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			Please Make Up Your Classes Early in the Month!			<b>1</b> Mighty Mites 11-12n 12n-1:30p Color Belts Tokubetsu 5-7p
<b>2</b> T-2 9-11a  Mini Olympic Practice 10-12n	<b>3</b> Weapons 7:30-9p	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  Please Make Up Your Classes Early in the Month!	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Mighty Mites 4:30-5:30p Advance 5:30-7p Weapons 7-8:30p	<b>8</b> Mighty Mites 11-12n 12n-1:30p Color Belts Tokubetsu 5-7p  Stockton GymStars Mini Olympics
<b>9</b> Tokubetsu 2 9-11am  Leadership 11-1p	<b>10</b> Weapons 7:30-9p	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Please Make Up Your Classes Early in the Month!	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Mighty Mites 4:30-5:30p Advance 5:30-7p No Weapons Promotion Ceremony White/yellow 7:15p Orange & up combined!	<b>15</b> Mighty Mites 11-12n 12n-1:30p Color Belts Tokubetsu 5-7p Promotion Testing 2pm White & Up all combined testing together!
<b>16</b> Tokubetsu-2 9-11a	<b>17</b> Weapons 7:30-9p	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Please Make Up Your Classes Early in the Month!	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Mighty Mites 4:30-5:30p Advance 5:30-7p Weapons 7-8:30p	<b>22</b> No- Mighty Mites No- Color Belts No- Tokubetsu Parent Boosters Karate Summer Picnic Swenson Park across from Lincoln High School
<b>23</b> Tokubetsu 2 9-11am	<b>24</b> Weapons 7:30-9p	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Please Make Up Your Classes Early in the Month!	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Mighty Mites 4:30-5:30p Advance 5:30-7p Weapons 7-8:30p	<b>29</b> Mighty Mites 11-12n 12n-1:30p Color Belts Tokubetsu 5-7p
<b>30</b> Tokubetsu 2 9-11am	<b>31</b> Weapons 7:30-9p					

2015

## Tournaments & Events This Year

Ajari Cup Karate Championships Oakland Community Center October 11, 2015

West Coast Open October 18th, 2015 at our new location---Pierce College in Lakewood, WA.  
[www.westcoastopen.com](http://www.westcoastopen.com)

Tibon's Goju Ryu 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Winter IN HOUSE Karate Championships and Black Belts Testing December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 with Black Belt Testing and Uchiage Advance Seminar December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Lincoln High School

## Welcome New Students Tibon's Goju Ryu Organization

Manveer Singh Manroup Kaur Manroop Kaup  
Cody Clemieville Amillyanie Thurman Isaiah Floyd  
Zeek Whales Zackary Wales Kavitesh Singh  
Avinett Singh Jaden Havens Jasmine Lime  
Ryan Malone Lucas Tran Lisa Havens  
Malcam Campbell Marcus Ang Jaden Nuno  
Hunter Garcia Jackson Garcia Gabriel Gonzales  
Damien Gonzales Valeria Nava

**Welcome back:** Josiah Walkere Eli Brooks  
Jackson Brooks Vincent Dato Jaycee Roek  
Maceo Santiuste-Loera



## Sensei Joane Orbon Wins Gold at USA Team Trials Awarded 2015 Female Athlete of the Year



Sensei Joane Orbon wins the Gold medal in the -61 kilo Kumite division for the USA Team Trials to Santa Cruz Bolivia in August 24-30, 2015.

She is also awarded the 2015 Female Athlete of the Year Award from the USA Karate, the National Governing Body for Karate, member of the USA Olympic Committee at USA Nationals and USA Team Trials in Fort Lauderdale, FL

Sensei Joane now is flying to Toronto Canada on Tuesday July 21<sup>st</sup> with her USA Team mates to the second largest sports event in the world next to the International Olympic Summer Games for the Pan-American Games July 23-25, 2015 to be televised on ESPN 3 at [www.espn.go.com](http://www.espn.go.com) through your internet network. Tune in to see if Sensei Joane can bring home gold to USA and Stockton, CA. Good Luck Sensei Joane Orbon!

