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Tournaments & Events This Year

Tibon's Goju Ryu 36th Annual IN-HOUSE Winter Tournament Being Scheduled for December 2020, and Black Belt Testing Exam. TBA!

Welcome New Students Tibon's Goju Ryu Organization

Lucy Sanchez Benitez Gabriel Sanchez Benitez

Welcome back: Aaron McDowell



Promotion Testing!

July 18th Saturday Testing White & Yellow Only 4:00pm

July 25th Saturday Testing Orange – Brown 4:00p

Promotion ceremony for March promotion will be given in class

Due to Covid-19 we are trying to keep the size of the promotion Testing will be split by rank for smaller group of students testing and parent attending. Mask for parents and students are mandatory by Governor Gavin Newsom mandate.

New Tibon's Goju Ryu Face Mask



These are hand custom made and sent in for Japanese Kanji Screening. They take a while but are worth the wait. They are \$15 apiece and going fast I have already taken orders for 60 masks just in one day that are earmarked for those orders. They are hand washable in warm water 3 ply cotton mask.

California Gavin Newsom Opens Gyms and Dojo Type Businesses June 12th

Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Main Dojo Open Yahoo!

June 12 Friday, we had our Soft Opening of the main dojo and had several students come back. We had to change hours for less exposure time for safety. Also, Governor's mandatory face mask on students and parents in Lobby. The advance class has now been broken into two separate classes. The new class schedule is:

Monday

First class Color Belts – Juniors

4:30-5:30p

Second class Color Belts – Juniors

5:45-6:45p

Beginning-Novice- Intermediate Weapons

7:00-8:00pm

Tuesdays and Thursday

First class Beginning Level – Juniors 4:30-5:30p

2nd class Beginning Level – Juniors 5:45-6:45p

3rd class Beginning Level – Teen Adults 7:00-8:00p

Wednesday

First class Color Belts – Juniors 4:30-5:30p

Second class Color Belts – Juniors - Teens 5:45-6:45p

Third class Black and Brown Belts – 7:00-8:00p

Friday

Mighty Mite: Time is Friday 4:30-5:30p

1st Advance Class Green and Brown 5:45-6:45p

2nd Advance Class is all Black Belts 7:00-8:00pm

Saturday

1st Class Mighty Mite: 4,5,6 yrs. old 11:00-12:00n

2nd Class Color Belts Orange – Purple 12:15 – 1:15p

3rd Class Green-Brown-Black Advance 1:30-2:30p

4th Class Advance Weapons Brown Black 2:45-3:45p



Outside TV for parents who want to watch training

Congratulations!

New Group of Newly Certified Black Belts Receiving their First Degree and Second-Degree Black Belt Certification from Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Organization with International Certification for Goju Ryu Uchiage-Kai member of Japan Karate Federation, World Body for Karate, member of the International Olympic Committee



From Left to right:

Chris Gong Jr. Jr. Ni Dan Ho - Jr. 2nd Degree black belt candidate, **Ellis Chen Sr.** Ni Dan Ho - 2nd Degree black belt candidate, **Annie Tran Sr.** Sho Dan - Sr. 1st Degree black belt, **Aaron Tran Sr.** Sho Dan – 1st Degree black belt, **Sensei Gene Tibon Hachi Dan** - 8th Degree Black Belt Chief Instructor, **Armando Lopez Jr.** Sho Dan – Jr. 1st Degree black, **Matthew Mojica Sr.** Sho Dan – Sr. 1st Degree black belt, **Francis Yang Sr.** Ni Dan Ho- Sr. 2nd Degree black belt candidate, **Ethan Fong Jr.** Sho Dan Ho- Jr. 1st Degree black belt candidate, **Aryn Helsby Jr.** Ni Dan- 2nd Degree black belt, **Aydin Shek Sr.** Sho Dan Ho – Sr. 1st Degree black belt candidate

Other Black Belts will be receiving their International Certification at their respective dojo under our organization. Due to Covid-19 we had to cancel our annual Black Belt Banquet for our Black Belt presentation. Sensei Tibon has presented many of the newest Black Belts from our Modesto GymStars Satellite Karate Programs, and one from Hiers Goju Ryu, who came by the office to receive their ranking from Sensei Tibon at the main dojo, the Western United States Goju Ryu Uchiage-kai Headquarters.

**Congratulations to all our newest black belts who successfully tested on December 7, 2019
The Hombu main dojo.**

Congratulations 2020 Graduates from High School to Universities!
Tibon's Goju Ryu Graduation of 100% of our Black Belt Advance Students
Graduate from High School and
95% Go on to Universities and Colleges to Receive Degrees



Rupert Espinosa – 2nd Degree Black Belt
Graduated with Master's Degree In Education
At University of the Pacific, received his
BA in Math from San Jose State University
2017, currently teaching 5th Grade Math Teacher
At KIPP Prize Middle School in San Jose.



