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Tulsa FSC Off to a Great Start in 2010

Tulsa Skaters have been very busy in these first months of 2010. The skaters are hard at work practicing their new programs which will be displayed on the ice at Sooner State Games March 5-7, 2010.

In addition to working on the ice, our skaters and their families repeatedly demonstrate generosity in the community. Last Thanksgiving weekend, our members skated with Big Brothers and Big Sisters kids and mentors. Board member Shannon Slane organized this event and it was a meaningful and successful day. During Club ice on Valentine's Day the skaters worked hard and made Valentine's that were delivered to the patients at St. Francis Children's Hospital.

Additionally, Tulsa FSC was invited to help with BOK Skate Date held February 14 at the BOK Event Center. Our membership volunteered to help sort skates, tie laces, ice monitor, and direct the crowds. I was particularly proud of our club that day. We had 35 volunteers who came with a smile on their face ready to serve Tulsa and represent the skating community. The club skaters wore their Tulsa FSC jackets and handed out informational fliers about skating and Tulsa FSC.

Mark DeAngelis organized a membership table and we had many inquiries about skating. In this Olympic season, you could feel the excitement generated for skating at the BOK event.

Tulsa FSC members and judges, Mary Anne McGivern and Will Smith have judged national and international competitions already in 2010. Considerable time, expense and love of sport are expended to judge events at that level. We are honored to have these judges as active club members.

There is no doubt that the greatest asset of Tulsa FSC is its members and not all of their accomplishments can be catalogued in this article. The articles in the Tulsa World recently showcased the history of skating dating back to David Jenkins winning Gold in men's figure skating in 1960. (See video at tulsafsc.com.) Tulsa FSC has a legacy of over 70 years of success in figure skating. Today's club members are charged with the responsibility of carrying that torch forward to continue in the spirit of professionalism and generosity that keeps Tulsa FSC in the national spotlight.

Jennifer DeAngelis

President

Tulsa Figure Skating Club

TFSC Ice Dance Team Competes at Junior Nationals

TFSC skaters Katharine DeAngelis and Garrett Jensen competed at the 2010 U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships held December 14-19 in Strongsville, Ohio. Competing against a lineup of top ice dance teams from across the nation, DeAngelis and Jensen placed 12th. Tulsa skaters Chelsea Jones and Cory Tate-Sullivan also competed and placed 9th. This is the second consecutive year that Tulsa has had skaters qualify to compete at the national-level. Congratulations to these top-ranked teams.



Katharine DeAngelis and Garrett Jensen perform at Jr. Nationals

2010 U.S. Figure Skating Championships *Smith & McGivern Invited to Judge & Trial Judge*

TFSC's Will Smith and Mary Anne McGivern judged and trial-judged respectively at the 2010 U.S. Figure Skating Championships held January 17-23 in Spokane, Washington.

Smith and McGivern frequently judge TFSC test sessions and competitions, providing unique opportunities for TFSC skaters to be judged by nationally and internationally renowned judges. We congratulate them on being asked to judge at Nationals and are proud of their continually impressive accomplishments.

Smith will next judge at the World Junior Championships in March in The Hague, Netherlands and McGivern prepares for another season of judging competitions across the U.S.



TFSC Skater Peyton Lissau (pictured right with Rachael Flatt) attended the US Figure Skating Championships.



"Going to Nationals was an amazing experience," said Lissau. "The skating was incredible and I got the chance to meet some of my favorite skaters like Rachael Flatt, Michael Weiss and Scott Hamilton. It was inspiring to watch and so much fun! Watching the practice ice was the best.."

