

Tibon's Goju Gazette

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Attention Parents and Students! Monthly Tuition's to increase Jan 2008 See New Brochures

Please note that due to the rising costs of owning and operating a business, and several locations we find it necessary to raise the tuition at the Dojo's. Effective January 2008, 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 than you pay for.

With the new rates in effect, we can still offer quality instruction at \$25 - \$130 a month LESS than my competitors. The average cost of monthly national wide is \$120.00 per month. In addition, most of my competitors only offer 45-minute classes and do not possess the ability to teach at our level of technical quality. You all know that we strive for excellence, and I hope you understand my reasoning for raising the tuition. If you are interested in prepaying your tuition, a discount is offered. This may be discussed with billing personnel. Thank you for your business, support, and cooperation. **NOTE: GymStars Stockton, GymStars Modesto tuition will go into effect January 1, 2008. Tibon's Goju Ryu, Hiers Goju Ryu, Meeks Goju Ryu will also go into effect January 1, 2008.**



Merry Christmas!

Mrs. Tibon and Sensei Tibon, along with all of the Black Belt instructors, and our Leadership Team would like to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy Holiday's.

We would also at this time thank you for your ongoing support in being a part of our Karate organization. With your support we again have developed some of the most outstanding Karate students this side of the country. We feel our Leadership development into our athletes help impact the community with the fine role models we have developed over the past years.

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- Special Awards and Grand Championships won in Walt Disney World® Wide World of Sports® Complex
- Tibon's Goju Ryu Organization has to increase tuition to maintain quality business affective January 1, 2008.
- Annual IN HOUSE Organization Tournament Dec. 1 & 2nd Caesar Chavez High School.
- Tournament Schedule for 2008 Mark your calendars
- 2008 Disneyland Martial Arts Festival February 16, 2008, mark those calendars!
- National Internet Seminar interview with Sensei Gene Tibon on our website www.tibonkarate.com You can access the Replay and listen to the interview.

Disney's WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS.

Mark Your Calendars!
2008 Disneyland Martial Arts Festival
Anaheim Convention Center
February 16, 2008
President's Day Weekend
A Martial Artist Grand march Sunday,
February 17th
Disney's California Adventure® Park.
On-line registration is slated to go live
December 5th

Sensei Gene Tibon
Is Again the 2008 National Coordinator for
Classical Japanese Okinawan Karate & Kobudo
as a part of Disney's Martial Arts Festivals

Upcoming Karate Tournaments, Technical Seminars, & Events

- 2008 Disneyland Martial Arts Festival February 16, 2008 Anaheim, Ca. Grand March inside Disney's California Adventure® Park on Feb. 17th Sunday.
- Junki Yoshida's International Karate Championships Portland, Oregon February 23 & 24th, 2008. Sensei Gene Tibon is Teaching Goju Ryu Seminar day before the Tournament.
- Ryobu Kyu Sensei Gary Tsutsui Golden Colorado Feb 2007.
- Uchiage Kai Internationals March 8st, 2008. Richmond B.C. Saturday.
- Spring of 2008 Tokyo, Japan – Hokkido, Sendai, Kyoto, Hiroshima, Nara, Tenri & sightseeing also. We hope you can join us.
- US Open and USANKF Junior Olympics Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas March 21-23, 2008. (702) 731-7110 \$119.00 per night.
- USANKF of Northern California, Inc RSO National Qualifier San Joaquin Delta College April 20th, 2008
- USANKF Nationals & USA Team Trials Houston, Texas July 18-20, 2008
- Disney Martial Arts Festival Qualifier and Classical Japanese Okinawa Karate and Kobudo, and USFMAF Filipino Martial Arts. August 2008.
- 2008 Disney Martial Arts Festival Walt Disney World® Wide World of Sports® Complex Orlando, Florida Oct. 24-26, 2008

Sensei Oshiro Weapons Class

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.

The Dates for the 2007 Kobudo Weapons Seminars Are:

Dec. 16th

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USA National Karate-do Federation
Member of the USA Olympic Committee

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Where: [Authentic Martial Arts](http://www.authenticmartialarts.com/) (click the seminar link on homepage)

<http://www.authenticmartialarts.com/>

Who: You are invited to listen at your leisure!

Welcome New Students - Tibon's Goju Ryu Karate Organization

Tibon's Goju Ryu - Paloma Dela Luz Baker Sean William Gumm Kenneth Daniel Melendez

Hiers Goju Ryu –

Stockton GymStars – Thomas Elliott Matthew Anderson David Hughes Alexander Frank
Quinn Gurnett Joshua Medel Alex Gomez Christopher Emmons Vincent Molina Kenneth Dix

Modesto GymStars - Savannah Lucero Joshua Fried Richard Varga Christian Rou Guyn
Brandon Taylor Delaney Hensley

TIBON'S GOJU RYU ANNUAL BLACK BELT TESTING DECEMBER 2ND, 2007

Ronny Guzman	Robert Lawrie	Joane Orbon	Mark Canevari	Patrick Johnson
Rupert Espinosa	Michael Brian Embry	Jack Gonzales	Mario Evangelista	Justin Love
Cristian Embry	Andrew Moore	Eric Bonjoc	Tyler DeBoer	Jason Kaley



Gino Tibon Being Inducted to the 2008 Stockton Mexican Sports Hall of Fame

Gino comes from a family of a hard working Hispanic mother Yvonne Tibon, and Gene Tibon Jr., a Filipino American, 4th generation martial artist, who instructs and owns their Karate instruction business, Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Karate Studio in Stockton, Ca. Gino also earned his first international 1st Degree Black belt at 16yrs of age. He started teaching his own junior program of 3-5 year old juniors in our mighty mite program, and eventually teaching the more advance Karate programs. The ceremony will be hosted at Elk Horn Golf Course sometime in March 2008.

