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## **From the Publishers Desk**

### **Kumusta**

The Stockton Challenge has successfully completed 3 years of competitive and professional competition. While Sensei Gene Tibon is having his annual Goju-Ryu competition, Master Darren Tibon is simultaneously is having the USFMAF Stockton Challenge.

The Stockton challenge is held at the San Joaquin Delta College, Joseph Blanchard Gymnasium in Stockton, CA. Throughout Stockton's history many well known Filipino martial arts practitioners have their roots, many which include Master Juan LaCosta, Grandmaster Giron, and Grandmaster Angel Cabales to mention a few, with many more throughout Stockton's history.

Held in Stockton, CA. the tournament is open to any and all outside of Stockton which might want to compete.

The Filipino martial arts competition rules are governed by the USFMAF. Having attended the Stockton challenge in 2008, I was impressed by the non-political, professional attitude of the officials, the aggressiveness of competition, and the atmosphere of brotherhood throughout all.

In 2010 the Stockton Challenge will still continue. However it will be called the Legacy Tournament in honor the Filipino martial arts Great Grandmasters, deceased and living. Not only Filipino Grandmasters and Masters of Stockton, but throughout the Filipino martial arts community.

If you are available on February 19 and 20, 2010 it is suggested you attend this memorable event.

**Maraming Salamat Po**



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This is the 3rd year for the Stockton Challenge and as the previous two years was done in a professional manner in all aspects of tournament competition.

### **Third Annual Stockton Challenge**

San Joaquin Delta College  
Joseph Blanchard Gymnasium  
May 3, 2009  
By Darlene J. Tibon



Darren Tibon awarding  
Grandmaster Bais  
Lifetime Achievement Plaque

The USFMAF Tournament in Stockton, CA. is when we have a chance to recognize those who have supported us and those who have devoted most of their lives for the promotion of FMA. The first award was given to Grandmaster Jon Bais - Tres Manos Bais who received the USFMAF Lifetime Achievement Award. Grandmaster Jon Bais has also been inducted into the Masters Hall of Fame by Master Tibon this year and this will be celebrated at the Long Beach Internationals August 8, 2009.

Regional Sports Organizer for USFMAF Marc Lawrence - Pakamut from Torrance, CA. receives USFMAF RSO of The Year for his outstanding support for 2008. Master Lawrence has organized several USFMAF Judge and Referee Clinics, one of which being the first Cultural Challenge Clinic in Van Nuys, CA at the House of Champions.



Darren Tibon awarding USFMAF  
RSO of the Year



Darren Tibon gives award to Victor Chavez

Without volunteers like Victor Chavez, we would not be able to be as successful as we are. Victor Chaves receives his award for outstanding support as a USFMAF Volunteer. He volunteers his time as a coordinator for

our divisions lists at all of our tournaments and serves as a certified USFMAF judge.

Chez D. Tibon receives the USFMAF Athlete of The Year Award for 2008. Chez is also a certified USFMAF center referee and judge.

Here espada daga versus shield and sword in the Cultural Challenge. You pick your weapon they pick theirs. This is a very exiting division to watch. All weapon disciplines are welcome to enter the Cultural Challenge.

To the left, this is a picture of our heavyweight division winners for padded point.

Below is a picture of some of our volunteers who are recognized for taking their time to support us. There is a lot of effort put forth in traveling and expenses and these individuals truly represent what our organization is all about. Promotion of FMA has been taken to the next level and could not happen without our loyal volunteers.



Darren Tibon gives award to Chez Tibon

### Stockton Delta College Results 2009

#### **Padded Point 12-14**

- 1st Michael Lawrence - Pakamut
- 2nd Sal Martinez - Angels Disciples
- 3rd Isaiah Fabella - Tres Manos Bias

#### **Padded Point 15-17**

- 1st Gale Gacayan - Angels Disciples
- 2nd John Ridiloso - Angels Disciples
- 3rd Nyiaj Xiong - Angels Disciples

#### **Padded Point HvyWt Adv**

- 1st Fritz Rosales - Angels Disciples
- 2nd Robert Preciado - Angels Disciples
- 3rd Brian Everett - Tres Manos Bias

#### **Padded Point Continuous Boys 12-14**

- 1st Michael Lawrence - Pakamut
- 2nd Sal Martinez - Angels Disciples
- 3rd Isaiah Fabella - Tres Manos Bias

#### **Padded Continuous Boys 15-17**

- 1st Michael Lawrence - Pakamut
- 2nd Anthony Rosales - Angels Disciples



Mike Lawrence and Sal Martinez



Live Stick Division  
Gayle Gacayan and Nyiaj Xiong

#### **Padded Continuous Boys 17-19**

- 1st Doug Riggs - Philippine Martial Arts Academy
- 2nd Gale Gacayan - Angels Disciples

#### **Live Stick Point Boys 15-17**

- 1st Nyiaj Xiong - Angels Disciples
- 2nd John Ridiloso - Angels Disciples
- 3rd Anthony Jacob Rosales - Angels Disciples

#### **Live Stick Continuous Mens**

- 1st Doug Riggs - Philippine Martial Arts Academy
- 2nd Gale Gacayan - Angels Disciples
- 3rd Fritz Rosales - Angels Disciples

#### **Live Stick Point Mens HvyWt**

- 1st Brian Everett - Tres Manos Bias
- 2nd Robert Preciado - Angels Disciples

#### **Cultural Challenge Mens**

- 1st Brian Everett - Tres Manos Bias
- 1st Gelmar Cabales - Angels Disciples



Brian Everett and Gelmar Cabales  
Cultural Challenge Division



Isaiah Fabella, Mike Lawrence,  
Darren Tibon, Sal Martinez



Padded Point Winners 15-17 Nyiaj Xiong,  
John Ridaloso, Gayle Gacayan



**2008 USFMAF Volunteer Awards**

Mateo Masselones, Alex France, Grandmaster Jon Bias,  
Gelmar Cabales, Mike Lawrence,  
Marc Lawrence, Chez Tibon, Jerry Preciado.



