SBJ Newsletter

April 2026

What's Happening This Month Outside the Club

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

April 18th-19th (Fundraiser)
Torrance Bunkasai - Demonstration (Sat) and Shaved Iced Booth (Sat & Sun)
Please click here for additional information and performance schedules!

April 29th (Fundraiser)
SBJ Dining Fundraiser at Rubios! (Flyer will be made available soon)

51st Annual Bunkasai!

On the weekend of **April 18-19, 2026**, the 51st Annual Bunkasai will take place!

For those attending for the first time, Bunkasai is a Japanese Cultural Festival that our club has proudly participated in for the past two decades. Our Judo demonstration will be held on April 18th from **2:00-2:30 PM**. For those who would like to participate in the demonstration, a sign-up sheet will be available at the club.

Throughout both days of the festival, we will also host our famous shaved ice booth. If you would like to volunteer to help run the booth, a sign-up sheet will also be available. This event is a wonderful opportunity for our club to fundraise and connect with members of our community.

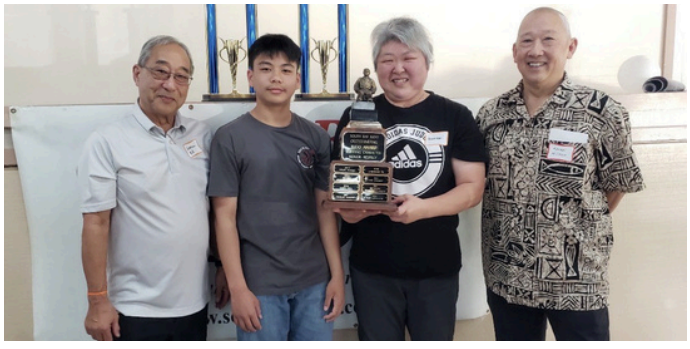
If you have any questions regarding the demonstration, the shaved ice booth, or the event itself, please do not hesitate to reach out to Sensei Milton.

Nanka Banquet 2026

Earlier this year, we proudly announced that Manami and Zachary were selected as our club's 2025 Judokas of the Year.

They will be formally recognized at the Annual Nanka Banquet on May 31, 2026, where their accomplishments and dedication to judo will be honored.

Additional information on how to sign up and attend the banquet will be shared soon. If you are able to attend and support Manami and Zachary, it would be greatly appreciated. Your presence would mean a lot as we celebrate their achievements.



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Rubio's SBJ Fundraiser

We are back with another fundraiser! On Wednesday, April 29th, please visit Rubio's at 25366 Crenshaw Blvd. Torrance, CA 90505.

Order for Pick up or delivery on the Rubio's app or Rubios.com and enter coupon code: **DONATE** during checkout!

30% of event sales will be donated to our club. This is an all day event for please tell friends and family to come out and support South Bay Judo!

Tournaments in March

At the beginning of March, we hosted our first In-House Shiai of 2026! Everyone fought hard, and we want to congratulate all of the students who placed and those who earned promotions. It was great to see everyone's dedication and progress on the mat.

We also had several of our students compete at the Taishi 15th Anniversary Tournament in Westminster on March 8. Our competitors gave it their all and came away with valuable experience and lessons learned.

A special thank you to the parents and competitors who volunteered to work the score tables at the tournament. We know tournament days can be long, and your willingness to help and support the event means so much to our club and the judo community.

If you're ever interested in volunteering or learning how to work a score table in the future, please don't hesitate to reach out, we always appreciate the extra hands!







Whatsapp Group

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

51st Annual

Bunka-Sai

Japanese Cultural Festival

Saturday & Sunday
April 18 and 19, 2026
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Ken Miller Recreation Center
3341 Torrance Boulevard *(At Madrona Avenue)*



Enjoy tasty plate lunches, sweets, arts and craft items, cultural performances, dance, music, martial arts, kids' games, demonstrations

FREE Admission & Parking

Presented by
The Torrance Sister City Association
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Proceeds to benefit the student cultural exchange program
**Please leave your pets at home, authorized service animals are exempt.*

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