



Mrs. Tibon and I would like to wish everybody a Happy New Years, and hope it brings you good health and Fortune. 2011 was a great year for our student's development that will make this year a winning year in competition. Last years Karate camps help create a better understanding what it takes to prepare for Competition. Two of athletes made Team USA and went all the way to the World Championships in Malaysia. They also received some great experience in Brazil we look forward to developing our students this year for the local competitions we have planned for our dojo to travel to. It is going to be an outstanding year.

Again thank you for your support in making us **"The Best In San Joaquin"** for **Martial Arts Training Facility** in San Joaquin County. We look forward to winning both awards from the San Joaquin Magazine and the Stockton Record for Best in San Joaquin again in 2012 with your vote. **We also want to thank those who donated over 50 bags of can foods at our IN HOUSE Karate Tournament.** We were able to send to Victory Outreach Church to help families in need.

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Tibon's Goju Ryu Annual IN HOUSE Karate Championships The Best One Yet!



This was one of our best Tibon's Goju Ryu IN HOUSE Tournaments to date. With Sensei Adam Tibon taking charge of the Floor Manager running divisions the tournament was superior to any other tournament we participated in Northern California. Sensei Uchiage was impressed and so were many of our parents and guest dojos that also brought students in to compete at our annual event.

The tournament was such a success that parents have requested an additional IN HOUSE Karate Tournament. So keep you eyes open for Tibon's Goju Ryu Summer IN HOUSE Karate Championships.

A special thank you to our Leadership, parents, and friends who helped with our tournament. As a group we can produce world-class tournaments in our own backyard.

WWW.GRASSROOTSKARATE.COM
**2012 GRASSROOTS
 KARATE CAMP**
AUGUST 2-6, 2012

University of the Pacific -3601 Pacific Ave., STOCKTON, CA

CAMP SCHEDULE
 August 2nd - Arrival date. Check In.
 August 3rd - 5th - Training
 August 6th - Departure date.

**SPECIAL
 "TOKUBETSU
 RENSHU"
 TRAINING
 AT 5AM**
 Sensei Jose M. Fraguas

**Gene Tibon
 National Director**
 The US National Grassroots Karate Program is powered by the experience and knowledge of its premier Coaches, Senseis and world-class Karate competitors. Whether you are a 1st Dan or elite competitor we simply improve your karate technical level and knowledge. At the Grassroots Camp you will be prepared to succeed with the guidance from a world-class coaching staff. You'll train more efficiently and effectively than ever before!

**Special Clinic by
 Escrima Master
 Darren Tibon**

**Special
 "TOKUBETSU
 RENSHU"
 TRAINING
 AT 5AM**
 Sensei Jose M. Fraguas

**Sensei Hidetaru Igaki
 (Head Coach)**

**Sensei Taoki Uchiage
 (WKF Bronze
 World Champion)**

**Sensei George Kataoka
 (WKF Bronze
 World Champion)**

**Junki Yoshida
 Motivational
 Speaker**

**Sensei Antonio Diaz
 (WKF Kata
 World Champion)**

**Sensei Chuck Swiergart
 (Referee/Rules Training)**

**Clay Martin
 (SKF Kata
 World Champion)**

For more information about Schedules and Training Camps contact:
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 USANKF of Northern California, Inc. a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization Sports Organization
 Financial support is available. Please contact the "Karate Professional Group, Inc." a non profit 501(c)(3) organization. This organization was created to help athletes, coaches, and Referees who need financial support to participate. Scholarship request will be selected by parent of "Karate Professional Group, Inc."

2012 USA Grassroots Karate Program National Director Sensei Gene Tibon

For Ages 8yrs – 80 yrs old

New USA Grassroots Karate Camp Posted for 2012! Take Advantage of Early Discount ON LINE Registration Soon!

You Can Now Register for 2012 USA
 Grassroots Karate Camp ON LINE At
www.karateTmaster.com

Take Advantage of Early Sign-up
 Discount and now Payment
 Arrangements ON LINE
 with Credit Card!

This USA Grassroots Karate Camp
 Is already Rated #1 Karate Camp
 This side of the World

Upcoming Karate Tournaments, Technical Sensei Oshiro Weapons Classes Now Every Other Month

If you are studying Weapons you are suppose to be attending these seminars. Sensei Oshiro world renown as one of the foremost experts in the world has been teaching seminars in Japan and Europe. He has finally made his rounds across the country and comes back to Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Main Dojo at 923 N. Yosemite in Stockton.

