

Three Rivers Budōkai is pleased to announce

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The

2012

Tenshin-ryū & Yamate-ryū

Midwest

Taikai

21-22 April, 2012

Cahnnahon, IL

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The techniques and strategies of the Tenshin-ryū and Yamate-ryū are fascinating, powerful and exhilarating. There is a lifetime of study in mastering just the physical elements of these two disciplines.

Once these physical elements are mastered, what do you have? A collection of effective techniques and strategies, perhaps the ability to apply them to good effect.

Our ryū are only partially defined by their physical elements. A cut after all, is just a cut. Many other disciplines cut, and cut well. A kote-gaeshi, plus or minus some details, is just another jūjutsu waza done poorly or well.

What is it then that makes what we do uniquely Tenshin-ryū and Yamate-ryū ?

In a word, *Reishiki*

This year's spring taikai will focus on creating the appropriate physical and spiritual kamae with which to approach keiko in our budō .

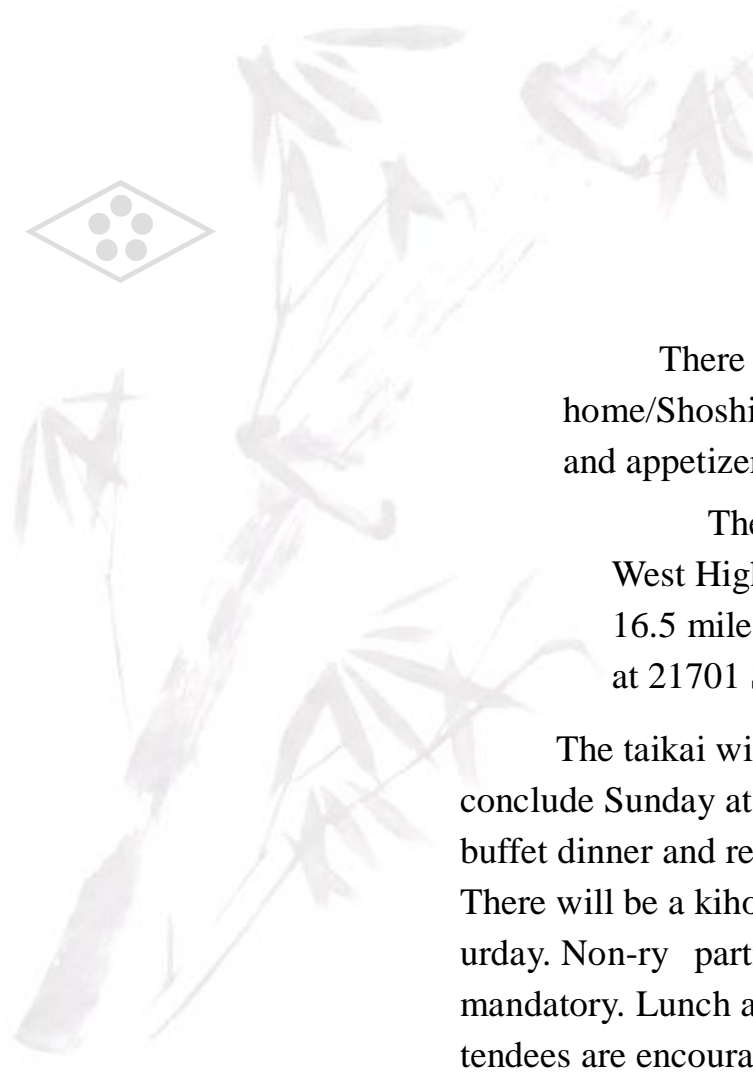
Instruction and guidance for the event will be conducted by Messrs. Savopoulos, Simms and Maren.

It is strongly suggested that all participants re-read the following books prior to the taikai:

Book One of *The Way and the Power*
The Student's Handbook
The Instructor's Bible

Please do your best to undertake this suggestion in the spirit of *shoshin*.

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Three Rivers Bud kai will host the spring 2012 taikai of the Tenshin-ry and Yamate-ry . The taikai will take place over the weekend of 21-22 April. The taikai is open to all members of the ry and others by invitation.

There will be an informal gathering at the Maren's home/Shoshin Dojo on Friday evening, 19 April. Cocktails and appetizers will be served.

The taikai itself will take place at Lincoln Way West High School in New Lenox, IL, approximately 16.5 miles/25 minutes from Shoshin Dojo . It is located at 21701 S. Gougar Road New Lenox, IL 60451.

The taikai will begin promptly at 10 AM on Saturday and conclude Sunday at 5 PM. We will recess at 5 PM on Saturday for buffet dinner and refreshments, and resume Sunday at 10 AM. There will be a kihon reishiki/safety keiko conducted at 9 AM Saturday. Non-ry participants and mudansha should consider this mandatory. Lunch and refreshments will be provided each day. Attendees are encouraged to bring additional water/sport drinks for themselves.

All attendees should have a proper, traditional Japanese uniform with zori. All should be in good repair. The only weapon needed for this gathering is a properly maintained bokken.

There will be a formal dinner Sunday evening. Black tie required - not suggested.

The basic taikai noshi is \$150. The formal dinner and Saturday night buffet will be an additional fee. As soon as possible, the exact amount for each will be provided in a subsequent announcement, along with formal registration forms, directions/maps, and accommodation information.

For the time being, please contact William Maren (heiwadojo@comcast.net, 630-768-9889) ASAP to indicate your intention to attend our taikai. An early headcount will help to determine the amount of food for our lunches and dinner, and better calculate additional expenses for all.

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