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<b>3</b> Tokubetsu-2 9-11A  Women's Basic Self Defense Workshop 2-4p	<b>4</b>  Combined Weapons 7:30p-9:00p	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  Please Make Up Your Classes Early in the Month!	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Mighty Mites 4:30-5:30p Advance 5:30-7p No Weapons Promotion Ceremony White/yellow/All 7:15p	<b>9</b> Mighty Mites 11-12n 12n-1:30p Color Belts Tokubetsu 5-7p  Promotion Testing 2pm White & Yellow, Orange and Up Combined testing
<b>10</b> Tokubetsu-2 no class  Sensei Bernard Edwards Tournament San Mateo	<b>11</b> Dojo Closed Veterans Day!  Happy Anniversary 47yrs Sensei & Yvonne	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  Please Make Up Your Classes Early in the Month!	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Mighty Mites 4:30-5:30p Advance 5:30-7p Weapons 7-8:30p	<b>16</b> Mighty Mites 11-12n 12n-1:30p Color Belts Tokubetsu 5-7p
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# Tibon's Goju Gazette



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## Tournaments & Events This Year

November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Sensei Bernard Edwards Karate Tournament  
San Mateo, CA

Tibon's Goju Ryu 35<sup>th</sup> Winter IN HOUSE Invitational Karate  
Championships Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Lincoln High School.  
Black Belt Testing December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Saturday Main Dojo.

47<sup>th</sup> Annual Uchiage Tournament February 15, 2020 Steveston B.C.  
Canada.

## Welcome New Students Tibon's Goju Ryu Organization

Andre Guitierrez Alexander Louis Kenji Buena Vista  
Kristen Buena Vista Evan Boneta Pau Breed Priya Breed  
Rodney Hopkins Adeline Cody Ziva Galvez Jarvis  
Jackoby Galvez Jarvis Sarai Meas Michael Matthews  
Kiana Chavez Chris A. Ponce Lavendar Parker Eduarado Pozo  
Indigo Pocoroba Viola Pocoroba Ezra Zapata Carlisle Zapata  
Antonio Canela Jovanny Moran Antonio Canela Rylee Davison  
Lamar Daniel

Welcome Back: Mia Nelson



## Promotion Testing!

November 8<sup>th</sup> Promotion Ceremony 7:15p Friday  
November 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday Promotion Testing 2:15pm  
White & Yellow, Orange and Up Combined testing!  
Start checking in 2pm - Need Leadership for Testing Saturday!



## Demo Team Performances

Tibon's Goju Ryu 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter IN HOUSE Opening  
Ceremony Lincoln High School 9:30am

## Congratulations to Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts!

Thank you For Voting in Stockton Record's "Best in San Joaquin"  
"Best Martial Arts" one of the Top Martial Arts Programs the past  
12 Years in the San Joaquin Valley!

## Sempai Cayla Gapusan Wins Female Athlete of the Year Award for Kata in Indiana at The AJKL Awards Banquet!



Sempai Cayla Gapusan travelled to Indiana for the American Junior Karate League Karate Championships, which features many of the USA National Karate Team Jr. athlete members. Cayla was awarded the "Female Athlete of the Year Award for Kata," and was awarded the sponsorship for competition fees for the US Open International Karate Championships in Las Vegas Easter Weekend in 2020. In the competition won a gold medal 16/17 yr. old Black belt female Kata. Cash Gapusan won Bronze medal in boy's 10/11 yr old Kumite. Congratulations to you Both!

