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Congratulations and Thanks for a Job Well Done!

Whether it be a competition or an exhibition, event hosting by a figure skating club is a unique undertaking. It requires organization and execution by a group of volunteers on the level of experienced professionals. Success requires a plan, organizational structure and people to execute. By any measure for the type of event, TFSC outdid itself with the recent Sooner State Games. Everyone involved from event chairperson, **Jennifer DeAngelis**, to her committee members and numerous volunteers, you all deserve our collective thanks and gratitude.

TFSC has a long legacy of hosting competitions beginning in 1946 when the club hosted an "Interclub Competition", which became the first Southwestern Championship. We and the City of Tulsa hosted the U.S National Championships in 1970. In the early 1980's, we were among the first clubs to join the National Congress of State Games in hosting a figure skating game.

The National Congress of State Games is a U. S. national organization that reflects the type of games involved in the Olympic series, but at the grassroots level. US Figure Skating is the National Governing Body

for Figure Skating in the U.S. and thusly has jurisdiction for the National State Games figure skating. Our own **Mary Anne McGivern** is the US Figure Skating National Chairman for the USFS State Games Committee. As such, she has a big responsibility for the direction and organization of the State Games of America figure skating event in Colorado Springs, Colorado in August 2007. As her home club, I would say we did her proud.

The real winners of the recent games are the competitors who placed in the respective events and will advance to the State Games of America. TFSC will have a large contingent of competitors as well as spectators. And, I will be among them cheering on our skaters.

Again, thanks to everyone involved in the Sooner State Games. You did a super job.

John Martens
President, TFSC



For More on Sooner State Games, see page 2.

Tulsa FSC Members Advance to State Games of America



The Tulsa Figure Skating Club congratulates it's Skaters who qualified for the State Games of America to be held in Colorado Springs August 1-5, 2007. Skaters listed below qualified by finishing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in one or more of their events at Sooner State Games . (Q2006 indicates skater qualified in the 2006 Games.)

Megan Banner
Jessica Barber
Lara Barney
Amber Base
Kelsey Bedore
Carly Brabham
Brooklyn Branch
Stephen Brower
Madison Brown
Danika Burton
Jennifer Cardenas
Katherine DeAngelis
Abigail Fain
Michelle Han
Nicole Han
Elizabeth Hearon (Q 2006)
Lauren Hendrickson
Julia Hendrickson

Taylor Jonckowski
Jordan Jonckowski
Chelsea Jones
Katelyn Karnuth
Madison Keitges
Hope Kelley
Shelley Kinion
Payton Lissau
Allison Lofgren
Madeline Marshall
Jillian Masters
Charles Meadows
Stephanie McKay
East McMillan (Q 2006)
Maddie Parker
Sydney Pham (Q 2006)
Sarah Ramirez
Sara Richardson

Brooke Rogers
Carly Rooks
Jamie Rooks
Brittany Schmucker
Ruby Shadley (Q 2006)
Zoe Shadley (Q 2006)
Angela Simants
Alexandria Sipes
Bailey Slane
Katie Smith
Amanda Sowell
Katie Standlee
R.J. Straw
Paige Westmoreland
Paige Wheeler
Laura Wilhelm
Claire Wood

Club Members in the Spotlight



Mary Anne McGivern received an appointment as *Senior Competition Judge, Singles and Pairs* by the U.S. Figure Skating Association. She is Past President and current Vice-President of the Tulsa Figure Skating Club. Mary Anne judges test sessions and competitions in Tulsa and around the country. She is active in the U.S. Figure Skating Association and chairs the USFS State Games Committee. We are proud to have highly qualified judges such as Mary Anne within our skating club.



Paige Wheeler passed the *Senior Moves in The Field* test during a February 3rd test session at the Tulsa Convention Center! Paige is a Sophomore at Cascia Hall Preparatory School. She is the Daughter of Kevin & Hope Wheeler and is coached by Lisa Jones. Moves in The Field tests are taken independent of freeskate tests and require the skater to complete set patterns of skating elements without music. As the highest of 8 levels, the Senior test is a USFS Gold Medal Test. As such, it demands precise execution of difficult elements in order to receive a passing mark.

