

Tibon's Goju Gazette

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Congratulations New Tibon's Goju Ryu Internationally Certified Black Belts!

Adam Tibon Senior 3rd Degree Black Belt San Dan Ho

Robert Lawrie Senior 2nd Degree Black Belt Ni Dan Ho

Amber Ramirez Senior 1st Degree Black Belt Sho Dan Ho

Tyler DeBoer Senior 1st Degree Black Belt Sho Dan Ho

Jack Gonzales Junior 1st Degree Black Belt Sho Dan

Michael Brian Embry Junior 1st Degree Black Belt Sho Dan Ho

Courtney Embry Junior 1st Degree Black Belt Sho Dan Ho

There will be a Black Belt Banquet ceremony at a local restaurant celebrating these great accomplishments by our students. If you are interested in attending the celebration contact Yvonne Tibon (209) 465-0943 Dojo.

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2005 Pan-American Goju Ryu Uchiage-Kai Annual Memberships Due March 1st, 2005

It's that time again for membership dues for Pan-American Goju Ryu Uchiage-Kai. This is our sanction Organization for our Ranking out of Japan and Canada. If athletes started January and February 2005 you have already paid your memberships when you paid your registration for this year. Annual membership is \$10.00 along with filling out your membership sheet for 2006.



Tibon's Advance Students Dominate Technical Kata (Forms) Division at 2006 GSKA March Madness Open Karate Championships

Members of Tibon's Goju Ryu Karate Studio competed this weekend at the GSKA March Open Karate Championships at Sierra High School. We had 9 students in the grand championship finals. Two students were successful in winning two Grand championships 5ft. trophies. Michael Brian Embry won the grand championships for 12-14 yr black belt all style Kata (forms), and Andrew Moore 15- 17 yr old black belt all style Kata. Results are as follows:

Michael Brian Embry 1st place 12-14 yr old Junior Black belt Japanese/Okinawan Kata, and Grand champion for all 12 -14 yr old all style Black Belt Kata. Andrew Moore 1st place 15-17 yr old Junior Black belt Japanese/Okinawan Kata, and Grand champion for all 15-17 yr old all style Black Belt Kata, 3rd place traditional advance weapons 14-17 yrs old. Amber Ramirez 1st place Male and Female Black Belt Kata. Jack Gonzales 1st place 15-17 yr old traditional advance weapons 14-17, 3rd place 15-17 yr old black belt Japanes/Okinawan Kata. Courtney Embry 1st place 12-14 yr old boys and girl's intermediate/advance Japanese/Okinawan Kata. Joanne Orbon 1st place 10-11 yr old intermediate/advance Japanese/Okinawan Kata, 1st place 11-13 yr old intermediate/advance traditional weapons, 2nd place 11-13 yr old intermediate/advance Kumite (fighting). Mario Evangelista 1st place 14-17 yr old male and female traditional weapons, 3rd place 14-17 yr old male and female Japanese/Okinawan Kata. Rupert Espinosa 2nd place 12-14 yr old boys and girls intermediate/advance Japanese/Okinawan Kata. Kendrick Ladao 1st place 12-14 yr old intermediate/advance Japanese/Okinawan Kata.

See next column for additional students results:

Jovy Orbon 2nd place 8-9 yr old boys and girl's intermediate/advance Japanese/Okinawan Kata. Valentino Silva 1st place 6yr old all style beginning boys and girls Kata. Sara Paper 2nd place 10-11 yr old boys and girls intermediate/advance Japanese/Okinawan Kata, 2nd place 10-11 yr old boys and girl's intermediate/advance Open Kata all styles. Joey Paper 3rd place 12-14 boys and girl's intermediate/advance Japanese/Okinawan Kata, 3rd place 12-14 yr old boys and girls intermediate/advance Open Kata all styles. Kendall Nuno 2nd place girls and boys 6 yr old beginning all styles Kata. Anna Marie Olpin 3rd place 8-9 yr old boys and girl's intermediate/advance Japanese/Okinawan Kata. Christian Embry 3rd place boys and girls 10-11 yr old intermediate/advance Japanese/Okinawan Kata. Spencer Takeshi 3rd place boys and girls 8-9 yr old intermediate/advance Japanese/Okinawan Kata. Dekan Madry 3rd place boys and girls 6 yr old all style Kata. Mariah Goodman 3rd place boys and girls intermediate/advance Kumite. Aerial Hobbs 3rd place 10-11 yr old boys and girls beginning Japanese/Okinawan Kata. Jesse Toy 3rd place 10-11 yr old boys and girl's intermediate/advance Japan/Okinawan Kata.

