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10 Tokubetsu-2 1-2:30p Leadership Face to Face 11a-1pm main dojo	11	12	13 Private Lessons Available- Please Book with Front Counter!	14	15 Promotion Ceremony 7:45pm for November Testing Group 	16 No Tokubetsu 1 Promotion Testing 4-6pm 
17 Tokubetsu-2 1-2:30p Annual Holiday Potluck Talent Show Party 4:30p-8:30p Carson Oaks Church	18	19	20 Please Make Up Your Classes Early in the Month!	21	22 Dojo Closed 	23 Dojo Closed 
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31 New Years Eve Closed!	1 Dojo Closed	2 Dojo Open				<div>2023</div>



Tibon's Goju Gazette



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December 2023

Tournaments & Events This Year

Black Belts Testing December 9, 2023, for our next level of new Brown belts moving up to the next Candidate level of Sho Dan Ho Black belts and to the next degree of black belt level. Prepare Now for that testing group at the Main Dojo.

Advance Seminar December 9th at 12:30p -3:30p Kata Bunkai
Preblack belt testing seminar green belts to black belts only.

Tibon's Goju Ryu 2023 36th Annual IN-HOUSE Winter Tournament moved to June 2024, Due to Gym being remodeled. We will see if we are able to host this year's event at Lincoln High School as in the past years. Waiting for School Athletic Schedule to confirm date!

**Thank you as a Small Business we Appreciate
Your Support!
Welcome New Students to
Tibon's Goju Ryu Uchiage Kai Organization**

Clara Aranda Maxximus Sanchez Ezckial Hartman
Nixon Baker



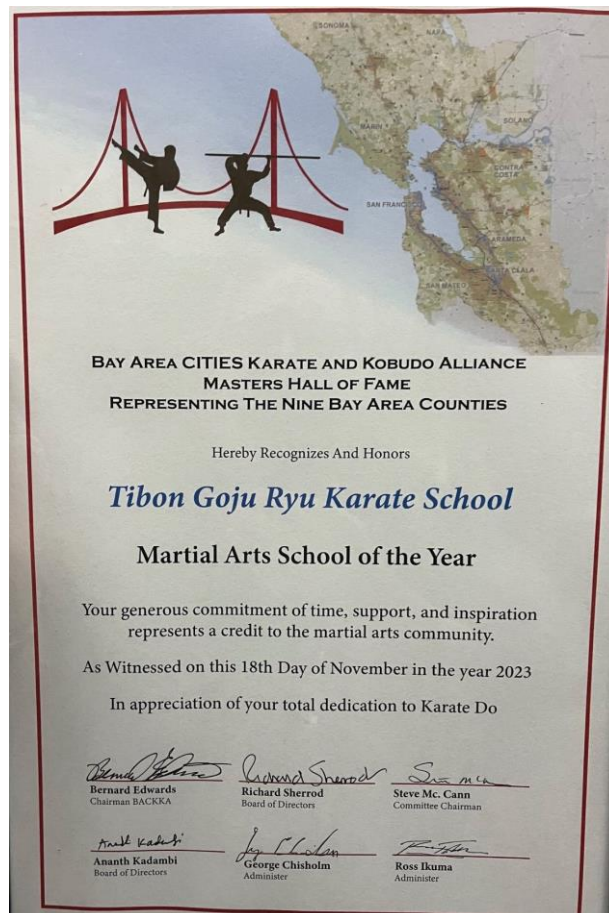
Promotion Testing!
December 16th Saturday Testing – Main Dojo
White belts – Brown belts 4:00p – 6:00p
Promotion Ceremony for November Testing December 15th, at 7:45pm

LEADERSHIP MEETING IN PERSON MAIN DOJO!

2nd Face to Face Leadership Meeting at Main dojo
Working lunch meeting December 10th 11am – 1pm



**November 18, 2023, Bay Area Cities Karate and Kobudo
Championships San Mateo High School
Martial Arts School of the Year Award**



Tibon's Goju Ryu Students did outstanding job at the event and received tremendous recognition by Shihan Bernard Edwards (See Results!)

Attention Parents and Students!
Monthly Tuition's to increase January 2024 Friendly Reminder
See New Brochures!

Please note that Tibon's Goju Ryu **due to these hard Covid 19 inflationary economic times, which unfortunately we were shut down for business due to the Governor's mandate for 11-1/2 months, and we are still trying to catchup to pre-covid classes.** We are unfortunately having to raise our monthly tuition due to the rising operating costs of a business, and new business laws **starting January 1, 2024.** The increase will amount to an additional **\$5.00-\$10** per month more per student depending on location, which amounts to **less than 2 energy drinks.** 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.