WAY-TO-GO Paige!



Claire Wood made the *Gold Honor Roll* at Cascia Hall Preparatory School for the fall semester, 2006 with a 4.0 grade point average! Claire is in the 7th grade. She is the daughter of Kelly & Diane Wood and is coached by Lisa Jones.

Congratulations Claire!

We are proud of club member accomplishments both on and off the ice!

Please send information about awards, honors, or special recognition that you have received to Judy Banner, judy@tulsafsc.com, for inclusion in the next newsletter. Deadline for submission is May 1st.

We Need Your Pictures

Mark DeAngelis is collecting skating pictures from our members to use for website and newsletter articles as well as end of the year videos. Mark is available at most club ice sessions with a computer to download images. He asks that you bring your pictures on a labeled CD or DVD or on a memory stick. If you have pictures that need to be scanned you can arrange that through Mark. We want our publications and club history to be representative of the entire membership from beginner to advanced skaters and everyone in between.

2007 Sooner State Games... A great showing by our club and a good time was had by all!



Skater & Ice Monitor, Stephanie McKay



Claire Wood & Alexandria Sipes



Brittany Schmucker & Abigail Fain



Paige Wheeler, Brittany Schmucker, & Amber Base



Coach Boyko Alexiev with skaters Carly Brabham & Katherine DeAngelis

Testimony on Ice

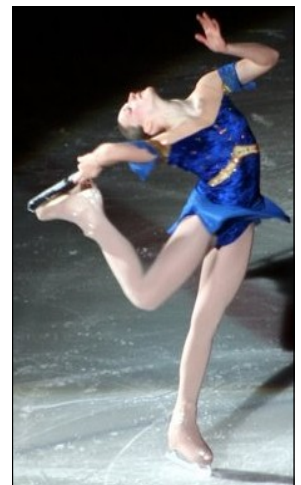
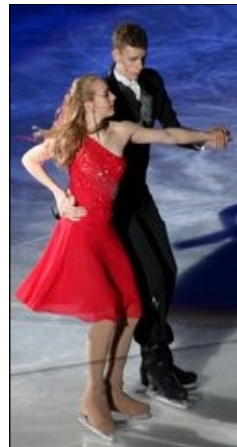
March 4, 2007

Tulsa Convention Center

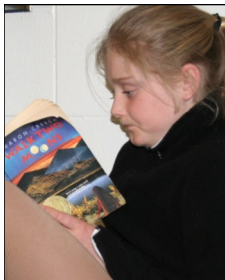
This year's show produced by Joy Strnad, Lisa Jones, and Martina Watkins featured over 80 of Eastern Oklahoma's most dedicated ice skaters many of whom are Tulsa Figure Skating Club members. Special guests included 2003 U.S. National bronze medalist **Ryan Jahnke** and Miss America 2006, **Jennifer Berry**. The story of our lord Jesus Christ from birth through resurrection was shared with the audience through music, skating and scripture. Spectators experienced an impressive display of skating talent and a spiritually uplifting performance. Many thanks to all those who contributed their time, talent, and finances to make this production possible.

Pictured clockwise from top left:

Megan Banner & Madison Brown with Ryan Jahnke, Jonathan Pember as Jesus, Nikki Strnad & Jillian Masters with Jennifer Berry, Hope Abernathy, Ryan Jahnke, Charles Meadows & Brittany Schmucker



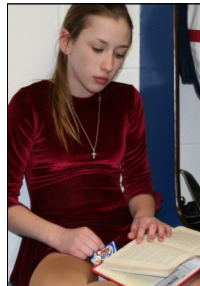
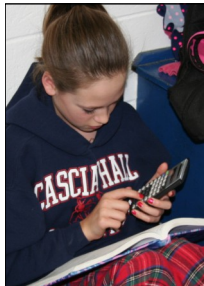
Skaters Work Hard



It's a well known fact that participation in rigorous athletics such as figure skating teaches important character skills and a work ethic that leads to success later in life. Club members show their dedication to hard work is not limited to skating as evidenced by these pictures taken by Susan Westmoreland of skaters reading and studying during down time at a Testimony on Ice rehearsal.

