

# Tibon's Goju Gazette

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Happy New Years Families of Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Karate Studios. We will celebrate 29 years in business this Year! The great news is that our martial arts family has enjoyed many individual and group accomplishments over those many years. Thousands of lives have been changed both inside the dojo and well as through the many groups we have worked within San Joaquin County School systems and private schools around the valley. With our program accepted as a Physical Education Alternative for P.E. in schools for academic grades quality instruction, building relationships, and community involvement has continued to be our focus and inspiration.

28 years or not, it's not time to rest on our laurels! Please enjoy this newsletter and your preview of what is being planned for our students and families in 2011!

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**Tibon's Goju Ryu Annual IN HOUSE  
Largest Group  
To Date!  
Over 300 Compete!  
Huge Success!**



## **Tibon's Goju Ryu Annual IN HOUSE KARATE TOURNAMENT A Huge Success!**

Thank you to all who volunteered to help with Tibon's Goju Ryu Annual IN HOUSE Organization Karate Tournament at San Joaquin Delta College Blanchard Gym.

We also had a can food drive and were successful in raising 20 cases of various can foods and 15 frozen turkey's and Hams for the various families that have been recommended to us by our friends and dojo parents.

We had over 300 athletes compete from our dojos, and for the second time we had 11 other dojo's that participated of different disciplines, which they absolutely loved our IN HOUSE tournament. Many Sensei's said they learned a lot and received some great ideas for their own schools.

Our GymStars parents really had a great time especially those whose children competed for the first time. We look forward to everybody participating next year in 2011. We already have some great ideas for next year to help us run our IN HOUSE Tournament faster and smoother than this year. Thank you again!

### **Photos by Ron Ruiz**



## **Sensei Oshiro Weapons Classes Now Every Other Month**

If you are studying Weapons you should be Attending These Seminars. Sensei Oshiro world renown as one of the foremost experts in the world has been teaching seminars in Japan and Europe. He has finally made his rounds across the country and comes back to Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Main Dojo at 923 N. Yosemite in Stockton.

### **Weapons Seminar for 2011**

**Jan. 23 Mar. 20 May 15 July 17 Sept. 11 Nov.20**

### **Seminars, and Events**

- **38<sup>th</sup> Annual Steveston International Karate Championships February 26, 2011 Richmond B.C Canada Sensei Takechi Uchiage.**
- **Ryobukai NW Classic Championships Mr. Hood Community College March 12 & 13, 2011 Troutdale, Oregon. (Tokubetsu Team to this tournament).**
- **USANKF of Northern California, Inc. Western States Invitational and Grassroots Karate Cup Championships San Joaquin Delta College Blanchard Gym April 9 & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011**
- **Disneyland Martial Arts Festival Anaheim Convention Center June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Disneyland Main Street Grand march June 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Tokubetsu going.**
- **USANKF Nationals and USA Team Trials Arlington, TX July 14-17, 2011 Arlington Convention Center.**
- **USA Grassroots Karate Super Camp with Sensei George Kotaka, Sensei Hideharu Igaki, Sensei Antonio Diaz, Sensei Toshi Uchiage, Sensei Chuck Sweigart, Master Darren Tibon at the University of the Pacific August 4-8<sup>th</sup>, 2011. (Tokubetsu Team to this Camp) History Making!**
- **PKF Jr. Pan American Karate Championships Brazil August 28-Sept 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**
- **WKF Jr. Cadet World Karate Championships Maleka, Malaysia Oct.- Nov. 2011.**