Weapons Seminar for 2012

Jan 22 Mar 18 May 20 July 22 Sept. 16 Nov. 18th

Seminars and Events

- Steveston Goju Ryu Uchiage Kai International Karate Championships in Richmond B.C. Canada January 28th, 2012. If you are testing for Black Belts this year you need to make plans to go to receive your Dan Certification at the event from International Chairman of Goju Ryu Uchiage Kai Sensei Takeshi Uchiage.
- JKR Ryobu-Kai NW Classic Oregon Sensei Junki Yoshida. March 17-18, 2012. Tokubetsu going
- USA Jr. Olympic Las Vegas Caesar's Palace April 6, 2012. Tokubetsu going
- USA Open Caesar's Palace April 7-8, 2012. Tokubetsu going
- Ozawa Cup International Las Vegas April 5-8, 2012. Tokubetsu going
- USANKF of Northern Calif. Inc. Western States Invitational USA Grassroots, & Escrima Championships April 14, 2012. Tokubetsu going.
- Okaigan Dojo Tournament Cupertino, CA 6/10/12 Tokubetsu going
- USANKF Nationals July 12-15th, 2012 Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
- Pan-Am Jr. Championships/ Cancun, Mexico Aug.27-Sept 3, 2012.
- Itosu-Kai Karate Tournament David Crockett 9/16/12 Tokubetsu going
- West Coast Open Tacoma, WA October 2012. Tokubetsu going.
- WKF Sr. World Championships Paris, France Nov. 21-25

Welcome New Students - Tibon's Goju Ryu Karate Organization

Tibon's Goju Ryu - Phoenix Mitchell Kaylina Delano Xavier Delano Alexia Delano
Izabel Thompsn David Thompson Danesah Thompson Monte Sanchez Shane Samples
Rita Bullock Elhajj Bullock Angelino Orosco

Stockton GymStars - Brayden Sholty Catherine Craft Noah Williams Emma Waddle
Ethan Waddle Abbie Waddle

Modesto GymStars - Brendan Carter

Hiers Goju Ryu - N/A

Diamond Springs - Cody Ludden Joseph Farley Andrew Farley Weston Deason
Taylor Corum

Friendly Reminder: Attention Parents and Students! **Monthly Tuition Increase Jan 2012** **Please See New Brochures!**

Please note, prior to last year to assist our students and their families during difficult economic times; Tibon's Goju Ryu had not raised it's tuitions for the past three years. Unfortunately we now find we must raise our monthly tuition, because of our rising operating costs.

Effective January 1, 2012, an increase of an additional \$5.00 per month, per student will be assessed. This nominal increase is less than .65 cents per class, and represents only a small portion of the increases we are experiencing.

It is our expressed wish; these new tuition fees will not present a hardship to anyone, and please realize we always try very hard to give the best value in instruction and investment, for all of our students training in traditional karate and Kobudo.

A quick survey of our local competitors, assures us we are offering quality instruction at a more modest rate, for up to twice the amount of real class-time instruction. Further, we feel we have a proven record of being a karate school that strives for excellence in developing our students to reach a national and international level of development. This is confirmed by our ability to place athletes on the U.S. National Karate Team every year.

We hope you understand the necessity to raise tuitions, to compensate for higher costs in doing business and in order to keep our programs at the high level of technical quality that you have come to expect.

If you are interested in pre-paying your tuition, a discount program is in place, please ask myself, or Mrs. Tibon for more information.

Thank you for your continued business, support and cooperation.

Sincerely, Sensei Gene & Yvonne Tibon



Count Down The Year 2011 What a Great Year for Accomplishments!