Gino Tibon is 33 yrs old and a JKF 3rd Degree International Black Belt, a 5th generation martial artist, who was on the USANKF National Team pool for 5 years. Gino was a graduate of A.A. Stagg High School 1991 where he was a block S letterman for Varsity Soccer and Baseball. He also graduated with an Associated Arts Degree in Liberal Studies from San Joaquin Delta College, then Graduated with a BA Degree in Communication from California State University Chico. He was then hired by Norwest Financial as an Assistant Manager, moving up to Manager after one year of employment. After the acquisition of Norwest Financial by Wells Fargo Gino was promoted to District manager for Santa Rosa, Chico, Oroville, and Ukiah taking his team to the top in the country for loans per capita for Wells Fargo. He was then promoted to Regional Branch Manager for Wells Fargo Bank Mortgage, the number #2 lending company in the country where he was based in Seattle, WA. In 2005 Country Wide Mortgage, the number #1 lending company in the country where he was based out of El Dorado Hills, CA, then recruited him as the youngest Regional Manager for Northern California. He has since been promoted to VP Area Sales Manager for Northern California. He is married to beautiful wife Nicole Tibon and has three son's Dylan 6 yr old, Miles, 4 yrs old, Gavin 1 yr old. Both Dylan and Miles are studying Karate at their grandfather's Karate studio in Stockton carrying on the 6th generation of family tradition.

Gino's Competition profile:

In 1997 Gino won silver medal in the 80kilo and silver medal in the Men's Black Belt Team Kumite at the USA Team Trials at the US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Co., was selected to Team USA for the Men's Black Belt Team Kumite at the Men's World Cup in the Philippines, in 1998 he was selected and trained at the USA Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid, New York, the was then selected to Team USA Men's Black Belt Kumite (fighting) Team to represent the United States at the 1998 Pan-American Karate Championships in the Dominican Republic winning a silver medal for USA, he then traveled to the USA Team Trials in New Orleans and won Bronze medal.

He won Bronze medal in the 80 kilo and Bronze medal in the Men's Open weight at the USA National Karate Championships and USA Team trails in Charleston West Virginia, selected to the 1999 1st FISU University World Championships in Paris, France, and then again selected to Team USA to the 2nd FISU University World Championships in Kyoto, Japan, in 2000 won the silver medal again in the 80 kilo at the USA National Karate Championships USA Team Trials in Sacramento, CA featured on Ticket 2 Sports.com web cast Sports network, Gino won the men's black belt gold medal match against Brazil on the main stage at the Ozawa Cup International Shotokan Karate Championships at Bally's Hotel Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. He has also won several Goodwill Karate Championships in the United States and was rated one of the top two heavy black belt fighters in the country during his competition era.



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Sensei Gene Tibon

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Blue Snake Books

How Our Life was influenced by the Martial Arts

While Sensei Gene Tibon was in Orlando, Florida as Coordinator of the Classical Japanese Okinawa Karate and Kobudo he was approached by Terri Saul Marketing Communications Manager of /Blue Snake Books and mentioned they would be interested in a book of Martial Arts by Sensei Gene Tibon. Sensei Gene Tibon a 6th degree black belt and a 4th generation martial artist, who is also the past USA National Karate-do Federation Executive Vice President for the last 12 years, member of the USA Olympic Committee, also on the USA Technical Committee a Class A Dan Examiner one of 4 in the United States. He is also the President of USANKF of Northern California, Inc. the regional sports organization for the development of Karate in Northern California; he is also the President of Goju Ryu Uchiage Kai for Western United States, also on the City of Stockton Sports Commission. Sensei Gene Tibon is currently on the Strategic Development Planning Team, which will meet in Colorado Springs US Olympic Training Center to develop the strategic planning for the future of traditional Karate in the United States. Currently Sensei Gene Tibon has also been inducted into 6 Hall of Fames including his High School at A.A. Stagg High.

They also approached Sensei Gene Tibon brother Darren Tibon who is a Master of Escrima Stick Fighting and the President of US Filipino Martial Arts Federation, the Coordinator for Filipino Martial Arts for Disney Martial Arts Festival also. Darren Tibon received his 1st Degree Black Belt from his brother Sensei Gene Tibon many years ago. Darren Tibon then decided to follow the footsteps of our great grand father Marcos Tibon and become an Escrimador. Darren Tibon is now head of one of the largest Filipino Martial Arts Organizations in the United States and has also developed some of the best stick fighters in the country. Both Brothers Sensei Gene Tibon and Escrima Master Darren Tibon were both

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.
- 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 \$60. Any classes over four is equal to a full month or \$70.
- All Dojo Information see www.tibonkarate.com

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