# Count Down The Year 2010 What a Great Year for Accomplishments!

**In January 2010** 13 of Tibon's black belts are successful in new Dan certification, three of our black belts traveled to Canada to the Stevenson International Karate Championships in Richmond B.C. Andrew Moore silver medal men's mandatory WKF Kata losing in the finals to Toshi Uchiage who is bronze WKF world champion. **Anna Cronin** win's a silver medal in women's Kumite 18-34 yrs old. Timothy Cronin **win's also a silver medal in men's Kumite 18-34 yr old.** **February** Sensei Gene Tibon hosted the first Western States Qualifier at Delta College where we had athletes from Grassroots Karate came in from all over United States to compete in Stockton. Northern California Grassroots Karate Program won the top Grassroots Award at the Qualifier the Cup was received by Sensei Gene Tibon. Brian Embry and Joane Orbon win Most Outstanding Male and Female athletes of the tournament selected by Referee Corps. **March** Tibon's black belts win 5 scholarships to the 2010 USA Grassroots Karate Camp at University of the Pacific in Portland, Oregon Northwest Classic Karate Championships and Central Valley Karate Boosters host annual Easter Egg Hunt for hundreds of our students and family members at Swenson Park. **April** Cristian Embry takes gold medal in Kumite at the US Open at Caesar's Palace Las Vegas with 42 countries in the competition; he took a Silver Medal in the Junior Olympics the day before. **Courtney Embry, Rupert Espinosa, Joane Orbon, and Truly Mae Espinosa** also win medals at the largest International competition in the United States. Also members of Tibon's compete and have great showing at the Wado Cup Karate Championships in Oakland YMCA. **May** Tibon's Goju Ryu Opens new satellite Karate Program in Diamond Springs at All Star Gymnastics with Sensei Gino Tibon and three son's Dylan, Miles, and Gavin Tibon making 6 generations of our Tibon Family being in the Martial Arts. **June** Sensei Gene Tibon National Director for Japanese Karate at the Disneyland® Martial Arts Festival for 5<sup>th</sup> year with 25 of our students in the grand march downtown Disneyland® Main Street Parade Rupert Espinosa Jr. and Jesse Toy win the Black Belt division dominating first and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. 6 countries in the competition. **July** 6 out of 7 Tibon's Goju Ryu Black Belts make the US Jr. National Karate Team to Montreal, Canada. Joane Orbon takes Bronze Medal, Cristian Embry, Brian Embry, Rupert Espinosa Jr. made the trip to Montreal, Andrew Moore and Courtney Embry make alternate. **August** Sensei Gene Tibon National Director for USA Grassroots host nations largest USA Grassroots Karate Camp at the University of the Pacific Aug. 6-9<sup>th</sup> over 250 attend from all over the United States. Story featured in "Masters Magazine" October 2010 Winter Edition. **September** Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts is voted **2010 Best of San Joaquin by the Stockton Record** at Best of San Joaquin Banquet at Stockton Golf Country Club. **October was a winning month for our dojo Aleesa Ohata wins double gold in Northwest Classical in Tacoma, WA. with Rupert Espinosa wins in Kumite with 25 black belts in the competition,** Andrew Moore takes first and Jack wins 3<sup>rd</sup> at Itosu Kai Karate Championships in Kumite. **November** A-Team takes a break during the holiday season and prepares for Annual In House Tournament and resume the high level training again the first weekend of January 2011 to prepare for our first International event in Canada and the USA Team Trials for Brazil and the World Championships in Malaysia. **Tibon's Dojo's start 50 new students** in November. **December** IN HOUSE Tournament was a great success the largest IN HOUSE to date with over 300 competing and with 11 visiting outside Karate dojos from around Northern California along with all of Tibon's Goju Ryu Satellite Karate Programs, which made for some of the best competition in Northern California. Tibon's kick off new year with "Groupon Special" to introduce our program to new families of the Central Valley.

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Welcome New Students - Tibon's Goju Ryu Karate Organization

**Tibon's Goju Ryu** - - Gabriel Olmos   Darren Foronda   Danila Foronda   Julian Garibay   Aden Lagomarsino

**Hiers Goju Ryu** -   Erynn Brophy

**Stockton GymStars** - Cristian Cortez   Isaiah Leard   Cole Cardoza   Sean Santos   Babriel Valenros  
Alahma Pinlac

**Modesto GymStars** - -Ella Hernand

**Diamond Springs** -   Andrew Daniel   Ella Schultz

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## Members of Tibon's Goju Ryu Karate Studio competed last weekend at the Northern California Goju Ryu Uchiage Kai Karate Championships at San Joaquin Delta College Blanchard Gym.