## Tibon's Goju Ryu Karate Kids at USA Nationals & USA Team Trials Fort Lauderdale, FL



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**Great 2015 Nationals experiences, and the desire to working harder for next year's Team USA opportunities in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania 2016! Sensei Joane Orbon, Jacob Ruiz, Cayla Gapusan, Moenyck Shipes, and Cash Gapusan supporting and cheering for their team mates!**

# Orbon has dared to be a karate champion

- **By Bob Highfill**  
**Record Sports Editor**

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Gene Tibon remembers when then-9-year-old Joane Orbon and her parents met with him in his office at his karate studio in Stockton.

"She said this is what I want to do," Tibon said. "This is what I want to be."

What Orbon wanted to be was a karate champion. Since that fateful day some 11 years ago, she has focused on being nothing less.

Karate is a martial art using kicking, punching, knee strikes and elbow strikes, as well as open-hand techniques. In competition, points are awarded for successful strikes and moves. The sport requires discipline of mind and body. Now 20 years old, Orbon has a trove of awards and accolades, and beginning today, she will compete at the U.S. National Championships in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. There, she hopes to qualify for the Pan American Championships next month in Bolivia, where she has won three consecutive gold medals and also two bronze medals. Orbon has been on the U.S. junior national team since she was 13. She will age out of the junior program following this year. She has been a member of the U.S. senior national team since she turned 18.

Next week, Orbon will compete at the Pan American Games in Toronto. She's one of just seven U.S. senior national team members who qualified. Orbon will be the first Stocktonian to compete at the Pan Am Games in karate, according to Tibon, and she's ranked No. 1 in the country in the 61-kilogram division.

In every definition of the word, Orbon is a champion on and off the mat. She earned straight-A's at Bear Creek High, is studying business/entrepreneurship at Delta College, has interned with San Joaquin Rapid Transit District, teaches Tibon's advanced students, and wants to own her own karate school, as well as be involved in other business interests, once she earns her degree.

But most of all, Orbon wants to represent Stockton and her country as an Olympian. Karate is on the short list of possibilities, along with baseball and softball, for inclusion in the 2020 Summer Games in Japan. Tibon said he's spoken with his contacts in Japan who have said there is a rush to hire more instructors and build more studios to prepare their athletes — a sign the sport will make its Olympic debut in the nation where it was popularized early in the 20th century. The International Olympic Committee could make a final decision in August 2016.

"I'll be 25 (years old in 2020). The perfect age," Orbon said from Ft. Lauderdale. "And it would be a dream come true."

Orbon started taking karate lessons from Tibon when she was 7 years old, two years before she made her life changing commitment to the sport. Her father, Jon Orbon, an operations consultant with McDonald's, said his daughter tried other activities, such as ballet, tap dancing, gymnastics and softball. But nothing moved her like karate.

"She just lasted a week at all those other things, but when we took her to the karate dojo, she told me right away this is what she liked," Jon Orbon said. "So, since then, she's stuck with karate."

Once Orbon has her mind set on something, nothing can dissuade her.

"When she focuses on things, she does everything to her best, even at school," Jon Orbon said.

"I just want to be successful," Joane Orbon said. "Sometimes, I just stay up at night, just so excited to see that success is right around the corner and I can grab it. The title of the best woman fighter in the world is what drives me the most."

Jon said he has guided his daughter, but never has pushed her in karate. She said he's always been there for her.

"It's always been my dad," Orbon said. "He's always been the one to drive me since I got into the competition side of karate. Just countless hours of training at midnight in the garage, then waking up early in the morning and running miles and miles, and maintaining a 4.0 (grade point average) in high school."

It's all paid off. And the dream still is strong.