**Special Award Students to be awarded at  
Tibon's Goju 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter IN HOUSE Karate Championships  
For  
5-35 yr. Training Anniversary Award List**

**Students and parents the list of names are students who will be receiving an award for training years. If you think you should be receiving an award for your training for your 5 to 35-year anniversary, please notify the Main Headquarter Dojo at Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts at (209) 465-0943**

**5-year award**

Jaiden Smith Jaden Abundez Lucian Abundez Brixton Delaserda Maira Gardea Eyob Getachew  
Cash Gapusan Zoe Harrison Oliver Hartz Nimran Shergill Samson Helsby Allysha Rivera Carissa  
Amador Esteban Amador Tahsaani Clayton Josie Coleman Kayden Nguyen

**10-year award**

Aiden Shek

**20 Year Award**

Andrew Moore

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**Attention Parents and Students!  
Monthly Tuition's to increase Jan 2020 Friendly Reminder  
See New Brochures!**

Please note that Tibon's Goju Ryu due to new state requirements for employee training compliances, and ever cost of operating expenses to maintain our business, we unfortunately must raise our monthly tuition, and new business laws **starting January 1, 2020**. 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 we always try very hard to give you more than your value in instruction and investment into your family member in traditional karate and Kobudo instruction. **Take advantage of the 3-month, 6-month, 9-month, 12-month for substantial savings, that will not increase at this time.**



**Tibon's Goju Ryu Karate**  
**35<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter IN HOUSE Karate Championships Registration Flyer**  
**Lincoln High School Gymnasium**  
**6844 Alexandria Pl, Stockton**  
**December 8<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 Sunday**



**Spectator option – Can Food Drive 1 –Canned Turkey or Canned Ham Adult Admission or 10 – Can Foods for Adult and 5 – Cans for Child Admission to help the needy in the Stockton Community**

**Register ONLINE NOW LIVE at: [www.karateTmaster.com](http://www.karateTmaster.com)**

Be a part of the “Kick A Thon” Fundraiser for  
St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNaGM5oBrAQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TmUT4-wtLM0&feature=youtu.be>

**Opening Ceremony with Stockton Bukkyo Taiko Dan Demonstration, Karate Demo, and Grand March**

**GRAND MARCH AND OPENING CEREMONY BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 9:30AM** *Competition starts at 10:00am:* Purpose of this tournament is to give the students an opportunity to develop their competition skill in Karate without having to travel across the world. Many of our students have developed as National, International, Pan-American and World Champions. This competition allows the students to compete in a comfortable atmosphere and have a great learning experience. Confident and knowledgeable referees will judge the competition. **Register**

**ONLINE no later than December 7<sup>th</sup>, 8pm, and deadline for at dojo register papers is Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Community Based Organization  
Karate Demo for Carson Oaks Community Church Fall Festival**



**One of my black belts Pastor Paul Stanley, who is the Pastor of Carson Oaks Community Church asked for your support at the Church's annual festival, and graciously feed all the demo team a wonder lunch and refreshments. It was a great event!**



## Kata Seminar Fundraiser

**Kata Seminar Fundraiser for Cayla Gapusan to attend National Team training at the Olympic Center in Colorado in January after obtaining a spot as a Jr USA team member at this year's Nationals in Chicago, Illinois.**

Lead Instructors for the Seminar will be Sensei Eliza 3rd degree Sr Black belt 9-time USA Sr. National Team Member and Sempai Cayla 2nd degree Sr candidate Black belt Jr. USA Team Member - Kata



**Kata seminar sessions taught by Sensei Eliza Balanon and Sempai Calya Gapusan a great success! Thank you to Tibon's Goju-Ryu Fighting Arts for hosting and supporting this event!**