Following are the results:

**Justice Carash** 2<sup>nd</sup> place Kata boys and girls 6-7 yr old beg. **Luis Becerra** 3<sup>rd</sup> place Kata boys and girls 6-7 yr old beg. **Taylor Humphreys** 2<sup>nd</sup> place Kata boys and girls 6-7 yr old blue/purple belt. **Bryce Dessaure** 3<sup>rd</sup> place Kata boys and girls 6-7 yr old blue/purple belts. **Madison Hiers** 2<sup>nd</sup> place Kata boys and girls novice. **Gabriella Lopez** 3<sup>rd</sup> place Kata boys & girls 6-7 yr old novice. **Miguel Borquez III** 1<sup>st</sup> place beg Kata boys 7-9 yr old, 3<sup>rd</sup> place TNT Obstacle Course. **Mario Rodriguez** 2<sup>nd</sup> place Kata boys 7-9 yr old beg. **Chloe Roberts** 1<sup>st</sup> place girls beg Kata 7-9 yr old, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Kumite. **Alexa Lehmkuhl** 2<sup>nd</sup> place Kata 7-9 yr old girls. **Nicolas Lozano** 2<sup>nd</sup> place boys Kata 7-9 yr old beg. **Austin Purdue** 3<sup>rd</sup> place boys Kata 7-9 yr old Beg. **Miles Tibon** 3<sup>rd</sup> place boys Kata 7-9 yr old blue/purp **Alora Skustad** 1<sup>st</sup> place girls Kata 7-9 yr old Yell/Orange 7-9 yr old Yell/Orange, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Kumite. **Alisa Aistrup** 3<sup>rd</sup> place girls Kata 7-9 yr old Yell/Orange. **Anthony Bonocan** 1<sup>st</sup> place boys Kata 7-9 yr old Blue/purp. **Ethan Hart** 3<sup>rd</sup> place boys Kata 7-9 yr old Blue/purp. **Kana Hu** 1<sup>st</sup> place girls Kata 7-9 yr old Blue/purp, 1<sup>st</sup> place girls 7-9 yr old Kumite **Kelsey Marie Ladao** 3<sup>rd</sup> place girls Kata 7-9 yr old Blue/purp. **Joshua Medel** 2<sup>nd</sup> place boys Kata 7-9 yr old green belt. **Ryan Ho** 3<sup>rd</sup> place boys Kata 7-9 yr old green belt. **Jasarry Ocapan** 1<sup>st</sup> place blind fold Kata, 1<sup>st</sup> place girls 7-9 yr old Kumite. **Matthew Tolentino** 1<sup>st</sup> place boys 7-9 yr old green belt Kata, 3<sup>rd</sup> place blind fold Kata, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Short Weapons 12 and under. **Kathryn Krider** 2<sup>nd</sup> place blind fold Kata. **Andrew Delgado** 1<sup>st</sup> place Kata first 8 movements. **Arin Helsby** 2<sup>nd</sup> place Kata first 8 movements. **Preston McDonough** 3<sup>rd</sup> place Kata first 8 movements. **Ally Mconough** 3<sup>rd</sup> place Kata first 8 movements. **Parker Clemings** 2<sup>nd</sup> place girls Kata 7-9 yr old green belt, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Kumite. **Connor Curit** 1<sup>st</sup> place boys Kata 7-9 yr old brown/black, 1<sup>st</sup> place Kumite. **Landen Manuel** 2<sup>nd</sup> place boys Kata 7-9 yr old brown/black **Nicholas Sy** 1<sup>st</sup> place boys Kata 10-12 yr old beg. **Davide Lanfranconi** 1<sup>st</sup> place boys Kata 9-12 yr old novice, 1<sup>st</sup> place Kumite. **Brianna Udermann** 1<sup>st</sup> place girls 10-12 yr old Kata, 1<sup>st</sup> place Kumite. **Jessica Purdue** 2<sup>nd</sup> place girls 10-12 yr old Kata. **Andrea Lanfranconi** 1<sup>st</sup> place girls 10-12 yr old Kata. **Daniel McFall** 2<sup>nd</sup> place boys 10-12 yr old Kata. **Dominic Respicio** 3<sup>rd</sup> place boys 10-12 yr old Kata. **Amir Smith** 3<sup>rd</sup> place boys 10-12 yr old Kata. **Farrahlynn Bonocan** 1<sup>st</sup> place girls 10-12 yr