SBJ Newsletter

March 2026

What's Happening This Month Outside the Club

February 23rd-25th (Fundraiser
SBJ Dining #1 - Lazy Dog Restaurant and bar at Del Amo

March 7th (Tournament)
Las Vegas Shiai - Las Vegas, NV

March 8th (Tournament)
Taishi Judo Shiai - Westminster, CA
Click here for Smooth Comp Link

March 29th (Tournament)
Nanka Spring Shiai - Westminster, CA

Important Club Dates!

Feb 24th/26th: Evaluations and testing for all students (1st, 2nd, 3rd class). All white belts (junior/seniors) will be testing. Yellow and higher - optional.

Mar 3rd: 3rd class Senior Shiai and promotions.

Mar 5th: In-House Shiai and promotions for the 1st and 2nd class. Please review the schedule below:

5:00 to 5:30pm: Tournament setup
5:30 to 5:45pm: Warm up and rules
5:45 to 7:45pm: Shiai and Promotions
7:45pm: Clean up and refreshments

If you are competing, please try to come early to ensure we have everyone accounted for. Sensei Milton will need to confirm the brackets.

Mar 9th: End of 2Q Spring Online registration

In-House Shiai Info!

Our in-house shiai is an introduction into friendly tournament-style competition. We match all our students based on their size, age, and judo experience. Please encourage your child to participate! All participants get a snack bag of goodies at the end of the night!

Please note: **if your child is not participating but receives a promotion, they must be dressed in their judo gi to receive it.**

Competition Group!

This year we will have a new funding policy for the Golden State Open, San Jose Open, Jr Olympics, and Winter Nationals. Information coming soon in March!

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Torrance Sister City Association

On January 10, 2026, Sensei Ed and Joan Shiosaki were honored with the TSCA Kansha Award. This distinction recognizes individuals or organizations demonstrating long-standing commitment and meaningful contributions to the Torrance Sister City Association. The term kansha, meaning “deep appreciation” in Japanese, reflects the spirit of this recognition. Sensei Ed and Joan received the award in acknowledgment of their dedicated support and service to the organization over the past two decades.

Words from TSCA:

You’re not just organizing trips or events—you’re building bridges between cultures, between families, and between future leaders. And that’s something really special. South Bay Judo has always been about community, and TSCA represents that same spirit of community on an even bigger scale.— Congratulations Ed and Joan!

Joshiro Maruyama Clinic

On February 14-15, several of our members had the privilege of attending the Joshiro Maruyama Clinic at the Terasaki Budokan in Little Tokyo, Los Angeles. Maruyama, a two-time World Champion and multiple Grand Slam gold medalist, shared his world-class hanegoshi and a variety of additional techniques with more than 200 participants.

Now actively coaching and traveling internationally to promote the sport of Judo, Maruyama delivered an inspiring and technically rich clinic. The experience was highly valuable for both our students and senseis, providing meaningful learning opportunities and renewed motivation on the mat.



Whatsapp Group

If you would like to be informed about additional practices and tournament updates, please reach out to Sensei Milton about joining out whatsapp group!