

Tibon's Goju Gazette

February 2006

Sensei's Corner

Brown and Black Belts will be attending special leadership training classes with Sensei Gene Tibon to learn special drills to develop our athletes in all of our dojos. Sensei Tibon will be teaching technical drills so our students are up to the national level. The leadership training for these instructors and assistant instructors will include training methods, traditional Katas, Kumite drills, leadership responsibilities, and role modeling.

Team Sweats Update!

The last report we received from San Diego at Doshin Martial Arts Supplies, was the Tokiado manufacturer were in the process in making the custom team sweats. Once they are completed they will be shipped to USA and then embroidered with our Japanese Kanji, which would be our organizational insignia. So they are still at least a month or so away from completion. Months ago Sensei Tibon had the instructors take a vote on what type of Tibon's Goju Ryu Team Sweats they wanted. All voted on the world class designed dark blue Tokiado sweats with silver embroidered kanji. They are going to be stunning and worth the wait!

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Sensei Gene Tibon Instructs Goju Ryu Seminar at Disney's Martial Arts Festival and Tibon's Black Belts Blow out the Competition at Disneyland Resort January 6&7th, 2006

Members of Tibon's Goju Ryu traveled this last weekend to Anaheim, CA. to the Disneyland Resort January 6 & 7, 2006 for Disney's First Martial Arts Festival. Sensei Gene Tibon also taught a Goju Ryu Technical Seminar on Friday Jan. 6th with notables at Fumio Demura Shito Ryu, Tadashi Yamashita Okinawa Shorin Ryu, and Kyoshi Yamazaki Ryobu-kai. This tournament was an accumulation of many Martial Arts disciplines such as: Traditional Karate, American Kenpo, Taiji Traditional Gung Fu, Judo, Tae Kwon Do Olympic Style, Kajukenbo, Savate, and Kajukenbo. This was the first qualifier of a series of 9 around the country for World finals at Disney world in Orlando, Florida.

Athletes from Tibon's Goju Ryu were successful in their respective events are as follows:

Adam Tibon first place -80 Kilo WKF Men's Black Belt Kumite (fighting), third place Men's Black Belt Japanese/Okinawan Kata.

Ronny Guzman first place -75 Kilo WKF Men's Black Belt Kumite, second place Men's Black Belt Japanese/Okinawan Kata.

Eliza Cabanig first place Women's Black Belt Kata.

Demytryk Ente first place junior black belt 14-15 yr old Kumite.

John Rivera first place beginning junior 7-8 yr old Kumite, first place beginning junior 7-8 yr old Kata.

Joe Domingo first place novice 14-15 yr old Kata, second place novice 14-15 yr old Kumite.

Sensei Gene Tibon

Inducted into USA Hall of Fame

Most Distinguished Martial Artist of the Year!

Sensei Gene Tibon received a very nice award from Dr. Jim Thomas of U.S.A. Martial Arts "Hall of Fame" Centerville, IN for the "Most Distinguished Martial Artist of the Year." Currently Sensei Tibon is in several Hall of Fames and publications, they are:

- Inducted 1989 International Martial Arts Competitors Federation Black Belt Hall of Fame.
- Inducted 1995 A.A. Stagg High School Hall of Fame.
- Inducted 1999 World of Martial Arts Hall of Fame.
- Inducted 1999 Pioneer and Legends Marital Arts Hall of Fame.
- Listed Who's Who in the Martial Arts World Nagel Publications Geneva, Switzerland 1998-1999.
- Inducted 2001 USA National Karate-do Federation, Olympic Committee member Hall of Fame for Man of the Year.
- Also member of the Board of Directors for Stockton Sports Commission.

class. There are no exceptions with this rule.

Private Lessons Available!

Students if you feel you are not ready for the next rank promotion or the next tournament you can always schedule a private lesson with one of our Internationally certified Black Belts. For scheduling and information you can contact Yvonne Tibon at (209) 465-093 at the main dojo at 923 N. Yosemite St.