Pictured clockwise from top left:

Danika Burton, Kelly Saffa & Nikki Strnad, Jennifer Cardenas, Katie Standlee, Paige Westmoreland, Alexandria Sipes, Sydney Pham



Correction From Jan/Feb Issue:

Jillian Masters was mistakenly left off a list of members selling 50 or more poinsettia plants during the Holidays. Jillian sold 60 plants! We appreciate her efforts!

Look for a new and improved TFSC bulletin board coming soon at Oilers Ice Center! Check the board frequently for up to date information on club activities and competitions.

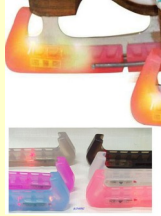
Committee News and Club Activities

Spring Flower Fundraiser

**Sales of Begonias, Impatiens, and Petunias in
10" hanging baskets or Jumbo 36 count flats
March 3rd through April 3rd**

Participants will be eligible to win great prizes!

All skaters selling at least \$100 worth of flowers will be entered in a drawing to win **10 free Freestyle Sessions**. For every \$100 you sell you will receive an additional entry. The more you sell, the better chance you have of winning!



The skater who raises the most money will win a set of sky blue colored **Blinkerz Skate Guards**.

Don't forget that a portion of the profit you generate for the club will be deposited directly into your skater account for use on anything skating related!

Order forms are available on the Tulsa Figure Skating Club bulletin board at the Oilers Ice Rink or can be downloaded from the club website at tulsafsc.com You will need legal sized paper to make a printout. There are 2 forms, one for hanging baskets and one for flats.

Delivery will be at 9:30am Saturday April 14th at the Oilers Ice Center. If you cannot be there please arrange to have someone else pick up your order.

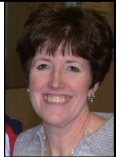


Judy Banner
Fundraising Chair

Club jackets are a great way to represent the Tulsa Figure Skating Club. If you have a jacket we encourage you to wear it to competitions. If you ordered a jacket and/or pants, they should arrive in a few weeks. Contact Kathy Gibson at Kathy@tulsafsc.com if you want to order a jacket. Individual orders can be sent off at any time.

Community Development

Many thanks to all of the TV Stations, Radio Stations and Newspapers who gave the Tulsa Figure Skating Club coverage for the Sooner State Games. We especially appreciate all the contacts that Dave and Leslie Barber made for the club.



Diane Wood
Community
Development
Chair

Channel 8 and Jack Bunds had TFSC skater Claire Wood and Skating Director Kim Berry-Borgos in the Sports Section of the 6 and 10 p.m. news on Thursday and Friday of Sooner State Games.

AM 1430 The Buzz and Don King featured the Sooner State Games on his morning talk show, and has promised additional coverage before the State Games of America

Channel 2 featured two of our skaters, Jessica Barber and Hope Kelley on its Sunday morning TV show.

Tulsa World – Announced the event in the Living Section on Thursday before the event, and ran 3 columns of results on the Wednesday following the event.

Urban Tulsa – Publicized the event the week before Sooner State Games

Broken Arrow Daily Ledger – Publicized the event the week before the Sooner State Games

I also want to thank those students who publicized the event at their schools. We are aware of at least 3 school administrators who came to see their students, and were amazed at their abilities.

Membership Renewal Due by July 1st

Pick up a membership packet or check the website for membership cost. Membership renewal packets will be mailed out in mid May. Remember, in order to compete in competitions after July 1st, your dues must be current with USFS.



Mark DeAngelis
Membership
Chair

Why Join the Tulsa Figure Skating Club?

There are numerous advantages to belonging to an organization such as the Tulsa Figure Skating Club. The following are a few of the benefits.

Club Ice - Saturdays from the end of August to mid May members can skate club ice sessions for one hour free of charge. The savings pays for membership fees within weeks and club members get an opportunity to socialize and have fun.