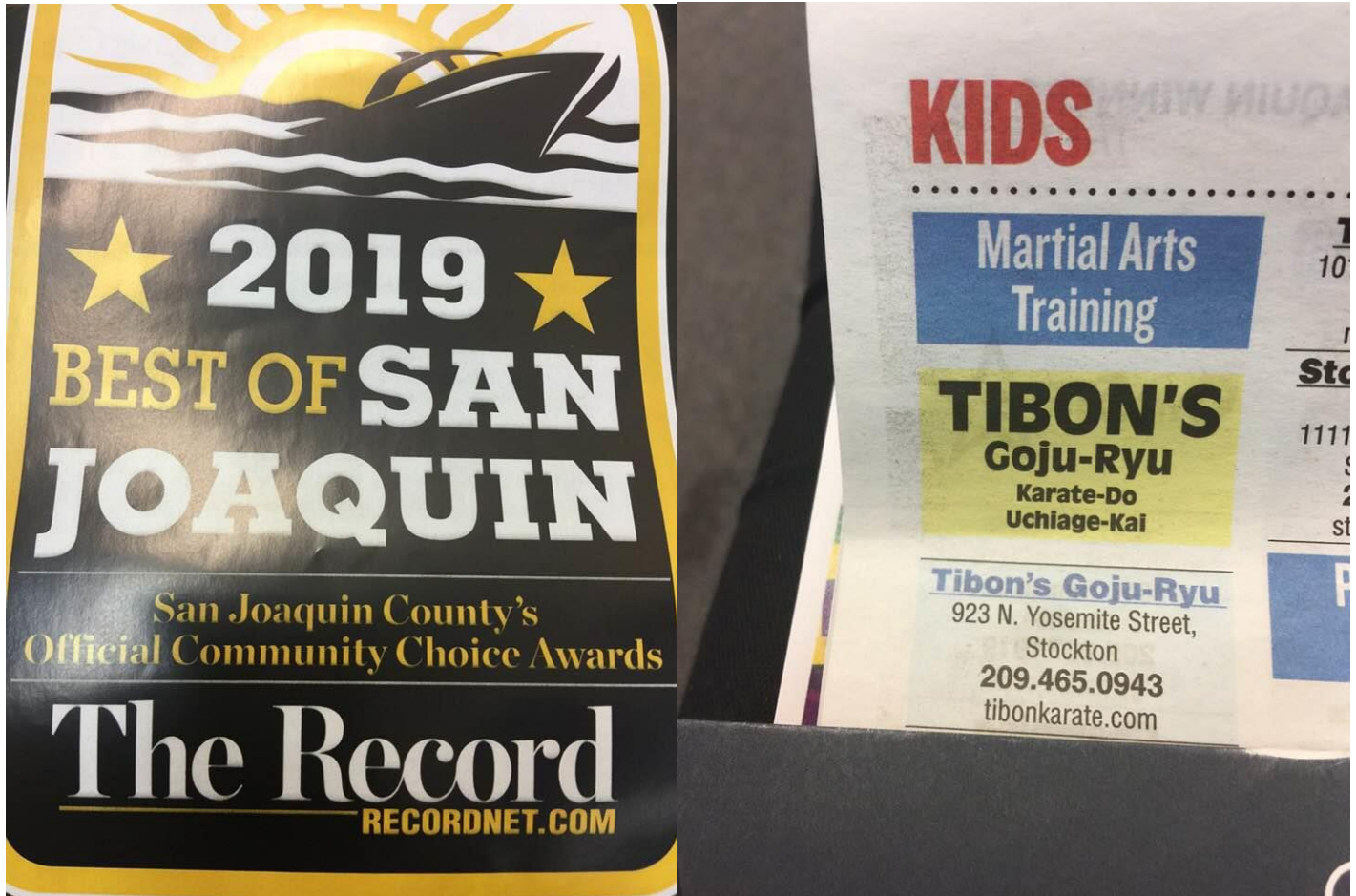
**Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts  
Women's Basic Street Self Defense Workshop Series #1  
For Cecilia Warren – Area Manager CAPSLO Program**



Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Sensei Gene Tibon worked with CAPSLO Area Manager Cecilia Warren with setting up a series of Women's Basic Street Self Defense Workshop for the Safety of her employees. All of the Women worked very hard and were very interested in this women's empowerment self defense training. I was luck to have as my assistant instructor Sensei Justin Love, who added some very important messages to the group from his training officers at the CHP Academy and his time on the street as a CHP Officer. Also had Sensei Asa Thurston, Sempai Cayla Gapusan, Sempai Annie Tran, Sempai Angelina Nguyen, and Sempai Cat Vaughn working and supporting each participant in the application of the self defense tactics and techniques taught at the workshop. Series #2 Women's Basic Street Self Defense Workshop will be Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2-4pm.