Zachary Eve – Sr Sho Dan Ho
Candidate certification headed to
Air Force Academy in
Colorado Springs



Allison To – Sr. Sho Dan Ho Candidate
Black Belt certification headed to San Joaquin
Delta College for General AA then transfer
University for BA Education

Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts are so proud of our students who continue to prove that being great on the dojo floor and taking that work ethic to school they can excel to incredible levels of excellence. These students are all straight A students also and were consistent in their training and schoolwork. Congratulations! Photographs and information were provided by students who graduating. If you have graduated please submit your photos and information on the high school or university, you are going to attend. Thank you, Sensei Tibon

Congratulations

**Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Again Selected the Best in San Joaquin for
Best in Martial Arts by San Joaquin Magazine for 2020**

Thank you for Your Continued Support and Vote!

Making us the Best Recognized Martial Arts Program in the San Joaquin Valley



Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Organization



Dear Parents, Students, Leadership, and Friends,

Our Karate dojo's will be Open for instruction for your training needs under the best conditions we can have for a clean safe training facility once the SHELTER IN MANDATE IS RELEASED.

It is especially important for kids to have a normal schedule as possible. We feel strongly that the steps we've taken will help keep your child participating and learning here at **Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts** main dojo, and our satellite karate schools at **Stockton GymStars** have stopped until possibly May mid-month when Governor Newsom allows the opening of non-essential businesses to open. We are trying to coordinate when Stockton GymStars and Modesto GymStars when they will be opening their gymnastics, dance, karate classes, and Hiers Goju Ryu coordinate opening. United Bay Area Karate Club is still closed for expansion and remodeling.

At **Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts**, the Main Karate Dojo at 923 N. Yosemite in Stockton this is what we are doing. **We MANDATORY HAND WASHING STATIONS at the front door** before anyone can even enter the facility. Then before sitting in the lobby and going on the karate mat for training each person is **TESTED WITH A TEMPERATURE MONITOR that is non-contact tester to a person's forehead that reads the person DOES NOT have a temperature HIGHER THAN 97-99 DEGREES IS NORMAL**, and can enter the building. We would prefer distancing in the lobby with facemasks. Our goal is to have everyone in the dojo feeling safe and being safe from the virus.

- We have **Mandatory Hand Washing Stations at front door** before entering dojo.
- **Temperature test checking for fever higher than the normal of 97-99 degrees before can enter lobby and dojo. We ask parents and students wear a face mask with proper social distancing or wait in your car during classes.**
- We have wellness stations at the front desk including and sanitizer and tissues.
- We also have our sinks supplied with sanitizing soap in the restrooms.
- We have sanitizing station in each room.
- Staff are wiping down common surfaces between classes and throughout the day.
- Instructors and students are washing their hands before, in the middle, and after each class.
- All our mats are cleaned and sanitized with a hospital grade sanitizer each day.
- We have our employees cleaning daily to clean and sanitize the facility.
- **Our classes have all been instructed to have training distance of 6ft separation be non-contact training with Karate basics, Kata(forms), strength and conditioning drills. No Kumite(fighting) until COVID 19 lift, and face mask on students.**
- Our makeup class policy has been extended to give you credit to making up your classes when needed.
- We ask any families that are traveling to use a great deal of caution and ensure they are free from any illness before returning to class. Children are not really being affected by the virus and that is a blessing, but we do want to ensure we are keeping Grandma's and Grandpa's safe as we can.

We are here to help our families during this period. As with everything, this too will pass. We want to thank everyone for their support and patience during this time.

Thank you,

Yvonne and Sensei Tibon

(209) 465-0943 office

(209) 406-2776 Sensei Tibon's cell

(209) 915-7177 Yvonne Tibon's cell

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

Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Main Dojo Sensei Gene Tibon 8th Dan



Last week we had 10 of my black belts come to the dojo and worked cleaning up and sanitizing the main dojo. We are prepared for reopening on June 12th after the Governor approved Gyms and Studios open for business. In the meantime, please read our policy for the new process we will have to maintain a professional and safe facility for your family members training. The Governor has made face mask mandatory for our business for parents in the lobby and students training on the floor. Unless you have a breathing problem like asthma, and can provide a Doctors letter a face mask for you is optional

Our prayers go out to all our students and families, who are part of our whole organization during this unprecedented time with the COVID-19 Virus. All of us are going through a difficult financial time and know it will be hard for some to afford to come back to our Karate studio for training. We are also going through the same hardships and are working to survive as a business and are hoping this modification for a few months can help us all. Depending on our class sizes we may have to add additional classes to keep the class sizes down while maintaining a great training schedule.