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. The cost is \$40 & \$45 per half an hour

If You Want to Order Equipment or New Karate Uniform

Parents and students you can order new Karate uniforms, patches, 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

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Tibon's Goju Ryu Compete in 33rd Steveston International Karate Championships in Richmond B.C. Canada



Members of Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Karate Studio traveled to the 33rd Steveston International Karate Championships in Canada on Saturday March 4th 2006. Tibon's Black Belt's competed in the adult and junior divisions, which were represented by athletes from 9 countries. I'm proud to announce that Adam Tibon 3rd degree black belt won the Men's 176lbs & up Heavy Black Belt Kumite (fighting) division and Ronny Guzman 2nd degree Black Belt won the Men's 175lbs and below weight Black Belt Kumite Division, along with winning first place in the Men's Advance WKF Kata (forms) division. Robert Lawrie a 2nd Degree Black Belt also won 3rd place in the Men's WKF Mandatory Kata Division.

Our junior black belts also won their respective divisions along with competing in older divisions for the sake of competition and also winner in those divisions also see results:

Adam Tibon first place men's Black Belt 176lbs & up Heavy Weight Kumite Division. Ronny Guzman first place men's Black Belt 175 & below Middle weight and below Kumite Divisions, and first place men's Black Belt WKF Kata (forms). Robert Lawrie third place men's Black Belt WKF Kata. Jack Gonzales second place 14-15 yr old junior black belt division Kata, also first place in 16-17 yr old black belt Kata, and 3rd place in 14-15 yr old junior black belt Kumite. Rupert Espinoza first place 12-13 yr old junior black belt Kumite, third place 12-13 yr old junior black belt Kata. Andrew Moore second place in 14-17 yr old junior black belt Kumite, first place in 14-17 yr old black belt WKF Kata, third place in men's adult advance Kata, second place 14-17 yr old brown belt Kata.

Upcoming Karate Tournaments, Technical Seminars, & Events

- USA National Coach Hideharu Igaki Kumite Seminar April 1st & 2nd, 2006 Twin Arbors Basketball Gym.
- 2006 Ozawa Cup Internationals Flamingo Hilton Las Vegas April 15-16, 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
- June 17th Central Valley Open Weston Ranch High School Stockton, Ca. good tournament for first time competitors.
- 2006 USANKF National Championships & USA Team Trials Fort Lauderdale July 14-17, 2006.
- Tibon's Annual Karate Picnic August 13th 2006 Oak grove Regional Park 8 Mile Rd.
- Tibon's In House Tournament & Black Belt Testing November 3-5th, 2006 TBA.
- Spring of 2008 Tokyo, Japan - Hokkido, Sendai, Kyoto, Hiroshima, Nara, Tenri & sightseeing also. We hope you could join us.





Sensei Oshiro Weapons Class in April

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:

April 30th 3-5pm

May 14th 3-5pm

June 18th 3-5pm

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 class. There are no exceptions with this rule.

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. This is based on two days per week program.
- 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.

Attention Business Owners!

We are looking for ways to raise money for our Regional Sports Organization for Karate.

USANKF of Northern California, Inc. Is a 501 (c) 3 Public Charitable Organization for the Development of Traditional Karate in Northern California

We are lucky to have been accepted by some companies in Northern California as a Community Non-profit that they will allow employees to designate monthly community donation to help the development of traditional Karate in Northern California.

If you would like to be a part of our community fundraiser program for the USANKF of Northern California, Inc. like **Pacific Gas & Electric Company**, and now **Compass Mortgage Mr. Richard Tinney**. Mr. Tinney will donate 15% of his origination fees on loans that are referred by anyone in the organization who **mention USA-NKF**. Mr. Tinney is also working with **Tibon's Goju Ryu Karate** with the same donation towards upgrading Karate equipment in our programs by **mentioning Tibon's Karate**.

Those businesses interested in helping raise funds for our local athletes who travel around the world representing USA please contact RSO President Gene Tibon at (209) 465-0943.

Pacific Gas & Electric Company employees have donated directly to our RSO through payroll deduction. We would like to thank the following sponsors from PG&E:

Cristine Embry Rupertson Espinosa Christine Torres

Welcome New Students to

Tibon's Goju Ryu Karate Organization

Tibon's Goju Ryu

Brandon Perry Arsema Asghedom Tierra Bradley Sara Ann Ponce Nicholas Rosete David Lozano
Zacharius Taylor Patrick Francis Christopher Cerna Nick Vaccarezza Sarah Fernandez

Welcome back: Ashley Todorovich, Michael Washington, Kyle Ponce, Sara Bustamante, Pete Gibson, Rick Francis, Carlos Soto, Kirsten Sanchez

Hiers Goju Ryu

Jose Ramirez Liam Mcloughlin Mark Galvan Andrew Barnes Nathan Foster Josh McClelland Max Elvins
Harrison Elvins

Stockton GymStars

Christopher Diamore Matthew Peterson Remy Martin Anthony Chavez Black Thursten Nicholas Kleinert
Christian Castillo Chris Marquez Elihah Infate Taylor Kleinert Sophia Smith Abby Rolon
Blake Chapman Madden Yerena Tyreese Bracken Makaelah Murry Falon Hady Skyar Hardy
Carter Johnson Reyante Bautista Aubrey Hosea Bautista

Modesto GymStars

Reshe Rucker Justin Gomez Julia Cabrett

Welcome back: Nick Lang and Alexandra Gonzales