Welcome New Students to

Tibon's Goju Ryu Karate Organization

Tibon's Goju Ryu

Ianthe Chase Eddie Balanon Maisy Balanon
Joshua Hannon Athena Williford Melissa Petty
Laurie Petty

Hiers Goju Ryu

Alicia Pacheco Chelfea Pacheco

Welcome Back

Trevor Sim Jonathan Calzado
Jessie Danielson Karson Phillips

Stockton GymStars

Gabrielle Garcia Breana Ellis Caesar Ladion
Matthew Kelsey Abigail Delucchi Daniel Tamez
Ruben Alvitlar

Modesto GymStars

Zarek Elijah Jones Ricky Alexander Mathew Brasil
Henry Masalis Rene Avila Nick Walls
Jon Paul Hurlbert

Attention GymStars Students and Parents!

Parents and students please, if your child's name does not appear on the GymStars Roll Call List you must report to the front desk to verify your class participation. If you are doing a make-up class also let the front desk know prior to the

Upcoming Karate Tournaments

- Friendship Tournament Colorado Sensei Gary Tsutsui February 12th, 2006
- 33rd Steveston International Karate Championships Goju Ryu Uchiage Kai March 4th, 2006.
- 2006 US Open & Junior Olympics Caesars Palace Las Vegas April 15-16, 2006
- 2006 USANKF of Northern California RSO National Qualifier San Joaquin Delta College May 13th, 2006
- 2006 USANKF National Championships & USA Team Trials Fort Lauderdale July 14-17, 2006.
- Spring of 2008 Tokyo, Japan - Hokkido, Sendai, Kyoto, Hiroshima, Nara, Tenri & sightseeing also. We hope you could join us.
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Congratulations to Sensei Gino Tibon and wife Nicole Tibon on their new Baby Boy 7lbs 3 oz. Gavin Christopher Tibon Born December 29, 2005

Grandparents Sensei Gene Tibon and Yvonne Tibon are excited about their third grandson along with older brothers 4 yr old Dvlan and 2 yr old Miles Tibon. The Tibon name



Sensei Kyoshi Yamazaki, Adam Tibon, Ronny Guzman, Eliza Cabanig, Demytryk Ente, and Sensei Gene Tibon at Disney's Martial Arts Festival in Anaheim, Ca.



Sensei Oshiro will resume weapons classes in January along with Kobudo Belt certifications to be issued for those who tested

Sensei Oshiro has been teaching seminars around Europe and has finally returned to the USA. He will resume his monthly seminars at Tibon's Goju Ryu Dojo at 923 N. Yosemite St. in Stockton. He will also award the new belt certifications for our students who tested in November.

The New Dates for the 2006 Kobudo Weapons Seminars Starting:

- January 22nd 3-5 pm**
- February no weapons**
- March 12th 3-5pm**
- April 9th 3-5pm**
- May 14th 3-5pm**
- June 18th 3-5pm**

Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Programs

Attention Karate Parents and Students!
Monthly Tuition's to increase
February 1, 2006
See New Brochures

Please note that due to the rising costs of operating all of our programs, I find it necessary to raise the tuition at the Dojo's. Effective this month, the increase will amount to an additional \$5.00 per month more per students, which amounts to only 62 cents a class, less than a can of soda. I certainly hope this doesn't present a hardship to anyone, and please realize I have not raised the tuition in over three years.

With the new rates in effect, we can still offer quality instruction at \$35 - \$55 a month LESS than my competitors. In addition, most of my competitors do not possess the ability to teach at our level of quality. You all know that I strive for excellence, and I hope you understand my reasoning for raising the tuition. If you are interested in prepaying your tuition, a discount will be offered at some programs. This may be discussed with Yvonne Tibon. Thank you for your business, support, and cooperation.

NOTE: Tibon's Goju Ryu, Stockton GymStars, Modesto GymStars, Hiers Goju Ryu, Meeks Goju Ryu will go into effect February 1, 2006.

Thank you,

Gene Tibon
Chief Instructor/Sensei

If You Want to Order Equipment or New Karate Uniform

Parents and students you can order new Karate uniforms, equipment, Karate member T-shirts, and Karate bags. Just check the (attached) order sheet in this newsletter and give the order sheets to your Sensei to be filled at the main dojo in Stockton. You can also fax directly to Tibon's Goju Ryu in Stockton at Fax (209) 465-1517 or for information call Yvonne Tibon at (209) 465-0943

DOJO REMINDERS

Please make sure you pick up your child on time.

