



# April

<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	<b>1</b> See Class Schedule in New Dojo Brochures 	<b>2</b> Tokubetsu-1 4-5:30p Competition Class
<b>3</b> Tokubetsu-2 1:00-2:30p Competition Class  Sensei Tibon Testing Sensei Joane Orbon's Students San Jose	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Please Make Up Your Classes Early in the Month!	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Promotion Ceremony for March Tested Students 7:45pm Main Dojo	<b>9</b> NO Tokubetsu-1  Promotion Testing 4:00p-6:00pm
<b>10</b> Tokubetsu-2 1:00-2:30p Competition Class	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Please Make Up Your Classes Early in the Month!	<b>14</b> Ozawa Cup Las Vegas International Competition	<b>15</b> Closed Good Friday	<b>16</b> Only Mighty Mite Class 11-12noon Yosemite St. Village Easter Egg Hunt 9am and 10am No Weapons or Kicking Class No Tokubetsu-1
<b>17</b> Happy Easter!  NO Tokubetsu-2 Ozawa Cup Las Vegas International Competition	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Please Make Up Your Classes Early in the Month!	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Tokubetsu-1 4-5:30p Competition Class  ZOOM LEADERSHIP CALL 6-7PM
<b>24</b> Tibon's Easter Picnic Easter Egg Hunt Swenson Park 12-4:00pm Setup 11am	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Please Make Up Your Classes Early in the Month!	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Tokubetsu-1 4-5:30p Competition Class

# 2022



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## Tournaments & Events This Year

Ozawa Cup Internationals Flamingo Hotel Las Vegas  
April 14-17, 2022, Sensei James Tawato Flamingo Hotel  
• <http://www.ozawa-tournament.com/>

USA Karate Jr. Olympics International Cup April 4-15-22,  
And US Open April 16 & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Paris Casino Resort  
Las Vegas 3655 S. Las Vegas Blvd.

Black Belt Testing Exam will be planned for May 14<sup>TH</sup>  
2022 at 1:00pm is Testing Seminar open to Black & Brown  
Belts only. The Black belt Dan Test after seminar.  
Stayed tuned and get prepared for the testing.

June 15-19, 2022, Tibon's Karate and USANKF of Northern  
California Regional Sports Organization Camp Richardson  
Karate Camping Trip South Shore Lake Tahoe. Please  
Pay to reserve your camping spot \$55 per person.

June 30-July 3, 2022, USA National Karate Championships  
and USA Team Trials Spokane, WA

Fiesta Cup Larios Karate Tournament South Gate Sports  
Center 9520 Hildreth Ave South Gate, CA

Tibon's Goju Ryu 2022 36<sup>th</sup> Annual IN-HOUSE Winter  
Tournament moved to December 4, 2022, Due to Covid 19  
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

Lucas Urrutin Mateo Urrutin Felix Orange  
RJ Harold Oliver Terhone Anh Tran  
Amelia Espinoza Jaxon Hinojos Ulises Rodriguez  
Gage Reveles Matthew Epler Oliver Sexton  
David Penaloza



Promotion Testing!

April 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday Testing – Main Dojo  
White belts – Brown belts 4:00p – 6:00p

Promotion Ceremony for March Test April 8<sup>th</sup> 7:45pm

## Tibon's Goju Ryu Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck Picnic April 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday 12:30p-4:30p Swenson Park



Parents, Students, Leadership bring out your lawn chairs and  
your best Potluck Dish for a great afternoon as we celebrate our  
Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the kiddies and Potluck Picnic  
together at Swenson Park across the street from Lincoln High  
School.

Leadership Team will be hiding eggs for different age groups,  
running games, and working as a team for a great afternoon for  
our Karate families.

We ask each family to bring a dozen-colored hard-boiled eggs for  
plastic filled eggs for each of the children you bring in your  
family. We find by doing this we have more than enough eggs  
for our young karate kids who participate in the Easter Egg Hunt.