On **December 3rd** 2011 20 of Tibon's black belts are successful in new Dan certification, all 20 are traveling to Canada to the Stevenson International Karate Championships in Richmond B.C. to make this our large black belt delegation in 15 years. We hope all are successful in their competition divisions. Their ranks will be awarded at a special ceremony presentation during the tournament. In **November** Jesse Toy and Joane Orbon at Worlds in Malaysia, Sensei Gene Tibon is inducted to the Stockton Sports Hall of Fame, and Yvonne Tibon runs her first half marathon for 13.1 miles and becomes role model for hundreds. **October** Joane Orbon and Jesse Toy both traveled to Brazil to the 2011 XXII Junior Pan-American Championships in Fortaleza Brazil August 28th – September 4th, 2011. They will be competing with the best of the 35 Pan-American countries athletes, who all represent their nations governed by their national governing body's sanctioned by their Olympic Committees. Joane Orbon's first match was against Brazil which she dominated with a score of 9-2, her second match she lost by a controversial call when she kicked the Mexico female to the head and was penalized and lost against Mexico. Joane's third match for the **Bronze medal** was against Venezuela where she dominated again 3-0 in scoring points. Jesse Toy's first match was a close match against Mexico that he lost 1-2. Jesse feels he was just a little to careful in his match and should have been a little more aggressive, but will be ready for the World Championships in Malaysia. **September 50** families travel with the Central Valley Karate Boosters Families of Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Organization Six Flags Discovery Kingdom family trip, September students traveled to the Shotokan Nationals in San Francisco and did fantastic in competition and refereeing and judging. **August** Sensei Tibon hold 4th world class USA Grassroots Karate Camp at the University of the Pacific with over 200 athletes from all over the country and Canada. **July** two go to USA Team Trials in Houston, Texas to win places on Team USA to Brazil and Malaysia. **June** We travel to Cupertino to Sensei Mary Crawford Karate Tournament in Saratoga, CA. need Black Belts for Referee, Judge, and compete all Tokubetsu and A-Team should be also participating in this tournament. "Central Karate Boosters setting up Tailgate Party with Parents Potluck." **May** Members of Tibon's Goju Ryu from the main dojo in Stockton, Stockton GymStars, and Modesto GymStars gather together travel to Fresno to Quan Karate Tournament and dominate the WKF Kumite division, and do outstanding in Kata. We had 24 students from these three Karate programs together won took 44 medals. With 17 gold medals, 19 silver, and 8 bronze medals. We had Brian Embry and Joane Orbon both won the Male adult and Female Adult Grand championships for Kumite and both took the Grand championship money award. We also had successful Tibon's Goju Ryu Summer Camp was huge success. **April** Three of our athletes from Tibon's Goju Ryu travel this year to the USA Jr. Olympics and to the US Open at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, NV on Easter Weekend to compete with 2000 competitors and 50 countries in the competition. Aleesa Ohata won gold medal in Kata at the USA Jr. Olympics, also a bronze in Kumite, and in Weapons. She also won a Bronze Medal in Kata at the US Open and Andrew Moore won a Silver medal in the Men's Black Belt Kata. Central Valley Karate Boosters hold annual Easter Egg Hunt at Swenson's Park. **March** Sensei Javier Mantilla WKF Referee Workshop teaches world-class training for our athletes in our main dojo to prepare our athletes for Team USA Team Trials this workshop was required for all Leadership. **February** We had 11 black belts and one orange belt travel by Car, and by air from Stockton to Richmond B.C. Canada Through black ice, snow, and rain. Everybody arrived Safe and made an impressive statement of quality and technique to win many of the medals in the Black Belt Divisions they competed in. **January** we just finished one of our largest Tibon's Goju Ryu IN HOUSE tournaments and kick off the New Year with a new group of students who participated in their first Karate competition. The comments from parents and students have prompted up to do a Tibon's Goju Ryu Summer IN HOUSE Karate Tournament in June 2012, along with our Winter Tibon's IN HOUSE in December 2012. These two tournaments are some of the best tournaments in Western United States. We will also be inviting different dojos of different styles to compete with our athletes for more exposure to competition.



Hello Sensei,

I just wanted to give a update you on the status of my at-risk youth Martial Arts program. January will be our 1st year anniversary. The program is called V.O.M.A.P which stands for Victory Outreach Martial Arts Program. It's through our church (Victory Outreach Ministries) worldwide. As a matter of fact, our program has been so successful they launched a similar program at our sister church in San Jose. They have plans to launch this type of program to the youth ministries to all of our churches. We have over 700 churches in over 29 states in the US and 25 countries worldwide. This could be huge! There have been so many success stories so far.

One example, I have student names David Domiguez who is 17 years old. Prior to him entering the program he was as at-risk as they come! He was hanging around the wrong crowd (gang bangers and thugs) who wanted to recruit him. He was being brought home every other week by juvenile probation or by the Police. He was on the verge of dropping out of High School. He would get into fights with his parents; he actually swung at his father once. Just 3 months after joining VOMAP, his entire life was changed completely! The entire church, our Pastor and his parents can't tell me enough how good he has become. He is a role model now. I actually use him as an assistant to allow him to hold a leadership role to improve his interpersonal communication skills. He is looking like he will make honor roll this next report card period and now has a goal of attending college to become a law enforcement official. He is my most dedicated student. He has never missed one class since the beginning. I could not be more proud of him! This is just one of a dozen different success stories that my program has created.