old blue/purp Kata. **Leeana Oliver** 2<sup>nd</sup> place girls 10-12 yr old blue/purp Kata. **Asa Thurston** 1<sup>st</sup> place boys 10-12 yr old brown/black Kata. **Nimish Madhure** 2<sup>nd</sup> place boy's 10-12 yr old brown/black Kata. **Adia Munoz** 1<sup>st</sup> place girls 10-12 yr old green belt kata, 3<sup>rd</sup> place weapons boys and girls 12 yrs and under, 3<sup>rd</sup> place girls Kumite. **Michelle Cook** 3<sup>rd</sup> place girl's 10-12 yr old green belt kata. **Jordan Saunders** 1<sup>st</sup> place boys 10-12 yr old brown/black, 2<sup>nd</sup> place short weapons boys and girls advance, 2<sup>nd</sup> place boys Kumite. **Saul Gomez** 2<sup>nd</sup> place boy's 10-12 yr old brown/black Kata. **Aleesa Ohata** 1<sup>st</sup> place Kata girls 10-12 yr old brown/black, 1<sup>st</sup> place boys and girls under 12 long weapons, 1<sup>st</sup> place boys & girls under 12 short weapons. **Michaella Mariani** 3<sup>rd</sup> place girl's 10-12 yr old brown/black Kata, 2<sup>nd</sup> place blind fold Kata. **William Marcelo** 3<sup>rd</sup> place boys 13 yrs and up green belt Kata. **Brendon Curtright** 2<sup>nd</sup> place boys 13 yrs and up brown/black Kata, 1<sup>st</sup> place Men's Kumite, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Kumite. **Kimberly Roberts** 3<sup>rd</sup> place girls 13 yrs and up brown/black, 1<sup>st</sup> place long weapons 13 yrs and up boys and girls, 1<sup>st</sup> place boys and girls 13 yrs and up short weapons. **Vohn Hosey** 1<sup>st</sup> place boys 15 yr old and up beg Kata, 1<sup>st</sup> place men's Kumite. **Alexandria Gilchrist** 2<sup>nd</sup> place girls 13 yr and old beg Kata. **Chris Wong** 2<sup>nd</sup> place Men's intermediate Kata, 2<sup>nd</sup> place men's intermediate Kumite. **Luis Montoya** 3<sup>rd</sup> place Men's intermediate Kata, 1<sup>st</sup> place men's intermediate Kumite. **Kathryn Krider** 2<sup>nd</sup> place girls 15 yrs and up blue/purple belt Kumite. **Blake Thurston** 1<sup>st</sup> place boys 15 yrs and up green belt Kata, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Long Weapons, 1<sup>st</sup> place men's Kumite. **Andrew Moore** 1<sup>st</sup> place men's black belt Kata. **Michael Brian Embry Jr.** 2<sup>nd</sup> place men's black belt Kata. **Ruperson Espinosa** 1<sup>st</sup> place 15 yr old and up black belt Kumite, 3<sup>rd</sup> place men's black belt Kata. **Kendrick Ladao** 3<sup>rd</sup> place men's black belt Kata. **Joane Orbon** 1<sup>st</sup> place girls 15 yr and up black belt Kata, 2<sup>nd</sup> place girls black belt Kumite. **Raquel Kirn** 2<sup>nd</sup> place girls 15 yrs and up black belt Kata. **Laura Wiederrich** 3<sup>rd</sup> place girls 15 yrs and up black belt Kata. **Nidhi Madhure** 1<sup>st</sup> place TNT Obstacle beginners 6 yrs and below **Ella Hemand** 2<sup>nd</sup> place TNT Obstacle beginners 6 yrs and below. **Matthew Hernand** 1<sup>st</sup> place TNT Obstacle 7-9 yrs old. **Ray Foshee** 2<sup>nd</sup> place TNT Obstacle 7-9 yrs old. **Lydia Lu** 1<sup>st</sup> place Mighty Mite Paddle Kumite 6 & under. **Gavin Tibon** 2<sup>nd</sup> place Mighty Mite Paddle Kumite 6 & under. **Zachary Garner** 3<sup>rd</sup> place Mighty Mite Paddle Kumite 6 & under. **Brandon Ugalino** 1<sup>st</sup> place Mighty Mite Paddle Kumite 7-9 yr