### LEADERSHIP MEETING

MEETING ID:  
721 1163 0953  
PASSWORD:  
TIBON

Zoom Leadership Call Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:00p- 7:00pm



# Northern California Karate-Do Federation Karate Championships March 27, 2022 Tournament Results

**Tibon's Goju Ryu Students Take Tournament by Storm of Winners!  
Join the Team!**



**Tibon's Goju Ryu Tokubetsu Competition Team**

**Preparation for National and International Competition!**



## Tokubetsu 1 & 2 Classes Prepared our Athletes Well for Kumite! Great Job!







**Outstanding Job in Weapons Competition Congratulations!**

**Weapon Class is now taking new students in Monday's 7p-8pm Weapons  
Beginning Class**

**Sensei Francis Yang**



# **Northern California Karate-Do Federation Karate Championships March 27, 2022 Tournament Results**

**Elijah Infante gold medal adult black belt kumite, bronze medal adult black belt kata.**

**Arron Tran gold medal adult black belt Kata**

**Allison To gold medal adult black belt Kata, bronze medal Kumite, bronze medal black belt Kobudo**

**Aydin Shek gold medal black belt Kumite, silver medal black belt Kata, Silver medal black belt Kobudo**

**Cash Gapusan gold medal black belt Kata,**

**Daisy Leon gold medal women's intermediate Kumite, gold medal women's intermediate Kata.**

**Neython Saavedra gold medal intermediate Kata, silver medal intermediate Kobudo, bronze medal Kumite**

**Navor Gonzales gold medal men's intermediate Kata, bronze medal men's intermediate Kumite.**

**Zoe Harrison silver medal junior advance Kobudo, silver medal junior advance Kata.**

**Chris Gong silver medal black belt Kobudo**

**Annie Tran silver medal women's black belt Kumite.**

**Joshua Borquez silver medal junior intermediate Kumite, Silver medal Kata, bronze medal Kobudo.**

**Luis Marvilla silver medal men's intermediate Kata.**

**Francis Yang silver medal men's black belt Kumite, silver medal black belt Kata, bronze medal Kobudo.**

**Jaden Abundez bronze medal junior advance Kata, bronze medal junior advance Kobudo.**

**Isabella Gonzalez silver medal junior intermediate Kata, bronze medal intermediate Kobudo.**

**Jayden Contreras silver medal boys beginning Kata.**



# **The Leadership Team of Black Belt and Brown Belt & Green Belt 3 Stripes are a part of Leadership Class and Training Next Leadership Meeting April 23, 2022 Saturday 6p-7pm Zoom Call**

Leadership training is exactly that, it teaches our students to become role models, leaders, positive examples, interns to the assistants to the instructors. It helps develop confidence, taking initiative, understanding customer service, builds teamwork relationships with the instructor team. This class teaches one how to take initiative towards addressing an issue and developing a creative idea in making a person who can work in developing anyone.

Our Leadership program teaches our students about business and corporate understanding. This class will affect them in school, work, clubs, organizations, along with the development of their interpersonal skills. They work together in the organization events to work it and making it a successful well-organized event. Our dedication to the community and Yosemite St. Village for neighborhood cleanup to demonstrations as part of our Karate Demo Team.

Once a month we have a Leadership meeting or Zoom call meeting for one-two hours depending on the training schedule. After receiving the black belt, our Leadership Instructors work to maintain an excellent grade point average, which has been beneficial for preparation when going off to college or university to achieve their degrees. We have seen 100% of our Black Belts graduate from High School and 97% go on to receive their Associates, Bachelors, and/or Master's Degree.

They find that our Leadership Class has prepared them for the Management positions they may have applied for. We go beyond teaching great martial arts. During their training in Goju Ryu Karate; we teach our students to be successful in life, understanding business, customer service, and how to apply these skills into their lives.

We welcome the new Green Belts 3 strips, whose next level is Brown Belt to our Leadership Program.

Any questions please call Sensei Gene Tibon at the main dojo at (209) 465-0943.