Each satellite dojo will have their own modification schedule because we are contractors in their facilities at Stockton GymStars, Modesto GymStars, and Hiers Goju Ryu. Bay Area Martial Arts Club in San Jose is still working on a grand opening in September. **We will continue to add training videos on our Tibon's Goju Ryu Karate Virtual Class Facebook page for your training needs for only our active students.** Together with the grace of God, we will survive this difficult time of COVID-19, and students can come back even better for training with the home training videos to assist their development.

Hiers Goju Ryu – Celebrates 24 years Sensei Chris Hiers Chief Instructor 4th Dan Sensei Janelle Hiers Assistant 2nd Dan Sempai Maddie Hiers Assistant 1st Dan

Sensei Chris Hiers:

As of writing this we are in the middle of some much-needed Renovations at our Lodi dojo. We were notified about a month ago by the club on their tentative schedule to reopen. The owners of Twin Arbors Sports Club were busy renovating the club during the time that it was closed. The club looks amazing. When we went into our Dojo it did not fit the look of our new club. We've been working hard painting, replacing ceiling tiles, painting seats, flooring and we got rid of a great deal of things. We're scheduled to open June 29th I think everyone will like the new club and our new dojo.

Stockton GymStars
Sensei Asa Thurston Chief Instructor 3rd Dan
Sensei Brianna Udermann Assistant 2nd Dan and Sensei Allison To 1st Dan



Hello everyone, I am happy to announce that GymStars is open! Classes for karate will begin on Wednesday June 24th. Now things will be changing the first big change is that all karate classes will be 55 minutes instead of a full hour to give time to clean and sanitize the mats and gear. Second the classes will be starting at new times and certain classes will be combined with others. I know this will be a big adjustment for everyone, but we will be doing our best to make this transition as smooth as possible for everyone and we look forward to seeing everyone back in class soon.

All of the new classes are shown below if you have any questions please feel free to contact Gymstars at (209) 957-1919

Monday

3:20-4:15 (white/yellow 7-16)
4:30-5:25 (orange/blue)
5:40-6:35 (white/yellow 7-16) 6:50-7:45 (Blue Purple Green+)

Tuesday

3:20-4:15 (Blue/Purple)
4:30-5:25 (White 3-6)
5:40-6:35 White/Yellow 7-16) 6:50-7:45 Orange/Blue

Wednesday

3:20-4:15 (White 3-6)
4:30-5:25 (Blue/Purple/Green+)
5:40-6:35 (Weapons Only)
6:50-7:45 (White/Yellow)

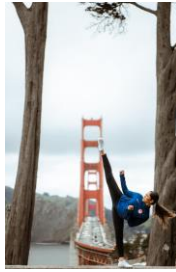
Thursday

3:20-4:15 (White 3-6)
4:30-5:25 (Yellow/Orange)
5:40-6:35 (White/Yellow All Ages)
6:50-7:45 (Weapons Only)

Friday

4:00-4:55 (White 3-6)
5:10-6:05 (White/Yellow 7-16)
6:20-7:15 (Orange/Blue)

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



Hello Tibon's Goju Ryu Families,

On behalf of United Bay Area Karate Club, we hope that everyone has been safe and well.

Our San Jose program will move onto Phase 3 of training with implementing outdoor sessions once a week along with virtual classes. Due to delays, we are not able to open doors until September. We thank Tibon's Goju- Ryu students for participating in our virtual classes and demonstrating leadership within in our organization.

We thank everyone who has took the time to visit the Main Dojo and trust our staff in creating the safest and most sanitized place of training.

Please remember masks are mandatory for most establishments in California, so always have a mask in hand whenever stepping out from your home.

Since launching the Karate- Vs- Everyone project, we were able to equip students coming into training with their own mask with donations from kind sponsors from the country. If you are interested in purchasing a mask, we will be looking to place another order within the next few weeks if interested.

Please contact me at 209-676-0224 to receive more information to order shirts or masks.

Enjoy and be safe!

All the best,

Sensei Joane Orbon

[United Bay Area Karate Clubs | Karate in the Bay](#)

Philippines Olympic Karate Team



Modesto GymStars
Sensei Eric Bonjoc Chief Instructor 2nd Dan
Sensei Chris Inman Assistant 2nd Dan

Hello everyone,

As of 5/26/20 Modesto GymStars Update for reopening for Modesto GymStars is Monday July 6. Also, Sensei Eric Bonjoc is also teaching Zoom classes every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00PM-3:40PM.