Several of my students want to compete at the in house tournament next weekend. I have a few students I think will do very well in their divisions. I have passed out registration forms, I will know by tomorrow who will actually compete for sure. Their katas look pretty strong.

Once again, thank you so much for the opportunity and the guidance you have given me to allow this much needed community service to take place! This is such a blessing to so many lives that are affected by this program. It makes such a huge impact on these disenfranchised members of the community that our church serves.

I have attached some photos and some verbiage that's on our literature we had out at our church. Organization's Mission Statement of Victory Outreach martial Arts Program (V.O.M.A.P.)

To provide martial arts training that encourages personal growth and development for each individual student at his or her own pace, emphasizing both physical and mental conditioning. To uphold standards of

excellence that inspires students to see beyond their current potential and reach new levels of personal success by setting goals and achieving them, building character, and improving confidence and self-esteem. To instill traditional martial arts values of respect, discipline, honor, loyalty, family, and courage, building leadership skills and social accountability. To provide an environment that supports each student on their martial arts journey toward discovering and claiming their own personal power from within and teaching the discipline and self-control to take responsibility for that power.

The study and practice of the ancient traditional Martial Arts systems such as Karate-do by youth has proven to be effective in developing discipline, respect, integrity, courage, leadership, teamwork, self-esteem, confidence and honor. Many youth today lack these essential qualities that may take many years to develop on their own. By providing these at-risk youth a positive training environment and safe effective instruction, we strive to forge a new generation of young leaders who can take with them the values learned on the mat and apply these concepts to lives to prepare for the real world. With these principles guiding their path, our community will be improved and the youth will be diverted from other destructive behavior. Additionally the student will also have improved in all the listed areas below:

Experience and learn positive health skills and concepts.

- Develop decision-making skills through actual experience.
- Become more self-confident, improve self-esteem, and increase a sense of personal security.
- Express and understand creative, cooperative, competitive, and assertive behaviors, which are needed and encouraged within society.
- Learn self-discipline and good sportsmanship.
- Understand the spirit of participating in body contact sports.
- Respect the martial arts and develop professional ethics.
- Participate in and appreciate a well-rounded martial arts program.

The training class is held twice a week for consistent development. The training schedule is Monday and Thursdays 6:00 pm to & 7:00 pm for children 4 to 12 years old & ages 13 & up, class is 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

The program was in started in January of 2011. The initial thrust has occurred and the program is up and running having served 46 participants to date. Of these 46, 30 are actively pursuing their belts. In the past 3 months, we have grown by an average of 5 participants a month and we will need to acquire additional mats to ensure adequate attention to each pupil.





Central Valley Karate Boosters

On behalf of the Central Valley Karate Booster Club, I would like to thank all of you who attended the recent Tibon's Goju Ryu Annual In-House Karate Championships and supported the Booster Club's fundraising activities. The raffle was very successful, and we appreciate all of you who purchased raffle tickets. Congratulations to all raffle prize winners. The Kick-A-Thon was also a very successful and fun event. Thank you to all of the athletes and parents who participated and solicited pledges.

A special thank you goes out to **Max Green**, the winner of a special prize, for soliciting the most pledge money, an incredible \$250.00.

The winners of the Kick-A Thon:

Elian Castillon with 1,200 kicks (7yo and under)

Matthew Tolentino with 986 kicks (8 to 12yo)

Ifela Hayes with 808 kicks (13yo and over)

Congratulations to the winners. Isn't it amazing how much strength and stamina these young athletes have to produce so many kicks in a period of ten minutes.

The Booster Club voted to allocate funds for the upcoming Steveston Goju Ryu Uchiage Kai International Karate Championships in Richmond B.C., Canada in January 2012. If you are planning to attend this tournament, fund request forms are available at the Main Dojo. Forms will need to be turned in by 1/14/12 no later than 5:00PM. Please keep in mind that there are certain requirements that need to be met in order to be eligible for funds. The requirements are as follows: 1) Active member of the Booster Club for 60 days. 2) Attend 50% of Booster Club meetings. 3) Participate/volunteer in three events per year. Exceptions may be made for meeting attendance based on excess participation. The Booster Club has a committee to review all submitted forms for eligibility.

We will continue the Candy Sales Fundraiser. There are other fundraising activities in the works, so please stay tuned. We appreciate everyone's support. If you are interested in joining the Booster Club or have any questions, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at mitsbo@hotmail.com.

The next Booster Club General Membership meeting will be on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 5:00PM at the Main Dojo. I wish everyone a very HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

Thank you.