On the left photo is our Leadership Team working with the businesses of the Yosemite St. Village Neighborhood Cleanup, and on the right is the first Face to Face Leadership Meeting in 2 years due to the Covid 19 Pandemic Shutdown held in the main dojo on March 20th. We are back with our Leadership meetings but due the schedule of classes and private lessons we will be hosting hour **Leadership Zoom Calls the next one is April 23 Saturday night after Tokubetsu-1 at 6-7pm**. I hope you can participate we can again build our Leadership Program back to what it was. We will start Referee and Judges Training soon for the 35<sup>th</sup> Winter IN HOUSE Karate Tournament in December once confirmed with the Lincoln High School District Office.

## **LEADERSHIP MEETING**

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# **Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Rank Promotion Testing in Back in Full Testing Force March Testing Students Did Outstanding!**



**Please Prepare for Your International Ranking Certification Test!**  
**April 9<sup>th</sup> Is Next Promotion Test 4:00pm!**



# USANKF of Northern California, Inc. Regional Sports Organization

## Presents

### 2022 Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts – USA Grassroots Karate Camping Trip



**Date of Camping at Camp Richardson Lake Tahoe Arrive June 15 – Depart June 19, 2022**

**\$55 Deposit fee per person toward secured camp site – non-refundable -**

**Please Pay AS Soon As you Can to Lock in Your Reservation – Bring Your Own Food for 4 days**

**Participants Offsite stay training is \$30 per person**

**Camping Training Participation Fun, games, team building, karate training**

**If interested, please sign up at the front desk. The deposit will secure your spot  
Any questions or concerns please contact Mrs. Tibon, Sherri Helsby, or Arin Helsby**

**(209) 465-0943**



**Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts is a Business that Accepts the RAD CARD!**  
**Please Take Advantage of the Savings!**



Hello, RAD Card™.

The **RAD Card** card is a digital gift card dedicated to the small, locally-owned businesses in your downtown or hometown business district. Load your RAD Card and be the rad foodie & shopper who supports innovative entrepreneurs in the heart of your city. RAD is giftable, too!

If you live in a place where your local government has injected COVID economic relief funds into the dollar-for-dollar match RAD account, you can **double your dollars** at your favorite restaurants, retailers and personal care services while funds last.

While economic relief gift card funds last, load your RAD Card with \$25, \$50, \$75 and up to \$100 and get matched, dollar-for-dollar. Donor match funds won't last forever, so get them before they run out! **New Funding Starts April 1, 2022!**



**Tokubetsu Class Returns**  
**National, International, Pan-American Competitors**  
**Developmental Advance Competition Program**  
**Taught by Sensei Adam Tibon 5<sup>th</sup> Dan 8 Yrs. Team USA Tokubetsu-1**  
**Sensei Brian Embry 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan 4 Yrs. Team USA Tokubetsu-2**  
**Prepare for USA Nationals in Washington 2022 and**  
**Ozawa Cup Internationals Las Vegas, NV 2022**  
**USA Junior International Cup Las Vegas NV 2022**  
**Fiesta Cup South Gate, CA September 18, 2022**  
**Saturday's 4:00p-5:30p on Specific Dates**  
**Starting January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, Sunday's 1:00p-2:30p**

**Who can go to this class?** All rank students who are committed to competing in State, National, International, and Pan-American Competition, or are members of the USA National Senior and Junior Team **What is the purpose of Tokubetsu?** The word Tokubetsu means, “ongoing development towards excellence”. The purpose of the class is to create a **high-level competition kumite class** for the students who desire to develop and travel to the highest level of competition in the USA. All our Team USA Athletes have trained in this class to prepare for this level of competition. You must have your own fighting gear to be in this class.

To develop the technical and physical understanding to prepare them the USA National Team Trials for the National Team under the USA Olympic Committee, and for the next international tournament on the posted calendar. **What is the commitment to Tokubetsu?** This class is very committed and for the very serious student. Students are required to call into the dojo if they are going to be absent. There are only a few acceptable excuses to miss class are as follows: Work, school, church, family reunion, family vacation, or sick.