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## 2015 Pan-American Games Toronto Canada Sensei Joane Orbon

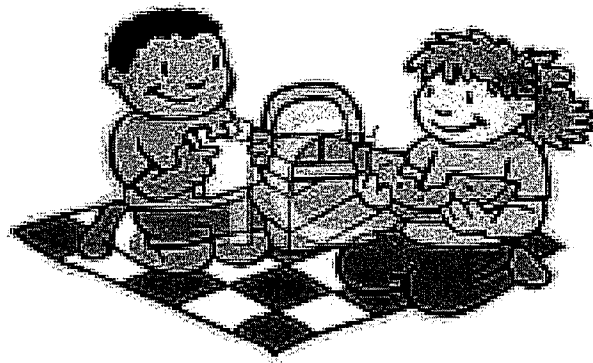


Parents and students you may have likely have seen some of the results on Facebook, but I wanted to put some name and countries behind the competition for Joane Orbon's first attempt at the 2015 Pan-American Games this last weekend in Toronto Canada. Joane Orbon a 20 year old 1st degree black belt, who started Karate at the age of 7 yrs old at Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Karate, the youngest member on Team USA delegation of 7, who represented United States at the second largest sporting event in the world. Joane was competitive all the way to the very end of her last match.

Joane Orbon's first match was against Mexico's Meril Arreola won over USA's Joane Orbon 1-0, with many fight combinations going back and forth, but no two referees pulled a flag at the same time for Joane. It takes two referees flags to confirm a point. One flag was thrown for a punch, but not two to confirm a point that would have tied the match. The second match was Daniela Lepin of Chile vs USA Joane Orbon with the score ending in a score of 3-5 with USA Joane Orbon winning. The last match between Venezuela's Franjer Brito verses USA Joane Orbon was the crucial match that Joane Orbon needed a tie or a win to go to the semifinals in a Round Robin fight bracketing.

Joane had two punches that looked like they scored, but for some reason no protest by the USA Coach was submitted, which would have given two other judges to review the protest score on instant replay could have seen on the video the scores that could have ultimately gave Joane Orbon one point that could have tied the match or even won the match, but ended up with no protest call that gave Venezuela the win over USA 1-0 letting Venezuela move to the semi's that would have been a guarantee Bronze medal at the least.

The experience for Joane Orbon was world level, that gives her even more reason to prepare for the next 2019 Pan-American Games, the year before the possibility of a spot on the USA Olympic Team if Karate wins the short list, and is selected by Japan as a exhibition sport in 2020 Summer Games. By that time Joane Orbon will be 24-25 yrs old in the prime of her life ready to give her best for USA and Stockton, Ca.



## **Tibon's Parent's Club**

Will be having a

Summer Picnic

on Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015 at

Swenson Park in Stockton from

Noon until 4:00pm

**This is a POTLUCK picnic**

There will be music, entertainment and games and prizes for the kids

Hope to see you there!!!

Please remember to bring your own drinks and chairs

Main Dish – Last Names beginning with A thru H

Side Dish – Last Names beginning with I thru P

Salad – Last Names beginning with Q thru Z



**Sensei Toshiiro Oshiro**

**Yamani Ryu Weapons Seminar**

**Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Tibon's Goju Ryu Main Dojo**

**Beginner/Novice Class 3p-4pm**

**Intermediate/Advance 4p-5pm**

**\$25.00 per person**

**Part of Weapons Class Requirement is Student Should Participate in Yamani Ryu Weapons Seminar With one of the Top Weapons Masters in the World**





## **The Leadership Team of Black Belt and Brown Belt Have Added Green Belt 3 Stripes to Leadership Class and Training Next Leadership Meeting August 9, 2015 Sunday 11am-1pm**

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 team work 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.

Once a month we have a Leadership meeting for two hours, which will include lunch. 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. Once they have received 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.



**Congratulations Tibon's Goju Ryu Fighting Arts Karate Staff, Students, Parents  
This if 5 Years In A Row We Win the Gold Award  
For Best Martial Arts in San Joaquin by San Joaquin Magazine**



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