



Tibon's Goju Gazette



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September 2023

Tournaments & Events This Year

50th Fiesta Cup Internationals September 16th tournament
September 17th Tournament. South Gate Sports Center. Can
Register now online.

Miladi Fall Classic October 1, 2023, Yuba City.

West Coast Open Sunday Oct. 15, 2023, Pierce College
Gymnasium in 9401 Farwest Drive SW Lakewood, WA.
On-line registration available. Visit www.karatetmaster.com
****Add \$10.00 after October 8th**** No on-site registration
will be accepted

November 18, 2023 Bay Area Cities Karate and Kobudo
Championships San Mateo High School 506 N. Delaware St.
San Mateo, CA

Tibon's Goju Ryu 2023 36th Annual IN-HOUSE Winter
Tournament moved to December 2023, 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

RJ Smith Evelyn Chavez Sophia Chavez Ariel Gonzalez
Carlos Perez Usana Elhag Ahmed Elhag Ibrahim Elhag
Violet Khan Esai Motu Elias Motu Aaron Wilkerson
Phoebe Pueschner Zoey Pueschner Julian Chouk
Jakob Chouk Cyrus Hinds Aleah Morales Orellana
Victor Neiro Joseph Franco Andrew Franco
Nathaniel Franco David Markin Joseph Markin Aiden Martin
Anisha Prased Rajhesh Prased Kalea Butler Jadon Sor
Baylee Fisher Elynor Allen

Return and Transfers: John Molina Mathew Camiwet
Aaron Wilkerson



Promotion Testing!

September 9th Saturday Testing – Main Dojo

White belts – Brown belts 4:00p – 6:00p

Promotion Ceremony for August Testing September 8th 7:45pm

Zoom Leadership Parent Booster Call Sunday September 10th
4:00-5:00pm – Parent Booster 5 - 6pm

LEADERSHIP MEETING

MEETING ID:
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PASSWORD:
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**Sensei Tibon Receives \$25,000 Grant from San Joaquin
District Attorney Ron Freitas to USANKF of Northern
California, Inc Nonprofit to Work with At-Risk
Children Through Karate**



Sensei Gene Tibon President of USANKF of Northern
California, Inc nonprofit 501(c)3 organization received
\$25,000 grant from San Joaquin District Attorney from Asset
Forfeiture Fund to help with At-Risk Children through our
partnership with Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts as an
alternative to Drugs and Gangs.

Sensei Tibon Receives \$25,000 Grant from San Joaquin District Attorney Ron Freitas to USANKF of Northern California – Parent Support Team Fundraiser Raffle Baskets, and our Karate Demo



Incredible series of Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts demonstrations at various festivals and organizations. I want to thank our dynamic demo team for their excellent performances at each of the events. My Leadership makes a positive impact in our community and serves as great role models for our karate program. Also, a special thank you for our Parent Support Team raising funds for our competition team!

Yosemite St Village National Night Out Festival Karate Demo – Fundraiser - Award



**Sensei Gene Tibon Receives \$25,000 Asset Forfeiture Grant from SJ District Attorney Ron Freitas
Chief Stanley McFadden, City Manager Harry Black, Chief Deputy DA Donald Vaughn, and Alexis Wilbur Family Justice Center**



Sensei Chris Hiers 4th Dan - Sensei Gene Tibon 8th Dan - Sensei Adam Tibon 5th Dan

Caitlin Vaughn	passed the test for Sr. Ni Dan Ho – Sr. 2 nd degree black belt candidate.
Aydin Shek	passed the test for Sr. Ni Dan Ho – Sr. 2 nd degree black belt candidate.
Allison To	passed the test for Sr. Ni Dan Ho – Sr. 2 nd degree black belt candidate.
Jason Willes	passed the test for Sr. Sho Dan – Sr. 1 st degree black belt.
Jaiden Smith	passed the test for Sr. Sho Dan Ho – Sr. 1 st degree black belt candidate.
Cash Gapusan	passed the test for Jr Sho Dan - Jr. 1 st degree black belt.
Jasmine Lime	passed the test for Jr. Sho Dan Ho - Jr. 1 st degree black belt candidate.