With the new rates in effect, we can still offer quality instruction at \$50 - \$130 a month **LESS than our competitors.** **The average costs of monthly tuition nationwide are \$150.00- \$250 per month and are contractual.** It is common knowledge, and a proven business fact, that we strive for excellence in developing our students in karate and life skill development. That is why we are a national rated developmental program, and place athletes on the United States National Karate Team on years they attend USA Team trials. Our specialty is Goju Ryu karate and the self-defense aspect to the system.

We have placed students on **Team USA like Sensei Adam Tibon, Sensei Eliza Cabanig Balanon, Sensei Ronny Guzman, Sensei Gino Tibon, Sensei Andrew Moore, Sensei Amber Ramirez, Sensei Robert Lawrie, Sensei Jason Kaley, Sensei Brian Embry, Sensei Cristian Embry, Sensei Rupert Espinosa, Sensei Jesse Toy, Sensei Noah Helsby, Senpai Justin Gilmour, Senpai Kaitlyn Gilmour, and Joey Paper to Team USA** representing USA at world level competition. **Sensei Joane Orbon** on the USA World Team and was a member of the **Philippine National Olympic Team** ranking 7th in the world during her international competition travels. **Sensei Arin Helsby, Sensei Demytryk Cabanig Del Rio, Sensei Chris Gong, Sensei Brianna Uderman, Sensei Courtney Embry, Senpai Cayla Gapusan, and Senpai Cash Gapusan** to the **USA National Team Pool** as one of the top 3 athletes in the country in their respective **black belt division.** Only the best black belt athletes in the USA are selected to Team USA National Federation, member of the US Olympic Committee.

I hope you understand our reasoning for raising the tuition; these Covid 19 economic times have also challenged us to keep our doors open with being closed for 11-1/2months. Due to the new State of California mandates for business minimum wages, we are trying to be more reasonable and affordable than our competitors without sacrificing our technical quality. **If you are interested in prepaying your tuition, a discount is offered. We are offering an opportunity for those who wish to pay this year's annual cost before the new rates in 2024.** This may be discussed with billing personnel. Thank you for your business, support, and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Sensei Gene & Yvonne Tibon



Tibon's Annual Potluck Holiday Party & Talent Show

Sunday, December 17th, 2023

at

**Cason Oaks Community Church Fellowship Hall
6509 N. Alturas Ave Stockton**

From 4:00pm til 8:00pm

This will be a POTLUCK Event

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**Saturday International RyuKyuKan
Karate Tournament Dixon High School**



Results Ryukyukan International Karate and Kobudo Championships

Chris Gong gold medal black belt weapons, silver medal black belt Kata, bronze black belt kumite

Joshua Borquez gold medal intermediate Kata, bronze medal intermediate Kumite

Neython Saavedra gold medal novice Kata, silver medal Kobudo, bronze medal knockdown Kumite.

Akira Mayeda gold medal novice Kata, silver medal novice Kumite

Tyler Hurdubei bronze medal novice Kumite

Jose Saavedra silver medal men's black belt Kumite

**Bay Area Cities Karate and Kobudo
Championships San Mateo High**



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MERRY
CHRISTMAS

Bay Area Cities Karate and Kobudo Tournament Results

Francis Yang gold medal men's black belt Kata, gold medal men's black belt Kumite
Chris Gong gold medal black belt Kata, gold medal black belt Kobudo

Lucian Abundez gold medal black belt Kata, gold medal black belt Kumite, silver medal Kobudo.

Allison To silver medal women's black belt Kata, silver medal long weapons, bronze medal short weapons, bronze Kumite

Tristan Nakagawa gold medal novice Kata, gold medal novice Kumite, gold medal Kobudo

Neython Saavedra gold medal intermediate Kata, gold medal short weapons, gold medal long weapons, bronze Kumite

Navor Gonzalez gold medal men's intermediate Kata

Charlotte Gonzalez gold medal novice Kumite, silver medal Kobudo

John Ratto gold medal men's intermediate Kumite, silver medal men's intermediate Kata

Tyler Ratto gold medal beginning Kumite, bronze medal beginning Kata

Sidney Tran gold medal intermediate Kumite, bronze medal intermediate Kata

Jaime Yen bronze medal intermediate Kata

Carter Tran silver medal beginning Kata

Benji Vu silver medal novice Kata, silver medal novice Kumite, silver medal Kobudo

