



On March 30, 2014, fifteen (15) youth from the Vacaville Police Activities League - Makimoto Judo Club competed in the Cupertino Invitational Judo Tournament. The tournament was held at the Lynbrook High School. There were approximately 250 competitors from around the Bay Area.

Jason Wong, 17 years old, competed in his brown belt division and also went in fought in the black belt division. Jason won a first place trophy in the brown belt division and a third place award in the black belt division. Journe Wright, 9 years old, won a first place medal; Nick Indrieri, 11 years old, won a first place trophy; Jed Winn, 8 years old, won first place; Zachary Winn, 14 years old, won first place; Jonathon Angier, 12 years old won first place; Ashton Domingo-Brown won first place; Logan Winn, 11 years old, won a second place trophy; Dayton Domingo-Brown won second place; Patrick Fabi, 8 years old, won second place; Alexander Makimoto, 11 years old won third place; and Kevin Ascate, 16 years old won third place.

Ronnie Wise, Caitlyn Winn, Aiden Devaney fought well but did not place in the top three of their divisions.

The Cupertino tournament has a "fastest throw" contest. Last year's winner was Vacaville PAL youth, Matthew Alessandro. Matthew's family is in the Air Force and he has since moved to the east coast where he practices judo in New Jersey. Matthew threw an opponent in 1.75 seconds! This year we had a couple of contenders but we will not know until next year!

The Vacaville Police Activities League - Makimoto Judo Club is taught by Gordon and Lucy Makimoto. Gordon Makimoto is a 4th degree black belt in Judo and recently retired from the Vacaville Police Department after 25 years of service. Lucy Makimoto is a first degree black belt in judo and has been with the Vacaville Police Department for almost 20 years. Gordon and Lucy have been instructors for the judo club since 1996.