2010 Skate Date

TFSC Performs an Exhibition at the BOK Center

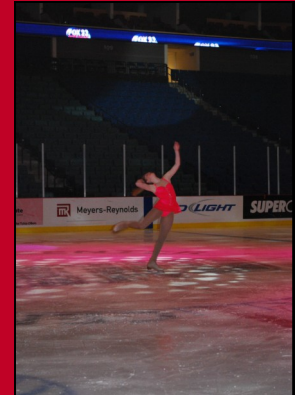
Skate Date 2010 took place on February 14 at the BOK Center. A resounding success in its second year, the TFSC was asked to hold an exhibition prior to the opening of Skate Date. Fans of figure skating came early and watched several skaters perform their freeskate and artistic programs.



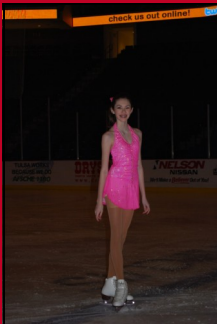
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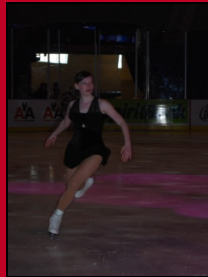
Group photo of all skaters who performed



Danika Burton



Jessica Barber



Abigail Fain



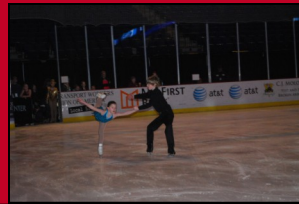
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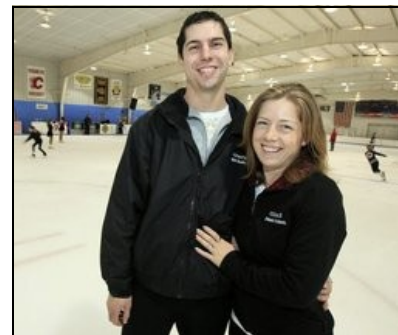


Madison & Garrett Jensen

Tulsa FSC Coaches Featured in *Tulsa World*

TFSC's own Matt and Jessie Hudson were featured in the *Tulsa World* in coverage of the 2010 Skate Date, held February 14 at the BOK Center. Jessie and Matt met on the same ice that they later shared vows on. Jessie and Matt's story was featured in the *Tulsa World's* coverage of the 2010 Skate Date and can be found by visiting:

http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=11&articleid=20100211_17_A2_Skatin794066&archive=yes



~ 2010 Competition Schedule ~

March 5-7, 2010	Sooner State Games	Tulsa, OK
March 8-13, 2010	World Junior Figure Skating Championships	The Hague, Netherlands
April 9-11, 2010	Skate Kansas City	Independence, MO
April 22-25, 2010	Skate Dallas	Grapevine, TX
May 2010	Spring Spectacular	Tulsa, OK
June 12-13, 2010	Wichita Mid-Continent Invitational	Wichita, KS
June 20-26, 2010	Broadmoor Open	Colorado Springs, CO
July 9-11, 2010	2010 Cannon Texas Open	Dallas, TX
July 30-August 1 (ten.)	Heart of America	Overland Park, KS
August 4-7, 2010	Lake Placid Ice Dance Championships	Lake Placid, NY
August 2010	2010 National Showcase	Bourne, MA
August 12-15, 2010	DuPage Open	Buffalo Grove, IL
September 3-6, 2010	Houston Fall Invitational	Sugarland, TX
September 2010	Pony Express Championships	St. Joseph, MO
October 14-19, 2010	2011 Southwest Regional Championships	Colorado Springs, CO
November 9-13, 2010	2011 Midwestern Sectional Championships	Ann Arbor, MI

Mark Your Calendar!

TFSC Annual Awards Banquet Date Announced

TFSC's Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, May 23 at the Indian Springs Country Club. This annual event is open to all TFSC members and is a fun and social ending to another membership year. Make plans now to attend! More details to follow.

Gearing up for...

2010 Sooner State Games March 5-7, 2010 Oilers Ice Center

Tulsa is proud to host the 2010 Sooner State Games at the Oilers Ice Center.

Volunteers are still needed to assist with a variety of tasks.

For information, contact Amie Jonckowski at amie@tulsafsc.com.