beg. **Reana Ramos** 2<sup>nd</sup> place Mighty Mite Paddle Kumite 7-9 yr beg, 2<sup>nd</sup> place first 8 movements. **Alexa Lehmkuhl** 3<sup>rd</sup> place Mighty Mite Paddle Kumite 7-9 yr beg. **Gabriel Kearns** 3<sup>rd</sup> place Mighty Mite Paddle Kumite 7-9 yr beg. **Nicholas Sy** 1<sup>st</sup> place Paddle Kumite 10-12 yrs old beg. **Christian Powell** 2<sup>nd</sup> place Paddle Kumite 10-12 yrs old beg, 2<sup>nd</sup> place boys beg Kata. **Ramon Reyes** 1<sup>st</sup> place boys 6 & under Kumite, 1<sup>st</sup> place Kata. **Jaron Guerrero** 3<sup>rd</sup> place boys 6 yrs & under Kumite. **Caitlynn Wong** 1<sup>st</sup> place girls 6 yrs & under Kumite, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Kata blue/purple. **Shawn Wong** 1<sup>st</sup> place boys 6 & under Kumite, 1<sup>st</sup> place Kata. **Javier Delgado** 2<sup>nd</sup> place boys 6 & under Kumite. **Max Graves** 1<sup>st</sup> place boys 7-9 yr old Kumite. **Richard Herrera** 3<sup>rd</sup> place boys 7-9 yr old Kumite. **Dylan Tibon** 3<sup>rd</sup> place boys 7-9 yr old Kumite. **Elisa Cabrera** 3<sup>rd</sup> place girls 7-9 yr old Kumite. **Noah Helsby** 2<sup>nd</sup> place 7-9 yr old boys Kumite. **Niko (Nicholas) Rosete** 3<sup>rd</sup> place 7-9 yr old Kumite. **Linda Sanchez** 3<sup>rd</sup> place girls beg 10-12 yr old beg Kumite. **Mohamad Sabri** 2<sup>nd</sup> place boy's 10-12 yr old novice Kumite. **Darian Cabagag** 1<sup>st</sup> place girl's 10-12 yr old novice Kumite, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Kata. **Ashley Hoang** 2<sup>nd</sup> place girl's 10-12 yr old novice Kumite. **Ifela Hayes** 3<sup>rd</sup> place girl's 10-12 yr old novice Kumite. **Julian Sepulveda IV** 1<sup>st</sup> place 10-12 yr old intermediate Kumite, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Kata. **Jacob Ruiz** 2<sup>nd</sup> place 10-12 yr old intermediate Kumite **Teagan Pacheco** 3<sup>rd</sup> place 10-12 yr old intermediate Kumite. **April Medel** 1<sup>st</sup> place girls 10-12 yr old intermediate Kumite, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Kata. **Deanna Daniel** 2<sup>nd</sup> place girls 10-12 yr old intermediate Kumite. **Justin Gilmour** 1<sup>st</sup> place boys 10-12 yr old brown/black belt Kumite. **Spencer Takechi** 3<sup>rd</sup> place boys 10-12 yr old brown/black belt Kumite. **Morgan Canevari** 1<sup>st</sup> place girl's 10-12 yr old brown/black belts Kumite, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Kata. **Kaitlain Gilmour** 2<sup>nd</sup> place girl's 10-12 yr old brown/black belts Kumite, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Kata. **Anthony Garabito** 1<sup>st</sup> place boys 13-14 yr old beg Kumite. **Rocky McClelland** 1<sup>st</sup> place boy's 13-14 yr old green belt Kumite. **Dewayne Dillon** 2<sup>nd</sup> place boy's 13-14 yr old green belt Kumite. **Cristian Embry** 1<sup>st</sup> place boys 13-14 yr old brown/black belt Kumite, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 15 yr and up black belt Kumite. **Jesse Toy** 3<sup>rd</sup> place boys 15 yr and up black belt Kumite. **Michelle Tran** 1<sup>st</sup> place women's intermediate Kumite. **Courtney Embry** 1<sup>st</sup> place women black belt Kumite. **Alyssa Santos** 3<sup>rd</sup> place girls 15 yr old brown/black belt Kumite.