Social - We have several parties during the year, usually during club ice sessions. Highlights include an end of the year awards party and a summer pool party.

Fundraising - We have fundraisers throughout the year that benefit the club member directly. A portion of all profits generated by the skater go directly into that skater's personal account for use on anything skating related.

Test and Competition Fees - Club members get a discount on test fees and stipends that help offset expenses at regional, sectional, or national competitions.

Reputation - The Tulsa Figure Skating Club has an outstanding reputation within our region, as well as the National and World skating community.

Personal Advancement- As members move on to college or enter the workforce many have looked to the club for letters of reference.

If you are not a member, I hope this gives you some food for thought about the benefits of joining our club. If you are already a member, use these points as a guide to help others understand the value in becoming a member of the Tulsa Figure Skating Club.

Welcome To Our New Members!

Keri Edwards
Olivia Edwards
Asuko Han
Nicole Han
Michelle Han
Kimberly Holland
Shelley Kinion
Jim Richardson
Sara Richardson
Bethany Shinn
Carl Shinn
Katie Smith
Laura Wilhelm

Local Laurels

Tests Passed February 3, 2007

Submitted by Jannelle Babb, Test Chair

Senior Moves

Paige Wheeler

Intermediate Freeskate

Alexandra Sipes

Intermediate Moves

Paige Westmoreland

Juvenile Moves

Danika Burton

PreJuvenile Freeskate

Megan Banner

Katherine DeAngelis

Chelsea Jones

PreJuvenile Moves

Stephen Brower

Chelsea Jones

Preliminary Freeskate

Taylor Jonckowski

Bailey Slane

Bethany Yeakey

Preliminary Moves

Taylor Jonckowski

Bailey Slane

PrePreliminary Freeskate

Michelle Han

Nicole Han

Have you ever considered being a judge?

We are fortunate to have some of the best figure skating Judges in the country right here in Tulsa but WE NEED MORE! Utilizing Judges within our area keeps the cost of testing down for all of us. I have been trial judging test sessions and judging basic skills competitions for the past year. Watching our local skaters grow in their skill level has been a rewarding experience.

As A trial judge you will have an opportunity to work with and learn from our esteemed panel of judges, some of whom have national, world, and even Olympic qualifications! Please consider judging. It will help us continue our tradition of supplying highly qualified Judges for competitions and test sessions. In addition, it's a wonderful way to contribute to the sport of figure skating.

I will be happy to answer any questions and can be contacted at Kathy@tulsafsc.com. Information is also available at www.usfsa.org. Go to the site map under judges/officials and click on How to be a Judge?



Kathy Gibson
Professional Dev.
Committee Chair

Ice Etiquette 101 by Kim Borgos



Kim Borgos
Professional Coach
& Skating Director,
Oilers Ice Center

We have all been there, stuck and unable to skate because another skater isn't paying attention or getting run over because another just won't stop. Either way, ice etiquette is important so everyone gets their fair share of ice. First and foremost is courtesy. Please respect the ice, coaches, and other skaters. Skaters who are on for "program practice" (their music is playing) and skaters in a lesson have right of way on the ice. During a crowded session you may

need to alert other skaters that you are heading their way. Use of the phrase "Excuse Me" is acceptable; others such as "Get Out of My Way" and "Watch Out" are not tolerated.

Other things to take note of are the Lutz corners, pair and dance teams, and fallen skaters. Due to the nature of a Lutz jump, it is primarily performed in the corners of the rink. Please be aware of this and do not stand, spin, or perform jumps in these corners. Pair and Ice Dance teams may be sharing the ice as well. Each team is comprised of two skaters and

thus takes twice as long to move out of the way, so be patient. If a team is performing a lift they are committed to that lift so avoid being in their path for their safety and yours. Finally, stay aware of fallen skaters. Those of you that have fallen, get up quickly as to avoid a collision.

Ice etiquette is simple and the longer you skate the better you become at staying in rhythm with other skaters. Take notice of others around you, avoid standing around, and always be patient with every skater, we have all been the skater "in the way".