Good Luck Skaters!

Golden Memories

Retired Tulsa doctor ruled the skating rink at the Winter Games 50 years ago



PHOTO CREDIT: CORY YOUNG/Tulsa

CREDIT: John E. Hoover World Sports Writer, Tulsa World, 2/18/10

At the 1960 Winter Olympiad in Squaw Valley, Calif., Jenkins became the fourth consecutive American — and the second straight Jenkins brother — to win gold in men's figure skating.

Today, Jenkins, 73, is retired after a 30-year career as a Tulsa physician and lives across the street from Southern Hills Country Club. He and his wife, Barbara, raised three grown children and now have five grandchildren. He hasn't been skating — even recreationally — in years, but said he's been "rooting around the house for the past week trying to find my ice skates. My grandson wants me to go skating with him, and I told him I'd do it if I can find my ice skates."

That is, when he's not in front of the television, watching events unfold at the Vancouver Games. In the last five decades, Jenkins says, figure skating has changed almost as much as society itself.

"I think it's become more theatrical, if you will, the costumes and the gyrations," he said. "And I do think the way they judge these required elements has taken away a little of the individuality and originality."

U.S. men have captured skating gold six times in 22 Games, including twice by Dick Button in 1948 and '52. But since the Jenkins brothers' triumphs in 1956 and '60, Scott Hamilton in 1984 and Brian Boitano in 1988 are the only Americans to prevail on the sport's grandest stage.

David Jenkins and Button are the only two Americans to medal twice, and Cortina in 1956 is the only time the medal stand was swept by three Americans: Hayes Jenkins (gold), Ronnie Robertson (silver) and David Jenkins (bronze).

Hayes Jenkins was a four-time world champion from 1953-56, and little brother took it from there, winning the crown three times from 1957-59.

While Jenkins said his proudest Olympic moment was as a 19-year-old bronze medalist, smiling up at his brother's gold while the "Star-Spangled Banner" played, neither that experience nor the three straight world titles prepared him for his own gold medal experience four years later.

After a brief tour in the Air Force, he settled in Tulsa, helped start St. John Medical Center and eventually went into private practice in gastroenterology.

"I've been very happy in Tulsa," he said.

Read more from this Tulsa World article at http://www.tulsaworld.com/sportsextra/article.aspx?subjectid=29&articleid=20100218_29_B1_Before49769

TFSC Skater Spotlight

Figuring on Future Olympics

Tulsa teen thrives on activity in quest for 2014 games

CREDIT: MATT GLEASON World Scene Writer

Figure skater Brittany Schmucker practices at Oilers Ice Center with dreams of the Olympics. STEPHEN HOLMAN/Tulsa World

When Brittany Schmucker was 8, she asked Santa Claus for ice skates, so her parents bought her a white \$12 pair. They weren't much, but Brittany got the most out of them.



STEPHEN HOLMAN/Tulsa

The Cascia Hall junior is chasing an Olympic dream, one that could launch her to prime-time television where millions judge her every move. Those \$12 skates went on the feet of someone her longtime coach, Kimberly Berry-Borgos, calls "a natural."

Of course, making it to the Olympics as a figure skater or ice dancer isn't guaranteed. Brittany knows this. Still, the teenager makes daily sacrifices for her Olympic dream, even if the average Olympic ice skater spends more than \$100,000 each year to reach the games. She balances morning and afternoon practices with school — where she carries a 4.0 GPA — and a boyfriend, a Cascia Hall baseball player. She's even in rehearsals for the school musical.

But to Brittany, her dream is worth the sacrifice.

Last summer, Brittany received a call from Pierre Panayi, a world-renowned ice dancing coach in Dallas. Three days after her audition, Brittany became Jesionek's Cinderella on skates. That meant moving to Dallas, where she lived with a host family.