# USA Grassroots Karate Program National Director Sensei Gene Tibon



**WWW.GRASSROOTSKARATE.COM**  
**2011 GRASSROOTS KARATE CAMP**  
**AUGUST 4th-8th, 2011**

University of the Pacific - 3601 Pacific Ave., STOCKTON, CA

**CAMP SCHEDULE**  
AUGUST 4th - Check In  
Arrive via Sacramento Airport  
AUGUST 5th-7th - Training  
AUGUST 8th  
Depart via Sacramento Airport

**SPECIAL "TOKUBETSU RENSHU" TRAINING AT 5AM**

**Gene Tibon**  
National Director

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(Kumite Training)

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(Kata Training)

**Sensei Chuck Sweigert**  
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Financial support is available. Please contact the "Karate Professional Group, Inc.", a non profit 501(c)3 organization. This organization was created to help athletes, coaches, and Referees who need financial support to participate. Scholarship request will be selected by panel of "Karate Professional Group, Inc."

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**It is the Fastest Growing Developmental Karate Camp in the Country!**

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**Register at [www.karatetmaster.com](http://www.karatetmaster.com) and save Your place!**

## DOJO REMINDERS

**Please make sure you pick up your child on time.**

- All tuition payments are due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month – NO EXCEPTIONS. A late charge of \$15.00 will apply; a return check charge of \$20.00 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. Also have to be registered with Goju Ryu Uchiage Kai membership three years consecutive before allowed to test.
- 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!
- 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 \$70. Any classes over four is equal to a full month or \$80.
- All Dojo Information see [www.tibonkarate.com](http://www.tibonkarate.com)

Special Announcement! Please look for all of the Great Products that we are selling on our website under "Links and Products" "Products" will now feature the famous "Monavie" Health Drink with the "Acai Berry" and the 19 other power fruits that may well be the Healthiest Drink on the Planet.

We are now selling "SANBON" Martial Arts Clothing also on line our website. All custom shirts. [www.tibonkarate.com](http://www.tibonkarate.com)



Tibon's Goju Ryu is very proud of this award and hopes to win it each and every year. Parents and students with your vote you can be counted to help us achieve our goal to develop a great organization this year! We hope you pass on the word and refer our program to your friends and family members looking to be a part of one of the only Traditional Japanese Okinawa Karate and Kobudo Martial Arts Program in the Central Valley.