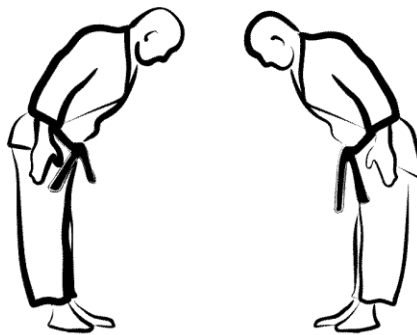
Great job ladies, we look forward to future training workshops in Goju Ryu self-defense movements.

**Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Wins the Gold Medal 1<sup>st</sup> Place Position for  
"Best in San Joaquin" for "Best in Martial Arts Training"  
San Joaquin Official Community Choice Awards**



Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Karate would like to thank all of our Karate Instructor Staff, Front Counter, and Office Staff for your hard work in always providing world class service by always giving your best in training to our students and families. Your incredible Karate Demonstrations of our Goju Ryu Style of Karate to the Community during Festivals at various Parade's and Church Festivals have entertained thousands in 2019.

Thank you to all of those who voted Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts the Best in San Joaquin in both the Stockton Record and San Joaquin Magazine as the "Best in San Joaquin" for Martial Arts Training for the past 12 years!



# **News from Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Branch Karate Programs**

**Stockton GymStars**  
**Sensei Asa Thurston Chief Instructor**  
**Sensei Brianna Udermann Assistant**

We had many great things happen this past month of October. New students showing more skill and precision in their basics, many white belts feeling more confident with competing against their classmates while even the younger students show more and more focus and strength every day. Many of the students who came during Ranger Week got to do class with the Green Ranger which is always a fun way to get the kids pumped to do class.

We had 3 students promote to their next level Liam Li, Aloak Rana and Jax Hudgins and they did fantastic tests to receive their new rank. It was a long road but all of them finally passed to their next level and with the success of their test has pushed more in the classes to get stronger with the basics and to become a much stronger fighters but also much better with their control and focus.

Our new starters for the month were Priya Breed, Paul Breed, Ryder Jessup, Prince Miles, and Annie Ruiz they all show a lot of potential and many just in this month have gotten their basics very strong and are catching up to their classmates at an incredible pace. And with how quickly these students are learning I hope to see them and many of my other students test themselves on what they have learned so far and perform at the upcoming In-house tournament so whether they win lose or draw they can gain that great experience piece that comes from the event.



**Modesto GymStars**  
**Sensei Eric Bojoc Chief Instructor**  
**Sensei Chris Inman Assistant**



Assistant Instructor Chris Inman

My name is Christopher Inman and I am 16 years old and was born on August 16, 2003. At the age of three I started karate at Modesto GymStars under Sensei Adam. I only went one day a week for a couple of years and got both my yellow and orange belts. After that I started going to class twice a week. Years later when I had my green belt first stripe, I broke my arm. I was out of karate for almost half a year. When I came back it was hard to get back to my previous skill level. It took some time, but I was able to get there with the help of Sensei's Brian and Amber. I double tested for my green belt third stripe, passed, and started assisting. It was one of the hardest things I had ever done. Sensei Amber was very strict and demanded perfection, but she taught me a lot about assisting and teaching.

Around the time when I earned my brown belt, I started going to Tokubetsu and T2 at the main dojo as well as competing in more local tournaments. The experience and training I got from these were outstanding, greatly improving my skill level. I started to attend Friday class at the main dojo a few months later. It was very hard, but I improved little by little. As I started to assist more and more, I began to love teaching. Two years later I finally came up for black belt testing. I passed, much to my relief, and went to Canada to compete in the tournament there. At this time, I had just turned 14 and started high school and had a lot going on. Sensei Tibon offered me a job working part time at Modesto Gym Stars, which I gratefully accepted.

At this point I was near positive I wanted to seek a career in teaching and the job gave me the potential to do something I loved, assisting, while gaining experience for something I wanted to do further down the line. Currently I am teaching at Modesto GymStars under the guidance of Sensei Eric, and I like every second of it. Karate has taught me many skills that have made my life so much easier, like perseverance and patience. Karate has a special place in my life and always will, and I am the person I am today because of it.