Sensei Adam Tibon at the Pan-Am's in Canada, the Uchiage Kai Internationals – Tokubetsu 1 now started



Sensei Brian Embry 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan Ozawa Cup International Grand Champion Kumite and Silver Medal Curacao Pan-Am's Internationals – Tokubetsu 2 starting January 2, 2022

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

## **Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Main Dojo - Celebrates 37 Years**

**Sensei Gene Tibon 8<sup>th</sup> Dan**

**Sensei Adam Tibon 5<sup>th</sup> Dan**

**Sensei Ronny Guzman 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan**

**Sensei Brian Embry 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan**

**Sensei Elijah Infante 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan – Sensei Francis Yang 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan-**

**Sensei Annie Tran 1<sup>st</sup> Dan- Sensei Aaron Tran 1<sup>st</sup> Dan**



Outstanding performance on March 27<sup>th</sup> at Yuba City tournament. Out Tibon's Goju Ryu Black Belts dominated the Kumite and Kata divisions with 17 students winning 35 medals. I'm so proud of our athletes from the lowest level competitor to the advance black belts in Kata, Kumite, and Kobudo. All did exceptionally well show our training and preparation has been correct for what the students needed to win. We also saw some issues that need to be corrected for the next several Karate championships this year to be ready to be competitive. Las Vegas at the Ozawa Cup at the Flamingo Hotel Resort and Los Angeles at the Fiesta Cup with 6ft first place trophies. We've reinstated our competition program both Tokubetsu-1 and Tokubetsu-2 on Saturdays and Sundays for competition preparation and have proven to be valuable for our athlete's competition fighting. Students are excited with full classes showing excitement for travel again.

We look forward to host our 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Tibon's Goju Ryu Winter IN HOUSE Karate Championships this December 2022 if the Lincoln Unified School District allows events like our this year. Stay tuned for the announcement we are are successful in hosting tournament this year.

Sensei Gene Tibon and Yvonne Tibon office Manager

(209) 915-7177 Yvonne Cell and (209) 406-2776 Sensei's Cell



**Thank you for your votes and support for 2021 making us the Best in San Joaquin - Let's win 2022!**



**Stockton GymStars – Celebrates 22 Years**  
**Sensei Asa Thurston Chief Instructor 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan**  
**Sensei Allison To 1<sup>st</sup> Dan**



**Message from Sensei Asa:**

**New Class Days Added to GymStars**

This month has been a very fun one. We've seen many of the mini camps grow bigger and so many students working harder and harder truly taking things to the next level!

On a side note, we have had some schedule changes with some of the mini camps. The new schedule will be listed below along with which sensei teaches them

**Monday: Sensei Asa/ Sensei Allison**

3:30-4:25, 3-6 year-old white/yellow belts  
4:30-5:25, Orange/Blue belts All ages  
5:30-6:25, 7-16 year-old white/yellow belts  
6:30-7:25, 7-16 year-old white/yellow belts

**Tuesday: Sensei Allison**

3:30-4:25, blue/purple/green belts All ages  
4:30-5:25, 7-16 year-old White/Yellow belts  
5:30-6:25, yellow/orange/blue belts All ages

**Wednesday: Sensei Asa**

3:30-4:25, yellow/orange/blue belts All ages  
4:30-5:25, 7-16 year-old White/Yellow belts  
5:30-6:25, 3-6 year-old White/Yellow belts  
6:30-7:25, 7-16 year-old White/Yellow belts

**Thursday: Sensei Allison**

2:45-3:25, 3-5 year-old beginners  
3:30-4:25, 7-16 year-old white/yellow belts  
4:30-5:25, yellow/orange/blue belts All ages  
5:30-6:25, blue/purple/green All ages

**Friday: Sensei Allison**

3:30-4:25, 7-16 year-old White/Yellow belts  
4:30-5:25, 3-6 year-old White/Yellow belts  
5:30-6:25, 7-16 year-old White/Yellow belts

**Saturday: Sensei Allison**

9:00-9:55, 3-6 year-old White/Yellow belts  
10:00-10:55, 7-16 year-old White/Yellow belts  
11:00-11:55, Orange/Blue/Purple belts All ages

**United Bay Area Karate Club**  
**Sensei Joane Orbon Chief Instructor 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan**



Dear Goju Ryu Uchiage Kai Families,

Sensei Tibon, President Western United State Goju Ryu Uchiage Kai, and Sensei Asa travel to San Jose to test Sensei Joane Orbon's students for Goju Ryu Uchiage Kai international ranking certification on **Sunday April 3rd**. We wish them the best of luck!