We teach Goju Ryu Style of Karate, which has the largest influence from China than any other Karate Style in Japan. **Goju Ryu has the best of both Martial Arts Traditions of Japan and China. It is known as a "Hard Soft Style" "Hard" refers to liner or straight, and "Soft" refers to circular, yielding, redirection" It is said to defeat a "hard style" you have to use "Soft" but to defeat "soft style" you have to use "Hard" We teach the best of both traditions!**

**We are also one of the only Weapons Programs that teaches the Traditional Classical Okinawa Kobudo of the Yamani Ryu System under Shihan Toshihiro Oshiro known as one of the greatest Weapons Masters in the World.**

**We have been located at our Main Dojo Address for the past 29 years, which shows our continuity and our longevity.**

We have had 5 stories written on Sensei Gene Tibon in "**Masters Magazine**", the **#1 Rated Martial Arts Magazine in the United States** on Sensei Gene Tibon's life, and his contribution and development of the USA Grassroots Karate Program and Karate Camps, which he hosted the first ever in history at the US Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs in 2008 & 2009. Then the largest in history at the University of the Pacific in 2010 and 2011.

**Our Goal is to bring excellence in the art of Karate and Kobudo to the Central Valley and influence this side of the World with our way of Karate!**

**We look forward to 2011 as being our finest year yet!**

**Series of Fundraisers Seminars For Tibon's Goju Ryu Black Belt Delegation to  
Goju Ryu Uchiage Kai Internationals in  
Richmond B.C. Canada in February 26, 2011**

Please Support the Seminars that will be taught by our top black belts raising funds to represent Western United States Goju Ryu Uchiage Kai at the Internationals in Canada. The seminars will be teaching from basics Kata, to introduction of Kumite to all levels of drills and techniques. These seminars will also help prepare you for your promotion testing. Please support and attend these seminars scheduled in January and February 2011.

**January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Sunday**

9:00a – 10:30am Various Kata  
10:30a – 12:00n Kumite Drills

**January 30, 2011 Sunday**

9:00a – 10:30am Various Kata  
10:30a – 12:00n Kumite Drills

**February 6, 2011 Sunday**

9:00a – 10:30am Various Kata  
10:30a – 12:00n Kumite Drills

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**Attention Parents!  
New T&T Dragons Program  
Tiny & Tough 2-4 yr old Pre Karate Program  
Well on It's Way! We Still Have Room in Classes!  
See Our New Programs At Stockton GymStars Karate Program**

Behavioral Development for young students entering into Karate program, Pre-school program, helps with sibling interaction, physical development, discipline, patience, respect, responsibility, listening skills

Call to reserve your child's place now at 465-0943 list is already filling up!



**Friendly Reminder: Attention Parents and Students!**  
**Monthly Tuition Increase Jan 2011**  
**Please See New Brochures!**

Please note, to assist our students and their families during difficult economic times; Tibon's Goju Ryu has not raised tuitions for the past three years. Unfortunately we now find we must raise our monthly tuition, because of our rising operating costs.

Effective January 1, 2011, an increase of an additional \$5.00 per month, per student will be assessed. This nominal increase is less than .65 cents per class, and represents only a small portion of the increases we are experiencing.

It is our expressed wish; these new tuition fees will not present a hardship to anyone, and please realize we always try very hard to give the best value in instruction and investment, for all of our students training in traditional karate and Kobudo.

A quick survey of our local competitors, assures us we are offering quality instruction at a more modest rate, for up to twice the amount of real class-time instruction. Further, we feel we have a proven record of being a karate school that strives for excellence in developing our students to reach a national and international level of development. This is confirmed by our ability to place athletes on the U.S. National Karate Team every year.

We hope you understand the necessity to raise tuitions, to compensate for higher costs in doing business and in order to keep our programs at the high level of technical quality that you have come to expect.

If you are interested in pre-paying your tuition, a discount program is in place, please ask myself, or Mrs. Tibon for more information.

Thank you for your continued business, support and cooperation.

Sincerely, Sensei Gene & Yvonne Tibon





## **Tibon's Goju Ryu America's Finest Program Program In Place Since December 1, 2009**

Is a new program Sensei Gene Tibon has dedicated to the Law Enforcement Officers of Stockton, Lodi, Manteca, Lathrop, Tracy, Dept. of Corrections, Parole Agents, Fire Fighters, EMT's, and our active Military.