Sensei Eric

Tibon's Goju Ryu Karate Zoom Are Done - Virtual Class Link to Facebook Page YouTube Training Still Available for Active Students Only

We've loaded the classes on a new private Facebook page for just our students in our organization. Please notify your students who have P.O.'s for our karate program to go to **"Tibon's Goju Ryu Karate Virtual Class" Facebook page, and YouTube Private Group**. Request friend so we can accept them so they can participate in the Virtual Karate Classes. I'm proud to say that students from **Tibon's Goju Ryu, Hiers Goju Ryu, Stockton GymStars, Modesto GymStars, and United Bay Area Karate Club** have all joined the Tibon's Goju Ryu Karate Virtual Class Facebook page. We look forward to all our active students' parents **send in their friend request** so you can be on board with your continued work towards your promotion testing requirements. **We have 24 videos loaded for each of your levels**. It would take the average student 4-5 years to learn all the information on these videos.

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These are the different Virtual Karate Class Videos on Facebook and YouTube Access

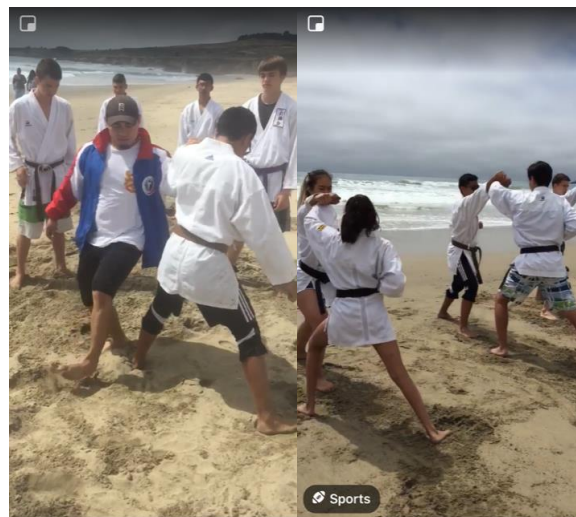
Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts – USA Grassroots Karate Camping Trip Rescheduled Due to Covid-19

Camping at Camp Richardson Lake Tahoe

Moved to July 1-5, 2021

July 4th, 2021 Fireworks over Lake Tahoe

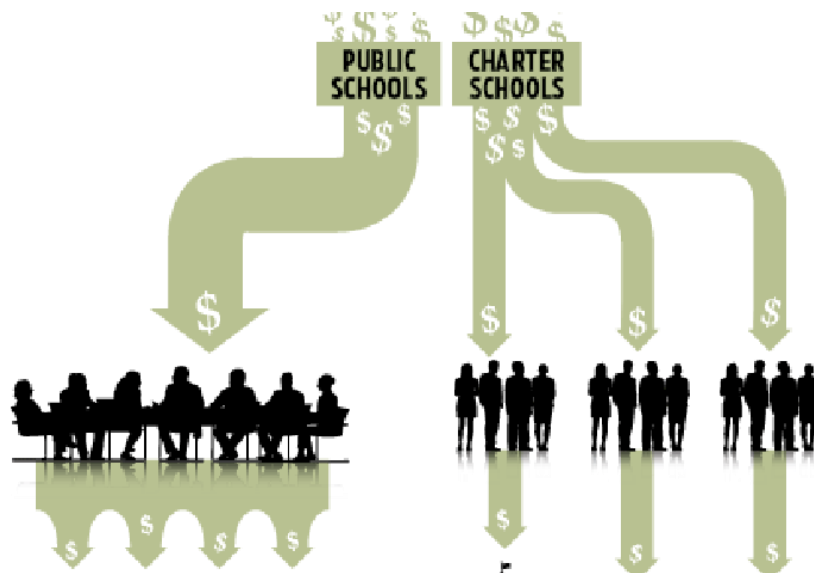
**Camping Sites for 108 people limit - Get Your Deposit in to Lock in Your Place
Those who already paid for Deposit has been moved to next years 2021 date to
Secure sites!**



We are planning a Santa Cruz Ocean Training on a One-day Field Trip. Pack up the lunches, snacks, chairs for a great day of training. We will keep you posted when we plan to do this sometime this Summer.

It will be on a Saturday or Sunday once the COVID-19 is under control.

If interested, please sign up at the front desk. Please contact Mrs. Tibon, Sherri Helsby, Alyssa Santos, Vohn Hosey, or Courtney Embry (209) 465-0943



Charter School Students

**Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Karate is accepted by Most Charter Schools in San Joaquin
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