Jose Saavedra bronze medal men's Kumite

Myla Quilantang honorable participation



Merry Christmas



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Christmas Annual Special Tuition for 2 days per week for 2023 \$1,195.00 and for 2024 new rate will be \$1,300.00. Purchase in December 1-31st and receive 2023 Christmas rate of \$1,100 for savings of \$200. Happy Holidays! We accept M/C, Visa, Discover, and AMEX



Arawaza Fist Gear – white, red, or blue non-WKF
\$39.99



Arawaza White Shin Pad - white, red, or blue non-WKF
with Removable Instep Pad
\$49.99

Mouth Piece \$2.00

and

Boy's Groin Cup \$10.00

Dear parents, Sparring equipment is mandatory for sparring classes and competition. I do this at Christmas because it's a great opportunity offset the cost by asking family members to purchase one piece of the equipment as a gift.

Sensei Joane Orbon Inducted to Stockton Sports Hall of Fame November 15, 2023 Sensei Gene Tibon Inducted on November 17, 2011



Inductees

Joseph Abdullah

When you think of a basketball hero, the name that comes to mind is usually a player. But for the Stockton Athletic Hall of Fame, it's a coach. Joseph Abdullah, who coached the team for 15 years, was inducted into the hall of fame on November 17, 2011. He was a coach for the team for 15 years, and he was a coach for the team for 15 years. He was a coach for the team for 15 years, and he was a coach for the team for 15 years.

Tiffany Tucker

Tucker knows how to win. She's been a coach for 15 years, and she's been a coach for 15 years. She's been a coach for 15 years, and she's been a coach for 15 years. She's been a coach for 15 years, and she's been a coach for 15 years.

Don Mazzilli

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2023 Stockton Athletic Hall of Fame inductees

The Stockton Athletic Hall of Fame has inducted three new members into its ranks. The inductees are Joseph Abdullah, Tiffany Tucker, and Don Mazzilli. They were inducted on November 17, 2011. They were inducted on November 17, 2011. They were inducted on November 17, 2011.

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Congratulation Sensei Joane Orbon on your induction!

Competition Development Classes
Tokubetsu 1 on Saturday's 4:00-5:30p
Tokubetsu 2 on Sunday's 1:00-2:30p

Some of Our Sr. Black Belts Visiting to Train with the New Black Belts and Students preparing for Karate Competition



We Train for Excellence!



Competition Training Classes!

Sensei Adam Tibon 5th Dan teaches on Tokubetsu 1 on Saturday's 4-5:30p
Sensei Brian Embry 3rd Dan teaches on Tokubetsu 2 on Sunday's 1-2:30p

Weapons Class Taking New Students
Orange Belt and Above Qualified for Weapons Class
Monday's 7:00p – 8:00pm
Sensei Francis Yang Teaching 1st Dan Yamani Ryu Kobudo

Beginning Classes Now Open for New Students



Learn both Bo and Sai Okinawan Weapons

Tibon's Goju Ryu Karate-do



“Tradition of Excellence”

We would like to ask you for your personal referral. We believe that our Parents and Students are our greatest source of New Students.

We are offering Free Tuition at the Main Yosemite St. Dojo!

We would like to introduce our “Tibon’s Karate Referral Program”

For each new student who registers for our main dojo program, we will pay for One month of your tuition or One Private Lesson with

Sensei Tibon 8th Dan Goju Ryu.

That’s one-month Free Tuition for each student who lists you as referring them to our program and registering as a student.

Satellite Dojo’s like Stockton GymStars or Modesto GymStars if refer a student start at the Main Dojo on Yosemite St. You will be entitled to a Private Lesson for promotion testing preparation with Sensei Tibon

Now That’s an Offer You Can’t Refuse.