**Congratulations to our newest Black Belt Dan Certified Goju Ryu Uchiage Kai International, member Japan Karate Federation
Great Banquet filled with proud family and friends of our black belts.**

Congratulations July Promotion Ceremony Students



Congratulations to all of our incredible Karate kids! From all our organization dojos in Stockton Tibon's main dojo, Stockton GymStars, Modesto GymStars and Hiers Goju Ryu Lodi

New August Students Testing!



Congratulations to Doug Sherman in his 70's still kicking and passing his Purple Belt promotion test!

Great job all!



**Leadership Preparing for National Night Out!
So Proud of our Leadership Students great Role Models for the Community**



2023 Jr. Pan American Karate Championships Santiago, Chile August 25-27th



One of Tibon's Goju Ryu black belts, Cayla Gapusan and now training at Sensei Joan Orbon's dojo while in college in the Bay Area won a spot on the Junior National USA Team to the Jr. Pan American Karate Championships in Santiago, Chile August 25-27th. Cayla Gapusan had placed 3rd in the Team Trials, but one of the 1st or 2nd place athletes couldn't go and Cayla was called up to represent USA at the Championship. Cayla lost her first match, and lost her first repechage match and didn't medal, but we are proud of her making the USA Team. Team USA Wins 1st Place for Country winning most.

Sensei Chris Gong also made the Jr. National USA Team to the Pan American Karate Championships as an alternate in third place but didn't go because 1st and 2nd place athletes went on the trip to Chile.

We are proud of Chris Gong for making the national team pool two years in a row as one of the top 3 in the country!
Congratulations

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 Advance Students



We Train for Excellence!



Competition Training Classes!

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 Ho- Sensei Arin Helsby 2nd Dan Ho

Sensei Chris Gong 2nd Dan Ho Sensei Cat Vaughn 1st Dan



Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts main dojo has been doing our community service with karate demonstrations at various festivals and special gatherings at the invitation of County, City, and non-profits benefiting children. **August 1st Yosemite Street Village National Night Out with partnership with San Joaquin District Attorney Ron Freitas. Sensei Gene Tibon President of USANKF of Northern California, Inc nonprofit 501(c)3 organization received \$25,000 grant from San Joaquin District Attorney from Asset Forfeiture Fund to help with At-Risk Children through our partnership with Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts as an alternative to Drugs and Gangs.**

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 3rd Dan
Sensei Allison To 1st Dan



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

Message from Sensei Chris Inman and Sensei Joey Carruth:

Modesto GymStars is continuing to grow and develop our students to the best they can be. With the start of the new school year, we are seeing many new and returning students joining us this month. We look forward to teaching you all and developing your skills in karate. We have many students that are preparing for testing and working hard to better their abilities, and we can't wait to see what they accomplish.



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 September 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!



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柔 - Ju
流 - Ryu
空 - Kara
手 - Te
道 - Do

United Bay Area Karate Club
Sensei Joane Orbon Chief Instructor 3rd Dan



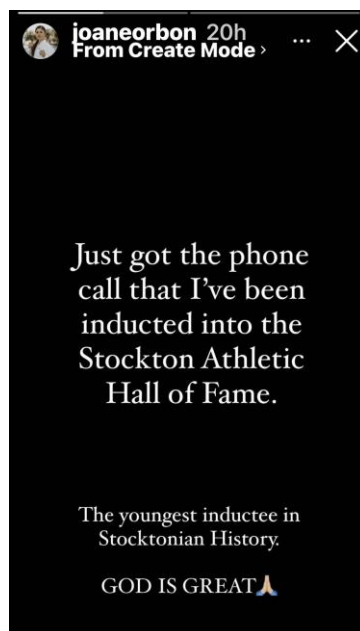
Dear Goju Ryu Uchiage Kai Families,

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 with a series of advance Goju Ryu Kata bunkai application seminars on September 24th.