Waiting For Results By Judy Banner



Imagine you just skated the program of your life! Your group is finished and now the wait begins. Every minute seems like an hour as you pace back and forth glancing anxiously at the wall where the final standings will be posted.

As a skater or a spectator we have all been in that situation. Ever wonder what goes on behind the scenes as your scores are tabulated? At the recent Sooner State Games I had the opportunity to help out in the accounting room where I saw first hand what an exacting and time consuming process it is. First, the runner takes the raw scores from the judges table and delivers them as quickly as possible to the accounting room. Scores from each judge for each skater are then entered into a computer. The scores are checked and double checked for accuracy. Once the entire group's scores are entered, a result form is gener-

ated showing final standings and ordinals for each skater. Thanks to our club accountant, **Jack Vest**, this process runs like a well oiled machine. Wait, we aren't done yet! The event final standings must now be run back to the judges table for a signature from the chief referee. Once the form is signed, it has to be delivered again to the accounting room where copies are generated for posting, awards table and judges records. The runners then literally run to the designated areas to post the final results. In the case of the 2007 Sooner State Games this was a considerable distance involving bleachers, several sets of stairs and long hallways. Runners did a great job and got a real workout in the process.

Next time you are nervously awaiting results, take a deep breath, remember the process at hand and marvel at the speed with which it all happens.

Do you have a story idea or a topic that you would like to see addressed in the newsletter? Contact Inside Edge editor, Judy Banner, at judy@tulsafsc.com. Deadline for submission of material for the May/June edition is May 1, 2007

Mark Your Calendars

Saturdays, Sept.-May	<i>Club Ice</i>	10:30-11:30am, Oilers Ice Center, Tulsa
March 29– April 1, 2007	<i>Skate Kansas City</i>	Ice Chateau Arena, Overland Park
April 3, 2007	<i>Test Session</i>	6:00pm, Oilers Ice Center, Tulsa
April 14, 2007	<i>Flower Fundraiser Delivery</i>	9:30am, Oilers Ice Center, Tulsa
April 27-29, 2007	<i>Skate Dallas</i>	Dr. Pepper StarCenter; Grapevine, TX (same location as Regional's 2007)
May 19, 2007	<i>Spring Spectacular</i>	Oilers Ice Center, Tulsa
May 20, 2007	<i>Membership Awards Dinner & Celebration</i>	Emanuel Lutheran Church; Broken Arrow, OK
June (tentative)	<i>Test Session</i>	Oilers Ice Center, Tulsa
June 9-11, 2007	<i>Wichita Mid-Continent</i>	Wichita Ice Center; Wichita, KS
June 18-24, 2007	<i>Broadmoor Open</i>	World Arena, Colorado Springs, CO
July (tentative)	<i>Test Session</i>	Oilers Ice Center, Tulsa
July	<i>Cannon Open</i>	Frisco, TX
August (tentative)	<i>Test Session</i>	Oilers Ice Center, Tulsa
August (TBA)	<i>Membership Meeting</i>	Place & Time TBA
August 1-5, 2007	<i>State Games of America</i>	World Arena, Colorado Springs, CO
August 9-11, 2007	<i>National Showcase</i>	Fort Collins, CO
August	<i>DuPage Open</i>	Chicago, IL
September	<i>Houston Fall Invitational</i>	Houston, TX
October 16-20	<i>Southwestern Regional Championships</i>	Dr. Pepper StarCenter; Grapevine, TX

Classifieds

Do you have a skating related item that you would like to advertise for sale?

To place an ad contact Judy Banner at judy@tulsafsc.com.

Submission deadline for next newsletter is May 1, 2007.

Cost is \$5.00 per ad

Competition forms can be signed by any club officer (see front page left column) or by Membership Chair, *Mark DeAngelis*. Mark is at Oiler Ice Center during most club ice sessions and at various other times

Sponsorship Information

If you know of a company or individual who might want to help sponsor our club please contact Judy Banner at judy@tulsafsc.com for a sponsor packet. If you originally recruited one of the sponsors listed below, contact Judy for renewal information. For every \$250 sponsor you recruit or renew, you get \$50 in your skater account to use on anything skating related.

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