Mits Ohata





**Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts
Receives
"Award of Excellence"**

Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Karate received in a special ceremony at Stockton City Hall the "Award of Excellence," which reflects the aspirations and dedicated efforts of the people of Stockton to continually beautify and strengthen the face and the character of the City of Stockton and thereby contribute to the betterment and well-being of its citizens. Dated December 8, 2011 by Chairman of The City Planning Commission.



**Attention Parents!
Now Accepting New Applications to our T&T Dragons Program
Tiny & Tough 2-4 yr old Pre-Karate Program
Well on It's Way! We Still Have Room in Classes!
Stockton GymStars Karate Program**

Behavioral Development for young students entering into Karate program, Pre-school program, helps with sibling interaction, physical development, discipline, patience, respect, responsibility, listening skills

Call to reserve your child's place now at GymStars Front Desk 957-1919 list is already filling up!



Tibon's Goju Ryu America's Finest Program Program In Place Since December 1, 2009

Is a new program Sensei Gene Tibon has dedicated to the Law Enforcement Officers of Stockton, Lodi, Manteca, Lathrop, Tracy, Dept. of Corrections, Parole Agents, Fire Fighters, EMT's, and our active Military.

When an Officer, Fire Fighter, or Military Personnel is able to show us an I.D. or a badge **Tibon's Goju Ryu Karate School** will give them **FREE LESSONS** in our adult class, if they have their children signed up in our regular program. The purpose is our way to say thank you for these **Public Safety Officers, First Responders, and our Military Soldiers** who put their lives on the line each day to protect the family's of our dojo's.

If you have any of the above in your family and they are interested in taking classes have them call Sensei Tibon or Yvonne Tibon at the main dojo at (209) 465-0943.

Our Military Kids, Inc.

**Have Supported Athletes Who have Trained At
Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Karate Organization
For Special Military Kids Grants**

For Children of Military Parents who have been called to Active Duty

Tibon's Goju Ryu is proud to be an approved program to help serve the young children of parents who have been called to active duty and deployed while being a Reserve or National Guard military parent.

If a member of your family qualifies for this grant contact **"Our Military Kids, Inc."** at **(703)734-6654**.



Connecting Waters Charter School

Connecting Waters is Fully Accredited by the Schools Commission
of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)



We have many students in the Connecting Waters Charter Schools that come to Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Programs for their physical education requirements. If you have questions about our program and how to qualify through Connection Waters Charter Schools just call our main Karate school at (209) 465-0943.



Receive Physical Education High School Credit!



**Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Karate Studio
Approved as a Physical Education Alternative for
St. Mary's High School**

Most all Stockton Unified School District High Schools accept Tibon's Goju Ryu Karate Program as a Physical Education alternative, just check in with your Counselor. Lincoln High School and Tokay High School require athlete be in the Elite Karate Training program to qualify – See Sensei Tibon on those requirements!

January

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 Happy New Year! Main Dojo Closed! 	2 Main Dojo Closed Happy New Years! 	3	4 Make up Holiday classes during the month – start early!	5	6 Mighty Mites 4:30-5:30p Weapons 7-8:30p	7 10-12:00 TNT 10:00-12:00 Mighty Mites Tokubetsu – 5-7
8 First A-Team 10-12noon Prepare for Canada! If we have Less than 5 athletes show up Sensei will cancel all A-Team practices	9 Weapons 730-900pm	10	11 Make up Holiday classes during the month – start early! Happy Birthday Sensei Adam 29 yrs old!	12	13 Mighty Mites 4:30-5:30p Weapons 7-8:30p	14 10:00-12:00 Mighty Mites Tokubetsu 5-7p
15 A-Team 10-12noon Prepare for Canada! If we have Less than 5 athletes show up Sensei will cancel all A-Team practices	16 Main Dojo Closed! Martin Luther King Jr. Day!	17	18 Make up Holiday classes during the month – start early!	19	20 Mighty Mites 4:30-5:30p No Weapons Promotion Ceremony White/yell 7:15p Color belts 8:15p No Weapons!	21 10:00-12:00 Mighty Mites Promotion Testing White/yell 12:15p Color belts 2:30p Tokubetsu 5-7p
22 A-Team 10-12noon Prepare for Canada! If we have Less than 5 athletes show up Sensei will cancel all A-Team practices	23 Weapons 730-900pm	24	25 Make up Holiday classes during the month – start early!	26	27 Mighty Mites 4:30-5:30p Weapons 7-8:30p	28 10:00-12:00 Mighty Mites Tokubetsu 5-7p
29 RSO Elections 12:00noon Main Dojo Black Belt Members please attend.	30 Weapons 730-900pm	31				

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