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In Loving Memory...

John Dale Martens

1943-2011

On January 13, 2011, we lost a dear friend, advocate, and mentor of the Tulsa Figure Skating Club to a long and bravely fought battle with cancer.

To know John was to know a man of great kindness, intelligence and extraordinary energy, with a contagious love for the Tulsa Figure Skating Club. Like no other, he understood the history of the Club—the incredible path of its past and that past's importance to its future. He devoted countless hours of his time by serving on the TFSC Board as president and treasurer. He most recently became a USFS judge and also served as President of the Mid-America Figure Skating Association. John and his wife, Mary Anne McGivern, traveled around the country for judging appointments, attendance at the USFS Governing Council and more. Their efforts and contributions have garnered them—and the TFSC—great respect in the USFSA.

John's accomplishments extended far beyond the Club. He graduated from The University of Colorado, Boulder, with a B.S. in Business Administration, the Thunderbird School of Global Management, with a MS in International Management; and attended Queen Mary College, of the University of London for Post-graduate study in the World Energy Model. John completed active duty as Captain, U.S. Air Force, Strategic Air Command. He was a leader, exemplified by

numerous accomplishments: His early business career years were spent at Ford Motor Co., and as CEO & President of Sterling Oil in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was Vice-President of Corporate

Development, of MCI Communications, Washington D.C., Vice President of Southern New England Telephone, New Haven CT, and Senior Vice President, WilTel, Inc. and was most recently the Principal of The Corporate Development Company. John was also active in many national and local civic organizations.

For all of John's accomplishments outside of the skating world, perhaps his greatest ones lied within it. A non-skater himself, it was amazing to see the support

that he gave to the skaters themselves. He championed them all, no matter age, level or skill. John loved the sport of figure skating and the TFSC. He had a true vision for the Club and he was determined to see that vision become reality.

To that end, it is most appropriate that for the TFSC history that John so greatly loved, he now holds his own indelible place in its history.

To Mary Anne McGivern—the love of his life and a special member of the TFSC family—we extend our most heartfelt sympathy. And to John we say—we are proud of all you have done. You will be dearly missed, but your memory will be kept alive each time our skaters take the ice.



TFSC Skater Heads to Nationals

Brittany Schmucker, with partner Adam Munday, is first to qualify in 17 years

From January 20th article in TULSA WORLD:

Since she was 9 years old, Brittany Schmucker has taken her ice skating career one step at a time.

Those steps have led to next week's U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Greensboro, N.C., where she and her partner, Adam Munday, will compete in the novice dancing category. Schmucker became the first Tulsa Figure Skating Club member in 17 years to advance to nationals when the pair placed fourth at sectionals last month.

"I don't think I've ever screamed so loud in my life," she said. "It was one of those 'finally' moments where there's no words to even describe the excitement and the overwhelming joy of 'I'm finally going to be able to start living out my dream, and this is only the beginning.' "

Schmucker, an 18-year-old senior at Cascia Hall, splits practice time in Tulsa and Dallas, where Munday, 23, is a member of the Stars Figure Skating Club. Her parents, Phil and Renee Schmucker, have been supportive despite the demanding schedule.

"They are behind Adam and I 100 percent," she said. "With the traveling and the expenses, at the end of the day, it doesn't matter. As long as we skate our best and we're happy, they're happy."

When in Tulsa, the pair practices at the Oilers Ice Center three times a day, starting at 5 a.m. and breaking when Schmucker needs to be at school. Even with the disruption, Schmucker said she's doing well in her classes.

"The teachers are so understanding," she said.

"They're always there if I have questions and just making sure I'm able to keep up."

The past few weeks have been a whirlwind for Schmucker. In addition to the stress of practice and school, she has dealt with the deaths of her grandfather Ned Presley and family friend and skating judge John Martens. She and Munday will dedicate next week's performance to them.

Starting Monday, they will skate two compulsory dances and a free dance, for which they have chosen a medley of Elvis songs.

"That's the exciting part for us," Schmucker said. "We tried to think about what would be the best for us as a team to really show off our skills as skaters and performers."

After this competition, Schmucker and Munday will move up a level. They are two levels from senior ice dancing, which is seen on TV and in the Olympics.

Meanwhile, Schmucker is trying to pick a college, but that decision will have to wait at least a week. Nationals is the only thing is on her mind.

"I'm pretty nervous," she said. "I think I'll channel what we need to do and just relax, and we'll get the job done."

GOOD LUCK BRITTANY AND ADAM! WE WILL BE CHEERING FOR YOU FROM TULSA!!





Congratulations to our Junior National Skaters!

TFSC congratulates our skaters on their achievements at the 2011 Junior National Championships in Salt Lake City, UT. We are proud of their hard work and dedication! TFSC also wishes to congratulate coaches Boyko Alexiev and Kimberly Borgos for their efforts in preparing them.

Intermediate Men's QR B

Josiah Curley 14th

Chandler McGoogan 16th

Juvenile Free Dance

Madison and Garrett Jensen 9th



Josiah and Chandler, coached by Boyko Alexiev



Madison and Garrett, coached by Kimberly Borgos

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

for

Sooner State Games 2011

March 4-6, 2011 ~ Oiler Ice Center ~ Tulsa

Online registration will be available soon. Watch for details and make plans to compete. Skaters who qualify at Sooner State Games are eligible to compete at the State Games of America, to be held August 4-7, 2011 in San Diego, California.

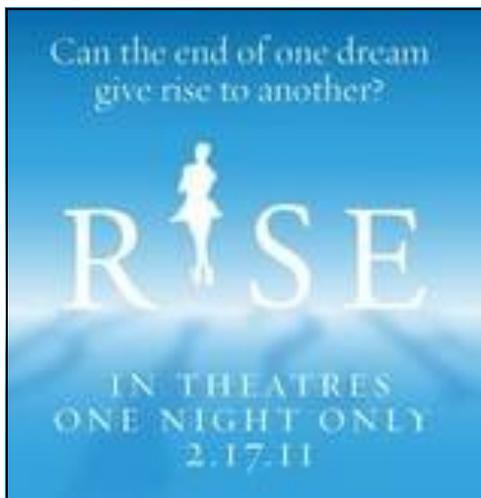


2011 Competition Schedule

Dates are tentative

January 22-30, 2011	2011 U.S. Figure Skating Championships	Greensboro, NC
March 5-7, 2011	Sooner State Games	Tulsa, OK
March 31-April 3, 2011	Skate Kansas City	Kansas City, MO
April 14-17, 2011	Skate Dallas	Grapevine, TX
May 2011	Spring Spectacular	Tulsa, OK
June 2011	Mid-Continent Invitational	Wichita, KS
June 22-25, 2011	Broadmoor Open	Colorado Springs, CO
July 8-10, 2011	Cannon Texas Open	Farmers Branch, TX
September 2011	Houston Invitational	Houston, TX

Nationwide Special Event - RISE



In honor of the 50th anniversary of the terrible plane crash tragedy that killed all the members of the 1961 U.S. Figure Skating Team, RISE will premier for one day only in theaters across the nation on February 17, 2011. Produced and directed by 16-time Emmy Award winners Lookalike Productions, RISE will document the sports' growth in popularity of the years and feature various luminaries of American figure skating. Proceeds from RISE will be used to further the mission of U.S. Figure Skating's Memorial Fund, which was established on February 23, 1961 as a living legacy of those who lost their lives.

TFSC will be purchasing a block of tickets to this special event. Mark your calendars for February 17 and watch for additional details and information.

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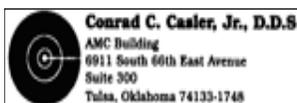
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