Brian Everett, Fritz Rosales,  
Robert Preciado, Darren Tibon



## Second Annual Stockton Challenge

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Joseph Blanchard Gymnasium  
April 20 2008

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The Filipino martial arts tournament running in unison with the Karate tournament was small in comparison, which is usual when combining two events into one and Karate is involved. However the USFMAF was a professional event in the way it was coordinated and with the judging and refereeing being honest, fair, and precise.



Sensei Gene Tibon and Master Darren Tibon

Commencing with forms competition, the student of Master Nilo Baron of Doce Pares showed his skills in performing his sayaw for the judges. Then the stick competition commenced, with padded and live stick, each competitor showing his skills. And finally the knife competition which is new to the USFMAF, but was adapted to easily and the competition, was fierce.

During the event recognition was given to Grandmaster Ramiro U. Estalilla, Jr. of Kabaroan Eskrima and Steven Dowd of the FMAdigest for their promulgating and promotion of the Filipino martial arts. Grandmaster Dionisio Canete and Grandmaster Alfredo Bandalan were also to receive recognition for their promulgating and promotion of the Filipino martial arts, but due to prior commitments were unable to attend.

Also recognition was given to judges, referees, and USFMAF for their continued and professional support to events and the Filipino martial arts.



Master Tibon, Steven Dowd, Grandmaster Estalilla, and Grandmaster Bias



Master Tibon (left) - Master Baron (right).  
With their students



Master Tibon (left) - Grandmaster Bias (right).  
With their students

**Results:**

**Forms Boys 14**

1st - Lee Cortez - DP

**Padded Point Boys 9-11 Beginner**

1st - Isaiah Fabella - KBT  
2nd - Sal Martinez - AD

**Continuous Live Stick Boys 14-16 Beginner**

1st - Lee Cortez -DP  
2nd - Wenson Huang - AD

**Padded Point Men's Heavy Wt**

**Live Stick Point Men's Advance Heavy Wt**

1st - Chez Tibon - AD  
2nd - Manuel Favorito - BTM  
3rd - Gelmar Cabales - AD

**Knife Point Men's Heavy Wt Advance**

1st - Chez Tibon - AD  
2nd - Gelmar Cabales - AD  
3rd - Elmer Bais - BTM

**Knife Point Men's Int. Super Heavy Wt**

1st - Bryan Everett - BTM



1st Bryan Everett - BTM  
2nd Manuel Favorito - BTM

**Continuous Pad Beg Men's Middle Wt**

1st Wenson Huang - AD  
2nd Bryan Callahan - AD

**Continuous Pad Int. Middle Wt**

1st Wenson Huang -AD  
2nd Saul Garcia -AD  
3rd Bryan Callahan -AD



After the event Master Darren Tibon presented Grandmaster Alfred Bandalan of Doce Pares with the USFMAF plaque in recognition of the promulgating and promotion of the Filipino martial arts.

**First Stockton Challenger**

San Joaquin Delta College  
Joseph Blanchard Gymnasium  
April 22, 2007



**The Legacy Tournament**  
Delta College  
Blanchard Gym Stockton, CA  
February 19 - 20, 2010

Next year's USFMAF Stockton tournament is going to be called The Legacy Tournament in honor the Filipino martial arts Great Grandmasters, deceased and living, and those who are carrying on their legacy as well as affiliate Filipino martial arts Grandmasters. This will be a two day tournament held February 19, 2010 will be for seminars, the second day, February 20, 2010 for the tournament. These individuals will be given recognition for their styles and their accomplishments in the promotion of the Filipino martial arts.



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**San Joaquin Delta College**  
Joseph Blanchard Gymnasium  
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Stockton, California

San Joaquin Delta College is the successor of the Stockton Junior College. College of Pacific rented space and equipment only. Pacific instructors taught the classes, but were employed and responsible to the Stockton Board of Education.



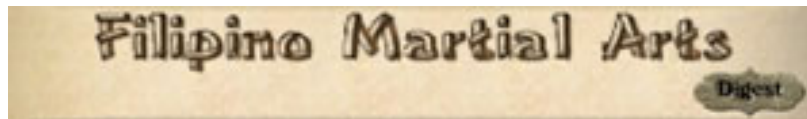
The physical separation of Stockton College and College of the Pacific was followed in 1951 by the resumption of lower division classes at Pacific.

Long decades without a permanent home created a desire at San Joaquin Delta College to make its new campus something special. Two key decisions were endorsed by College trustees in the fall of 1968. Though the campus would be one of the largest in California, the student population would be divided into five instructional centers. The design of each center included a central open courtyard, snack bar and study lounge. The goal is to encourage students and faculty to develop activities according to their own interests, creating a healthy campus-wide diversity.

Students with greatly different backgrounds and career interests, musicians and mechanics-meet in the hallways, lounges and sometimes classrooms and learn to respect each other's values.



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