All tuition payments are due by the 10th of each month – NO EXCEPTIONS. A late charge of \$10.00 will apply; a return check charge of \$15.00 will apply.

Sensei Oshiro continues to give Kobudo instruction here at the Dojo. Students should take advantage of being taught by one of the foremost weapons instructors in the world. Only \$25 per class plus you must provide your own weapons.

Per the Goju Ryu Uchiage Kai rules, there will no longer be any rank skipping, unless you pay for each level of the test. This may seem rather harsh, but traditional training makes the student wait at least six month between each level to properly be prepared for the test. There will be a one-year wait on the last leg of the green belt. In addition, the Brown Belt Kyu tests are one year apart, and 100 assisted classes minimum are due before each promotion. A requirement of 300 assisted classes by the brown belt must be logged before allowing testing for Black Belt candidate.

Private lessons MUST be prepaid, or they will be canceled. We are sorry to announce this, but lately we have had an abundance of no-shows, or last minute cancellations. There are no refunds on these types of issues.

We still have had complaints about people parking in the street waiting to pick up their children. Please pull into a parking place, circle the block, or park in the rear of the school so this does not create an unsafe condition while picking up your child. Thank you!

Current students are encouraged to bring in a friend in to try out a class. If the guest decides to continue and join the program, the student who referred will be awarded a \$10 gift certificate for the referral.

Please see Yvonne about any make-up classes you need to schedule. She is always happy to help you! Please Note: Four classes equal one half month which is \$55. Any classes over four is equal to a full month or \$65.

Friends and Karate-ka:

Katrina didn't stop little Noah from the flood in New Orleans; he landed in the mountains of Colorado. I just wanted to let everybody know that Brian and Amy Oliver are the proud parents of a 7lbs 4-oz baby boy named Noah Oliver. He was born in Colorado Springs, Col. Oct. 24, 2005.

As Sensei Goodyear put it "A Bayou Boy Born in the Mountains!"

We will be having an on-line Baby Shower for Amy Oliver Brian's wife who delivered on October 24, 2005. See Below to send gifts and support: Bryan Oliver is a karate student and close friend of Sensei Darrell Goodyear. You may know him and his wife Amy. They are formerly of Arabi, LA (New Orleans), and now have their second son. **Amy was 7 months along when Hurricane Katrina forced their evacuation to Texas.** They loss everything in the ensuing flood, including their home. They have since decided to accept an opportunity to relocate to Colorado Springs, CO, where they are now residing with their 20 month old son. They are slowly rebuilding their lives with the help of friends and family. Some of you may have already helped them financially through funds we sent to Sensei Goodyear. They have all expressed a big thanks to everyone for the love and support. Their new baby boy was due 10/24/05, and his future is looking a little brighter. Yet, there are many things a new baby needs. Let's face it - babies need STUFF! And a lot of it. So that being said, it is our pleasure to help them by hosting a "**Virtual Online Baby Shower.**" This "**shower**" will be conducted completely online. Sorry - none of those splendid party games! Listed below is the address for the **Babies-R-Us website**, with it's companion site Amazon.com. From the Home Page, **click on Baby Registry**, and fill in **Amy's Registry Number 89710191** in the left hand search field. Please make sure it is Amy Oliver with Bryan's name referenced in additional name, and it is Colorado Springs, CO. (There is another Amy Oliver in another city in CO.) You can select the gift online, opt for gift-wrapping, include a free note card, and have it sent to Amy's address on file, all from the convenience of your computer. If you prefer to send a gift direct yourself, you can mail to 8465 Stratus Dr. Colorado Springs; Col. 80920 is Amy's address for shipping. "**Babiesrus.com**" **Registry Number: 89710191** if you have any questions or concerns regarding this shower, please feel free to contact us. Gene Tibon, Yvonne Tibon, and Liz Lawrie ~
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