**Hiers Goju Ryu**  
**Sensei Chris Hiers Chief Instructor**  
**Sempai Maddie Hiers Assistant**  
**Hiers Karate School celebrates 24 years**



I remember walking into Twin Arbors Athletic Club the first day I opened our brand-new Karate school. I was 26 years old and very nervous. Not so much about teaching classes, more so if anyone would show up. My first class we had about three students, which was my niece and a friend as well as another child trying out class. We had a successful class but then my fears came true, nobody showed up for the next class. Over the next year I learned that starting a business would not be easy. For many classes I sat at a table reading a book. Ever so slowly we started growing. From two days a week to six days a week teaching classes. I could never imagine what would lie ahead in the next twenty-four years.

One of the best decisions I ever made was walking into Tibon's Fighting Arts. It changed my life. I cannot thank Sensei Tibon and Yvonne enough for all their support, encouragement, generosity, and much advice over the years to make our school successful. My life has been so enriched by what you both have done for me and my family.

As I look back there are generations of students who have called our Dojo home. I am now having some of my black belts that started as young children bring in their kids. I am so blessed to be able to be a part of so many wonderful people's lives. But my greatest blessing is my beautiful wife Janelle Hiers, in which if I did not have this school, I would never have met her. I am so grateful to her for allowing me time almost every day to be at the dojo, while she is doing the hard work with our two daughters.

A special thanks to Dennis Kaufman who gave us our start and was instrumental in us still being in business. And thanks to David and Kay Claxton for allowing us to continue our school when they took over the club last year.

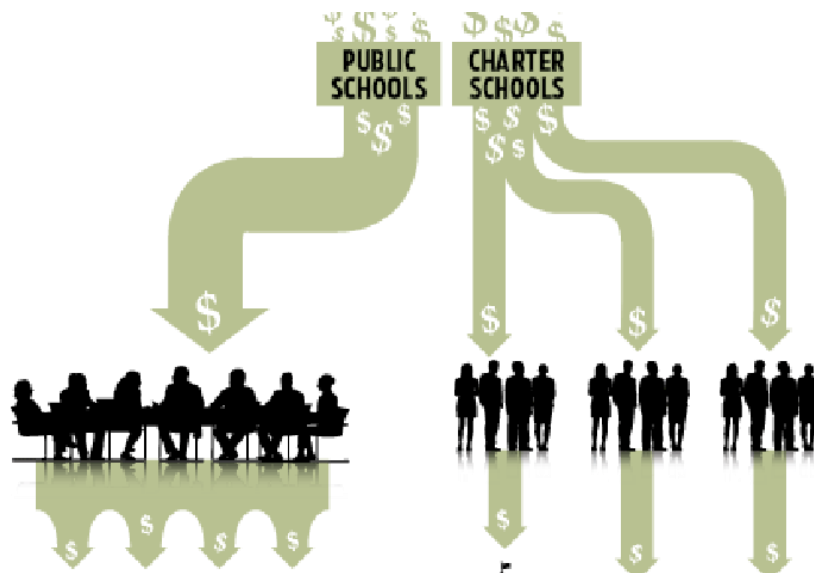
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**United Bay Area Karate Club**  
**Sensei Joane Orbon Chief Instructor**



Also, note the Grand Opening will be in November (tba) where karate guests all over the country and world will be flying in to witness the ribbon cutting and participate in a Friendship Camp. It will be a weekend you do not want to miss! Keep up with our updates on [www.ubakc.com](http://www.ubakc.com) and/or @ubakc\_\_.

Best regards,  
Joane Orbon - CEO and Chief Instructor of UBAKC



## Charter School Students

**Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Karate is accepted by Most Charter Schools in San Joaquin  
For P.E. Alternative School Program**

**Check Your Charter School to see if they will fund your Karate Lessons at  
Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Karate Studio – (209) 465-0943**

**We are currently working with the following:**

**Connecting Waters Charter School**

**Visions in Education Charter School**

**New Jerusalem Elementary Charter Program**

**Pacific Charter Institute Charter Program**

**Rio Valley Charter School**

**St. Mary's High School P.E. Alternative Grades**

**Lincoln High School X-Sports Program**