Help Us Grow While Introducing Your Family and Friends to the Benefits of Martial Arts Training for Children and Adults

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

Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Main Dojo - Celebrates 38 Years

Sensei Gene Tibon 8th Dan

Sensei Adam Tibon 5th Dan

Sensei Ronny Guzman 3rd Dan

Sensei Brian Embry 3rd Dan Sensei Asa Thurston 4th Dan

Sensei Francis Yang 2nd Dan - Sensei Arin Helsby 2nd Dan

Sensei Chris Gong 2nd Dan Ho Sensei Cat Vaughn 2nd Dan Ho



Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts main dojo is winding down the year just finishing a great representation by our Competition team at the Bay Area Cities Karate and Kobudo Championships with 20 gold, 10 silver, 6 bronze medals. Also, the International RyuKyuKan Karate Tournament where a small group of our competition team travelled and did a great job in the competition. In 2024 we have several high-level competitions coming up. The Las Vegas American Open Karate Championships Easter weekend, Steveston International Karate Championships in Richmond B.C. Canada. US Open in Fort Worth Texas, USA Nationals in Lafayette, LA and AAU Nationals in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Other local and state competitions will be also attending. If you want to become part of the competition team, come and join in the Tokubetsu competition classes on Saturday and Sunday.

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We are starting again with Face-to-Face Leadership Meetings in the Main Dojo on Yosemite St. Starting the first face to face since 2019 due to Covid. It will be a working lunch meeting and Leadership Training for our students who are Green Belt and above. Also, some selected students by the various Instructors who may be less than Green Belt Ranking will be invited to the Leadership Program.

Thank you for your support, we look forward to a great 2023!

Sensei Gene Tibon and Yvonne Tibon office Manager

(209) 915-7177 Yvonne Cell and (209) 406-2776 Sensei's Cell

Stockton GymStars – Celebrates 23 Years
Sensei Asa Thurston Chief Instructor 4th Dan
Sensei Allison To 2nd Dan Ho
Sensei Cat Vaughn 2nd Dan Ho



Message from Sensei Asa, Sensei Allison, and Sensei Cat:

Stockton GymStars is continuing to grow and improve. We have added new classes on Tuesday and Thursday, including bringing weapons classes back to GymStars! Weapons classes are open to all student's purple belt and higher. The new schedule is as follows:

[All classes are the same as the schedule currently in the newsletter with the addition of]

Tuesday

6:30-7:25, 3-6-year-old white/yellow belts

Thursday

6:30-7:25, Beginner weapons, purple and above

Modesto GymStars – Celebrates 18 years
Sensei Chris Inman Instructor 2nd Dan
Sempai Joey Carruth Sho Dan Ho

Modesto GymStars observes consistent progress in our students' karate skills, with numerous participants undergoing recent tests. We take pride in their dedicated efforts and remain committed to assisting every student in achieving their karate objectives. Many are diligently working to enhance their abilities, so remember to schedule and attend any missed classes for ongoing improvement. We look forward to finishing strong this year, so keep up the amazing work!

Thanks,
Chris Inman



Hiers Goju Ryu – Celebrates 26 years.
Sensei Chris Hiers Chief Instructor 4th Dan
Sensei Janelle Hiers Assistant 2nd Dan
Sempai Maddie Hiers Assistant 1st Dan



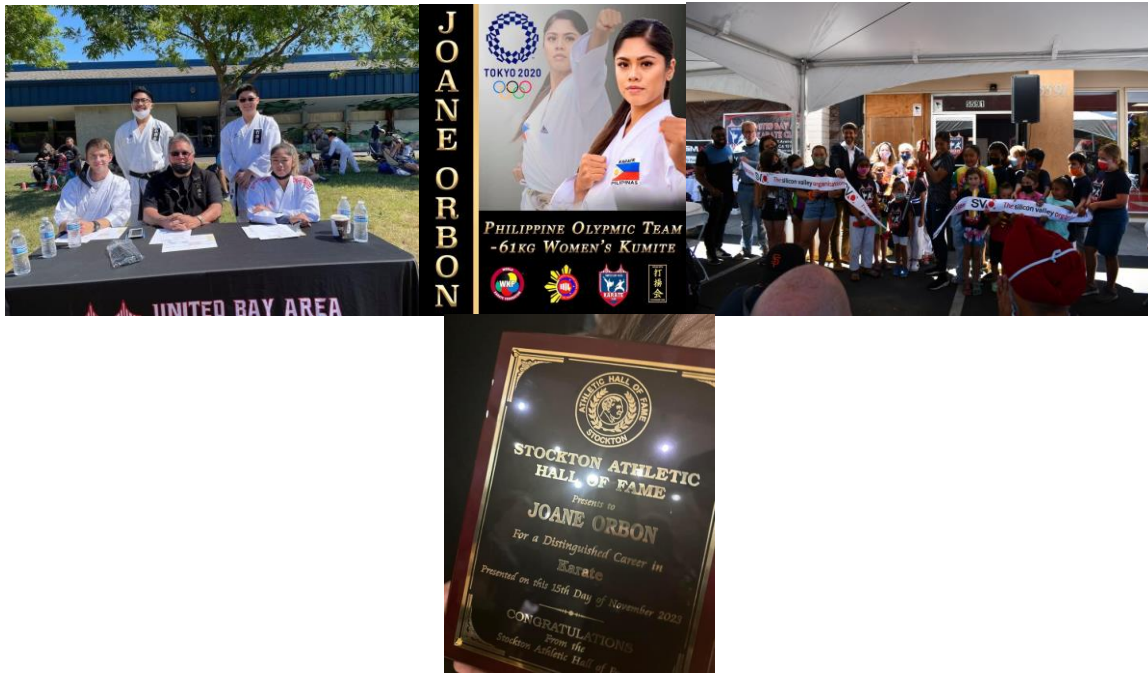
Hiers Karate School Twin Arbors Athletic Center

