



Press Release

On July 4 and 5, 2014, five members of the Vacaville Police Activities League - Makimoto Judo Club will compete in the United States Judo Junior Nationals in Honolulu, Hawaii. This tournament is expected to have 500 to 600 competitors from all over the United States. Competition is held in a double elimination format.

Jason, Wong, 17, a Vacaville High School graduate, placed second at the California State Championships in Sacramento earlier this month; Ronnie Wise, 17, also competed in the State Championship, placing second; and Hunter Costello, 14, won second place. She recently suffered a knee injury in practice but is still hoping to be able to compete in July.

Alexander Makimoto, 12, competed in the State Championships and won 2 matches and lost two matches; Journe Wright, 9, also competed in the California State Championships. He won all of his matches and placed first.

After competing in the Junior Nationals on July 4 and 5, Jason, Ronnie and Hunter will compete in the brown belt divisions at the Senior Nationals on July 6th. The Senior Nationals are being held at the same venue.

The Makimoto Judo - Vacaville PAL is taught by Gordon and Lucy Makimoto since 1996. Gordon Makimoto recently retired from the Vacaville Police Department after 25 years of service. Lucy Makimoto is still an active Police Officer with the Vacaville Police Department. Both Gordon and Lucy volunteer their time to teach PAL judo. For more information about Vacaville PAL please visit the Vacaville PAL website or contact Stacy Anderson at 707-469-6647 You can also visit the Makimoto Judo - Vacaville PAL on Facebook.