For eight months, Brittany and Jesionek practiced from 6:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. every day. Schmucker balanced her dream with four hours of school each day, then spent several more hours completing online classes. Then, as Schmucker cryptically explained, "Long story short, it was the most amazing experience of my life, and I don't regret it, but the partner wasn't exactly what I thought he was." So she moved back home to Tulsa earlier this month.

On a recent Tuesday morning, Brittany was on the ice from 6:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., which included a 30-minute lesson with her coach. She was in class until 3 p.m., then back on the ice from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. At 6 p.m., she had rehearsals for the school musical "Merrily We Roll Along." She plays Gussie, a former Broadway star. The next morning, she did it all again.

Read more from this Tulsa World article at http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=11&articleid=20100225_17_A1_MATTSL126747

TFSC Membership Welcome to All!

Mark DeAngelis, Membership Chair

In this exciting Olympic year, there has never been a better time to support the sport of figure skating and the pursuit of excellence by Tulsa figure skaters. With TFSC's "Friends of Tulsa Figure Skating Club" Membership (\$45), anyone can be a part of Tulsa's historic tradition of figure skating. TFSC has a 71-year history of promoting excellence in the sport on both a local and national level. Whether a past skater, family member, friend, or simply a fan of the sport, TFSC membership is open to all and provides much-needed support for the advancement of Tulsa's figure skating program.

What is the Tulsa Figure Skating Club?

- TFSC has a 71-year tradition of promoting excellence in figure skating, both locally and nationally.
- We have been honored to have among our ranks several regional, sectional, and national medalists, as well as several Olympic participants.
- We also have several national, Olympic and world-ranked judges along with past and current officers of the United States Figure Skating Association ("USFS").
- It is our goal to promote skating in our community, while upholding our well-respected position in the national and world skating arenas.
- TFSC supports Figure Skating is a healthy, fun activity for people of all ages.

What is a Friends of Tulsa Figure Skating Membership?

- A Non Skating, non-voting Membership designed to financially support the Tulsa Figure Skating Club and in turn the activities of the skating community. The Tulsa Figure Skating Club has a rich history of over 70 years of supporting skaters of all ages from the Tulsa area.

What benefit is there for me?

- If you choose to be registered with USFS you will receive the "Skating" magazine. "Skating" is full of the latest news covering National as well as Local interests related to Figure Skating.
- If you choose NOT to be registered with USFS you can have the satisfaction of knowing that you are enhancing the experience of the skaters by supporting Tulsa FSC programs.

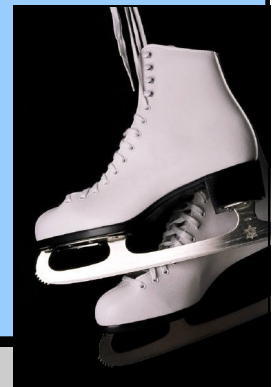
Who can be a "Friend of Tulsa Figure Skating Club?"

- Anyone who loves watching Figure Skaters of all ages.
- Past Skaters, Coaches, Judges etc.
- Parents, Grandparents, friends and family of past and current skaters.

How Do I Become a "Friend of Tulsa Figure Skating Club" Member?

3 Easy Ways:

- Visit the TSFC Membership Table at local competitions and during Club Ice on Saturday mornings.
- Visit Tulsafsc.com and download a membership form under Club Information.
- Email Mark DeAngelis at mark@tulsafsc.com.



Test Session Results ~ January 2010

Michelle Han	Senior Moves	Jessica Barber	Pre-Juvenile Freeskate
Jamie Rooks	Senior Moves	Peyton Lissau	Preliminary Freeskate
Abigail Fain	Junior Moves	Mia Provenzano	Pre-Preliminary Freeskate
Taylor Jonckowski	Intermediate Freeskate		

NEXT TEST SESSION: March 5, 2010

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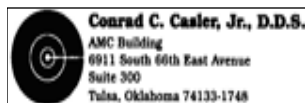
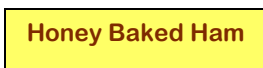
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