In the month of December Hiers Goju Ryu in Lodi has many of his old students returning to class to continue their training. After Covid 19 shutdown are still working to build back the program. Looking forward to 2023 Years for our students!



剛 - Go
柔 - Ju
流 - Ryu
空 - Kara
手 - Te
道 - Do

United Bay Area Karate Club
Sensei Joane Orbon Chief Instructor 4th Dan



Dear Goju Ryu Uchiage Kai Families,

Sensei Joane with working with Sensei Gene Tibon 8th Dan Chief Instructor of Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts and President Western United States of Goju Ryu Uchiage Kai will be at UBAKC for Kyu testing December 2nd.

UBAKC San Jose has continues to extend throughout the South Bay Area Goju Ryu Uchiage Kai and continue to make Sensei Gene Tibon Sensei Joane's teacher very proud of her students and organization development. We hope our reach will continue to grow as we teach karate and our mantra of Respect, Discipline, and Loyalty all throughout the Bay Area. Some of Sensei Joane's students will be coming to the Main Dojo on Yosemite St. for training in our Tokubetsu class.

Have a great year!

All the best,
Sensei Joane Orbon
4th Dan Goju Ryu Uchiage Kai
Chief Instructor of UBAKC San Jose



Congratulations Sensei Joane Orbon

TIBON'S GOJU RYU ARTS

DOJO TIPS

Tibon's, Stockton & Modesto GymStars, Hiers, United Bay Area Dojos

Please refer to dojo etiquette regarding conduct, dressing, and grooming and health standards. Please no jewelry or gum on the dojo floor. Cut nails and clean karate uniforms and showered clean students. Teens especially and adults wear deodorant for presentable training in the dojo.

Regarding in house sparring, we require Mandatory Safety equipment for Kumite:

All gear is to be furnished by the student except for headgear and chest protectors, which are at the discretion of the student or the parent for purchase. Some students like their own headgear and chest protectors. Students in color belt class are required the following:

- 1. Hand gear and feet gear.**
- 2. Mouthpiece**
- 3. Groin protection for boys**
- 4. Children can purchase the new body chest plates if desired.**
- 5. Shin pads and forearm pads are optional but recommended for new students.**
- 6. Headgear is optional but can purchase your own.**
- 7. Chest gear is optional but can purchase your own.**

Sparing equipment is mandatory for all students, and it must be in good condition with no cutting edges. Each student must keep their nails trimmed and hair clean.

The students will have sparring in the color belt classes. The training is intense and strict, no horseplay, or disrespectful attitudes will not be tolerated.

No contact with the face or groin is permitted. You may score to the face and groin, but you cannot make contact. No contact with the joints is allowed.

The system of rules and regulations enforced and controlled by a qualified instructor.

At Tibon's Goju Ryu we have extraordinarily strong traditional ties to Karate in Japan, and Canada, and promote the development of strength of character, discipline, citizenship, good role modeling, and spirit.

Any infraction of the rules will terminate your enrollment.

Thank you,

Gene Tibon Sensei 8th Dan Goju Ryu Uchiage Kai

Charter School Students

**Most Charter Schools in San Joaquin accept Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Karate
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**





Realtor
Asa Thurston
The Realtor Sensei

Owner & proprietor
Julian Sepulveda
Broker for over 20 years

Asa is a karate instructor turned
realtor working alongside Julian
Sepulveda with one goal in mind.
To provide exceptional service using
the same principles as karate

Discipline, Honor, and Loyalty

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