



# Kokugi Konnections

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*Each issue of SFM, Todd Lambert – our man online – will bring you a review of some sumo related sites to be found on the World Wide Web. Enjoy.*

## **Sumo Shimpo**

<http://www.sumoshimpo.com>

This newsletter bills itself as "the voice of California sumo since 1999". Six times a year, the months between each honbasho, Sumo Shimpo is published both online and in print. Each online issue is in PDF format, and can be accessed from a menu at the top of the main page. Read a roundup of each honbasho, see updates to interesting records in Ozumo, get amateur sumo news from around the US, training news, and photos of what's happening with the Cali crew. Keep up with sumo in America by reading the Sumo Shimpo.

## **Sumo Tour**

<http://www.sumotour.com>

Homepage put together by the promoter-cum-sponsor of the Ozumo koen to the US. Along with articles, photos, and a video of the Hawaii event last year, this homepage is promoting the upcoming tour next June (watch this space) in Los Angeles. Keep an eye out here for ticket sales

locations and dates, and the release of the schedule of events. Check out a 20 minute video explaining sumo for newcomers to the sport, and a photo gallery of Ozumo rituals and bouts. Information on becoming a sponsor, contact info for the US and Japan based offices, and a Japanese language page are part of the package. Start your plans to attend the 2008, Ozumo exhibition here.

## **The United States Sumo Federation**

<http://ussumofederation.org>

The homepage of the official governing body for amateur sumo in the United States. For clubs, ranks, rules and regs, visit this page of who's who in amasumo in America. Minutes of meetings, a calendar of events, results of past tourneys, and application forms to the inner workings are presented online for the members' convenience. To check the pulse of sumo in the States, and maybe even join up yourself, the USSF website has it all.

