financial Report

### Income

Total income for the financial year was \$22,345 which represents a 13% decline from last year's income of \$25,682. As always, the income came from membership (\$13k), grading (\$6k) and competition (\$3k) fees.

As of 30 June 2006, the association has \$17,816 deposited in the bank account and no cash on hand.

### Expenses

Total expense for the year was \$19,508. A large proportion of this expense was payment of insurance premium (\$11k). Normally our insurance premium is approximately \$6,000. However, due to a change in timing of premium payments, we have had to pre-pay premium for the 06/07 financial year as well as for the year 05/06. This has depressed the Net Profit amount reported in our Statement of Financial Performance below.

Other main expenses included competition subsidies paid to members who competed at the Australian Kendo Championships and the Hong Kong event (\$2k), AKR registration and grading fees (\$2k) and Trophies/Equipments costs (\$1k).

### Net Profit

I am please to announce that the Association was cash flow positive for the financial year to the tune of \$2,837. To maintain and enhance the financial health of the association, I will continue to run the association at a slight profit going forward.

## Statement of Financial Performance

For the year ending 30 June 2006

|                               | 2006             |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                 |                  |
| Membership                    | 13,475.00        |
| Grading                       | 5,895.00         |
| Competition Entry fees        | 2,975.00         |
| <b>Total Income</b>           | <b>22,345.00</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>               |                  |
| Competition Subsidies         | 2,275.00         |
| Event Catering (Picton)       | 86.60            |
| Venue Hire                    | 1,185.00         |
| Insurance                     | 10,862.32        |
| AKR registration fees         | 1,275.00         |
| AKR Grading fees              | 860.00           |
| Competition registration fees | 540.00           |
| Printing                      | 78.90            |
| Stamps                        | 20.00            |
| Web domain registration       | 896.95           |
| Trophies                      | 412.15           |
| Equipments                    | 560.18           |
| Visiting sensei entertainment | 455.67           |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>         | <b>19,507.77</b> |
| <b>Net Profit/Loss</b>        | <b>2,837.23</b>  |



## New South Wales Kendo Association NSW Kendo Board Report 2006

This year from a committee point of view was relatively quiet as we have now adjusted to the number of Tournaments on the calendar along with the scheduled Gradings throughout the year.

The subsidy and team selection programs are now formalised and were utilised for tournament attendance this year.

The reports from both New Zealand and in particular the Hong Kong competition results with Vivian Yung receiving a fighting spirit award were major success stories and will be encouraged again next year.

Last year saw the introduction of Kata into the Founders Cup weekend, which will continue with participating club numbers increasing this year. Additionally there were a number of successful seminars including the Picton weekend which included a Shinpan session for the higher grades and a basics session for the lower grades.

I am sure the new committee will be looking forward to being heavily involved in the up coming Asian Zone Shinpan Seminar to be hosted in Sydney next March

Once again we would like to thank all the participating clubs who hosted one of the many NSW Dan Squad sessions, which assisted in achieving our best results at the Nationals in 4 years winning both Individual and Teams events.

Congratulations to Kirby Smith and Stuart Burke who placed 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> again this year and Vivian Yung who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Women's Individual event. A special mention of Elaine Chan who was awarded a tournament Fighting Spirit.

The recent announcement of the Australian Squad to compete at the 13<sup>th</sup> World Kendo Championships which included 3 NSW Kendoka (Kirby, Stuart and Vivian) once again demonstrates that our training models are delivering the results at the competition levels.

Signed

Paul Rixon  
Kendo 6<sup>th</sup> Dan  
NSW Kendo Technical Committee Secretary



## New South Wales Kendo Association NSW Iaido / Jodo Report 2006

It was during January of 2006 NSWKA played host to the National Iaido & Jodo seminar & championships. This is the main event on the Iaido & Jodo AKR calendar. This seminar was held in Wollongong, which at this moment is the only club in the NSWKA to practise all three arts governed by the AKR.

The turn out consisted of 84 participants coming from all parts of Australia & New Zealand. The event also had ten Japanese sensei and was attended by former AKR President Ron Bennett. Despite the small numbers of people in the NSWKA this was the second largest seminar since Iaido & Jodo seminars had been combined started in 2000.

Every interstate participant received a Wollongong championships commemorative Tsuba and the sensei's also collected a souvenir tee shirt.

By the end of the championships NSW finished overall second. Bob Brown placed second in the Iaido 3 Dan+ individuals. The Iaido team consisting of Dean Hawthorn, Bob Brown and Aden Steinke also placed second. Victoria dominated the championships winning all the first places and some of the second places.

The seminar produced 62 successful grading attempts, up to 4th Dan in Jodo and 3rd Dan in Iaido.

The event also gained local TV and radio coverage, and it appeared on the University of Wollongong web page <http://media.uow.edu.au/news/2006/0130a/index.html>.

While seminar strengthened Iaido & Jodo, it unfortunately did not widen the art of Jodo in NSW.

A small set back for the NSWKA Jodo was the candidates grading for 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan being unsuccessful. What this means is that we are still unable to grade Jodo to shodan in NSW. To help work around this set back a Technical Board for Jodo was set up in February. As with all technical boards the members will be striving to raise the bar of the current standard & further build up there respective arts. Going on what has happened with Iaido since the introduction of the Technical Board, the future for Jodo should be very bright indeed.

On behalf of the NSWKA executive, once again I can not thank enough the efforts of Bob Brown, Aden Steinke, Dean Hawthorn, Ruth Frankilin & Andrew Whitehead for there continual growth of Iaido & Jodo in NSW.

Finally most of this report contained information fed back to the NSWKA executive regarding the 2006 championships/seminar. I would like to personally thank Aden for taking the time to do so.

Yours in Budo  
Leon Withrington  
Vice-president NSWKA