When an Officer, Fire Fighter, or Military Personnel is able to show us an I.D. or a badge **Tibon's Goju Ryu Karate School** will give them **FREE LESSONS** in our adult class, if they have their children signed up in our regular program. The purpose is our way to say thank you for these **Public Safety Officers, First Responders, and our Military Soldiers** who put their lives on the line each day to protect the family's of our dojo's.

If you have any of the above in your family and they are interested in taking classes have them call Sensei Tibon or Yvonne Tibon at the main dojo at (209) 465-0943.

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### **Our Military Kids, Inc. Have Supported Athletes Who have Trained At Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Karate Organization For Special Military Kids Grants For Children of Military Parents who have been called to Active Duty**

Tibon's Goju Ryu is proud to be an approved program to help serve the young children of parents who have been called to active duty and deployed while being a Reserve or National Guard military parent.

If a member of your family qualifies for this grant contact **"Our Military Kids, Inc."** at **(703)734-6654**.



# Connecting Waters Charter School

Connecting Waters is Fully Accredited by the Schools Commission  
of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)



We have many students in the Connecting Waters Charter Schools that come to Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Programs for their physical education requirements. If you have questions about our program and how to qualify through Connection Waters Charter Schools just call our main Karate school at (209) 465-0943.

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**Receive Physical Education High School Credit!**






**Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Karate Studio  
Approved as a Physical Education Alternative for  
St. Mary's High School & Lincoln High School**

**Most all Stockton Unified School District High Schools accept Tibon's Goju Ryu Karate Program as a Physical Education alternative, just check in with your Counselor.**



# January

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<p>Please Note Special Fundraising Seminars for Canada Trip</p> <p>Also Weapons Classes Should all attend Sensei Oshiro's Seminar this month!</p>					<p><b>31</b></p>  <p>Main Dojo Closed!</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>  <p>Main Dojo Closed!</p>
<p><b>2</b></p>  <p>Main Dojo Closed!</p>	<p><b>3</b> Weapons 730- 900pm</p>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<p><b>7</b> Mighty Mites 4:30- 5:30p Weapons 7-8:30p</p>	<p><b>8</b> 930-10 TNT 10:00-12:00 Mighty Mite Tokubetsu 5-7</p>
<p><b>9</b> A-Team 12-2pm</p> <p>Fundraising Seminars 9:00a – 10:30a 10:30a – 12:00n</p>	<p><b>10</b> Weapons 730- 900pm</p>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<p><b>14</b> Mighty Mites 430-530p Weapons 7-8:30p</p>	<p><b>15</b> 930-10 TNT 10:00-12:00 Mighty  Tokubetsu 5-7</p>
<p><b>16</b> A-Team 12-2pm</p>	<p><b>17</b> Martin Luther King Day Main Dojo Closed!</p>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<p><b>21</b> Mighty Mites 4:30- 5:30p Promotion Ceremony White/yell 7:15p Color belts 8:00p No Weapons!</p>	<p><b>22</b> 930-10 TNT 10:00-12:00 Mighty Promotion Testing White/yell 12:15p Color belts 2:30p Tokubetsu 5-7pm</p>
<p><b>23</b> A-Team 10-12noon Leadership mtg! 1-3p OSHIRO 3-5 WEAPONS SEMINAR</p>	<p><b>24</b> Weapons 730- 900pm</p>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<p><b>28</b> Mighty Mites 4:30- 5:30p Weapons 7-8:30p</p>	<p><b>29</b> 930-10 TNT 10:00-12:00 Mighty Mite Tokubetsu 5-7pm</p>
<p><b>30</b> A-Team 12-2pm Fundraising Seminar 9:00a – 10:30a 10:30a –12:00n</p>	<p><b>31</b> Weapons 730- 900pm</p>					

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