

Pack 48 Cubs See 'Kendo' Performed

A demonstration of the Japanese sport of "Kendo" highlighted the annual Blue and Gold banquet held by Pack 48 of Boy Scouts on Feb. 11 in Roma Hall.

William Takai and his son, Tom, described the sport, its philosophy, character training and skills. Kendo is the fencing with "Shi-nai," the bamboo sticks that represent the Samurai swords.

Takai learned the art while serving in the Army in Japan following World War II. His uncle was chief of training at the Tokyo metropolitan police headquarters. The Kendo art of self-defense is used by Japanese police as they do not carry firearms.

VARIOUS AWARDS presented at the banquet included Webelos Den 1, James Otten and Dennis Runyan, athlete achievement; Webelos Den 2, Tom Takai, Mike Sharp, Greg Babiaz, Joe Zott, Archie Cook, sportsman; Webelos Den 4, Eric Wynn, Steve Gustin, Mark Kraus, Bob Soloway, Brian Feeney and Mike Thibadeau, engineer.

Wolf awards were given to Greg Tarrant, Brian Belaguer, Gary Charlesworth, James DeWitt, John Foley, Steve Krohn, Bernie Sakofake, Greg Stock, Mark Stapp, Bob Kraus, Greg Thibadeau, Pat Adams, Mark Halght, Kevin McCarthy, Paul Patek, Kevin Falabee, Tom Kleinke, Todd Knock, Tony Lamara, Kevin Caselli, Richard Farrell and Robert Farrell.

Bear Badges were earned by Brian Ackroyd and Michael Pierce. The achievement award of scholar is presented to Michael Rapp, Byron Bennett and Mike Kirk of Webelos Den 3. John Fournie was awarded the athlete achievement.

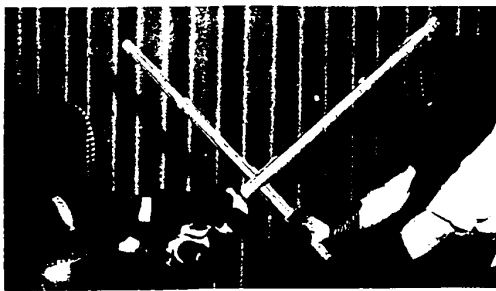
TOM TAKAI graduated from Cub Scouting in the Arrow of Light ceremony. Presentation of awards was

Schedule Completed

League competition is drawing to a close in the Suburban Hockey Loop and indications are that the teams representing Dearborn Heights and Garden City will be tough to handle in the upcoming playoffs.

In recent games, the squads from Dearborn Heights compiled a seven win, one lost, and three tied record. The G.C. squad recorded a 5-3-3 mark covering the same period.

concluded by giving the Thank-You award to retiring Den mothers Joan Harris, Garnet Mitchell, Pat McCarthy, Barbara Murry, Rose Ventelique and Pat Achtenberg.



ANCIENT ART -- Boys of Farmington's Cub Pack 48 had an exciting time at their recent Blue and Gold Banquet when they saw a demonstration of Kendo -- the Japanese art of fencing with Samurai Swords. William Takai and his son, Tom, gave the demonstration.

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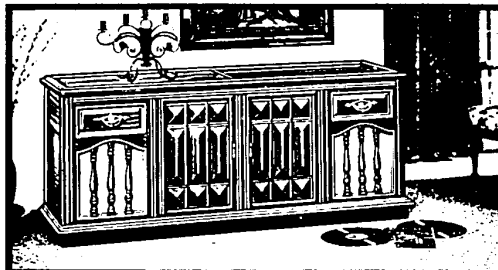
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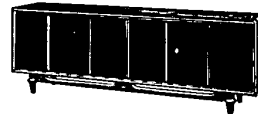
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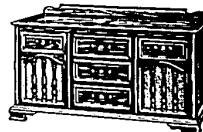
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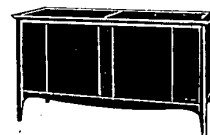
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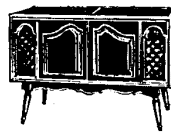
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