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
3rd Dan Goju Ryu Uchiage Kai
Chief Instructor of UBAKC San Jose



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

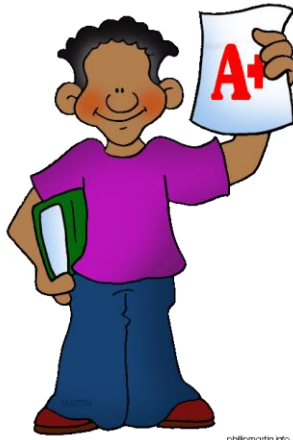
Charter School Students

**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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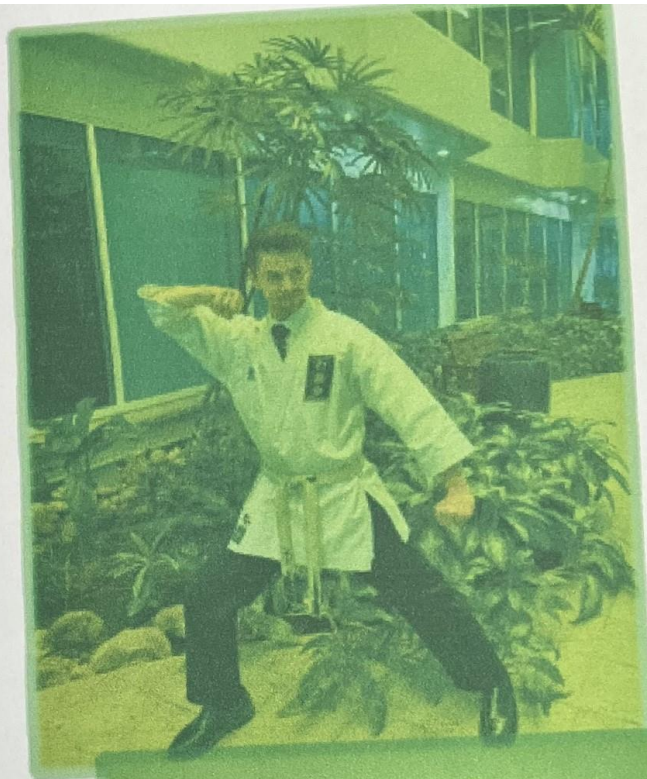
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September

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Private Lessons Available- Please Book with Front Counter! 	See Class Schedule in New Dojo Brochures	See Class Schedule in New Dojo Brochures	See Class Schedule in New Dojo Brochures	See Class Schedule in New Dojo Brochures	1 See Class Schedule in New Dojo Brochures	2 Tokubetsu 1 4-5:30p
3 No Tokubetsu-2 Labor Day Weekend Dojo Closed 	4 Labor Day Dojo Closed 	5 Dojo Open	6 Please Make Up Your Classes Early in the Month!	7	8 Friday Night Market 4-8pm Promotion Ceremony 7:45pm for July Testing Group 	9 No Tokubetsu 1 Promotion Testing 4-6pm 
10 Tokubetsu-2 1-2:30p LEADERSHIP MEETING 	11	12	13	14	15	16 No Tokubetsu 1 Fiesta Cup Tournament Internationals
17 No Tokubetsu-2 Fiesta Cup Tournament Internationals	18	19 Sensei Arin Helsby Last Day headed to UC San Diego for college	20 Please Make Up Your Classes Early in the Month!	21	22	23 Tokubetsu 1 4-5:30p Sensei Tibon at San Jose for Testing San Jose Dojo
24 Tokubetsu-2 1-2:30p	25	26	27	28	29	30 Tokubetsu 1 4-5:30p

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