UBAKC San Jose has continued to extend throughout the South Bay Area and have also opened our first satellite program at a local heritage school. 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.

Have a great month!

All the best,  
Sensei Joane Orbon  
3<sup>rd</sup> Dan Goju Ryu Uchiage Kai  
Chief Instructor of UBAKC San Jose





**Modesto GymStars – Celebrates 17 years**  
**Sensei Chris Inman Instructor 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan**  
**Sempai Joey Carruth Ni Kyu Brown Belt**

Message from Sensei Chris:

Modesto GymStars is continually growing and are working to achieve pre Covid 19 numbers. **We started the new Monday classes and now taking names to fill the 2<sup>nd</sup> class.** I am very proud of my students, who are working hard to prepare and ready themselves for testing for their next rank level. Everyone is had dedicated themselves to learning as much as they can to be ready to test in front of Sensei Tibon 8<sup>th</sup> Dan Chief instructor of our organization. Students in Modesto GymStars Karate Program are excited about the 2022 New Programs!

Thanks, Sensei Chris Inman

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**Hiers Goju Ryu – Celebrates 25 years**  
**Sensei Chris Hiers Chief Instructor 4<sup>th</sup> Dan**  
**Sensei Janelle Hiers Assistant 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan**  
**Sempai Maddie Hiers Assistant 1<sup>st</sup> Dan**



**Hiers Karate School**

In the month of January, February, March, and April no new news or updates, Looking forward to 2022 New Years for our students!



**TIBON'S GOJU RYU  
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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 protector. Students in color belt class are required the following:**

- 1. Hand gear and feet gear.**
- 2. Mouthpiece**
- 3. Groin protection for boys**
- 4. Girls and boys can purchase the new body chest plates if desire.**
- 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.**

**Sparring equipment is mandatory for all students it must be in good condition with no cutting edges. Each student must keep 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 to the face or groin is permitted. You may score to the face and groin, but you cannot make contact. No contact to the joints is allowed.**

**The system of rules and regulations enforced and controlled by a qualified instructor.**

**At Tibon's Goju Ryu we have very 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 8<sup>th</sup> Dan Goju Ryu Uchiage Kai**



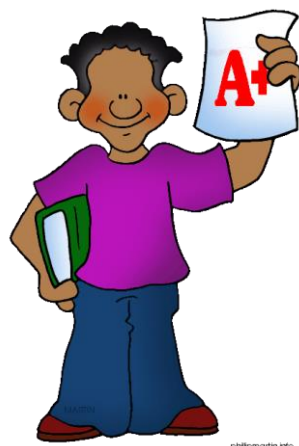
## Charter School Students

**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**



## Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Organization Update



Dear Parents, Students, Leadership, and Friends,

At **Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts**, the Main Karate Dojo at 923 N. Yosemite in Stockton this is what we are doing. **Following the Governor's Mask Mandate IT HAS NOW BEEN LIFTED February 16, 2022. We still 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 HAS TO WEAR MASK IF HAS NOT BEEN VACINATED per CDC's GOVERNOR'S MANDATE. IF VACCINATED IT IS OPTIONAL FOR YOU TO WEAR FACE MASK. THIS IS THE SAME FOR STUDENTS UNLESS BREATHING ISSUES OR VERY YOUNG. ALL EMPLOYEES WILL WEAR A FACE MASK INDOORS. We would prefer distancing in the lobby and have provided outdoor seating with television monitor of students live training in the dojo.** 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.
- **We ask parents and students wear a face mask IF NOT VACINATED PER CDC INDOOR RULES.**
- 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 CONTACT training with Karate basics, Kata(forms), strength and conditioning drills. Kumite(fighting) will resume since the Governor removed mandate on FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2022.**
- 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