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Tulsa Figure Skating Club Begins Platinum Year!

We have just capped a skating year with the awards banquet and the celebration of achievement. We now look ahead to the next year and wonder what it could be. Certainly, the club had a good year in the 2006/2007 edition. We competed. We tested. We socialized. We grew in numbers and participation. We relaunched the popular newsletter, *Inside Edge*. Our officials (judges and referees) continued to receive new appointments. Two of our members held national Committee Chair positions for USFS. Our goal of more community development and involvement was advanced. All around, we enjoyed a good year.

Very few clubs have the longevity of TFSC. We were established in 1938 and we were the 24th of what is now a collection of more than 600 clubs. We will

celebrate the clubs' Seventieth Anniversary next year! I think it deserves a big celebration and to that end we will be planning a Platinum Jubilee to celebrate the legacy. If we think in terms of decades, we have members who have been with us for seven decades. Figure skating and the club are an opportunity for lifetime involvement. We can remember our roots and set the stage for the future. A wise man once said that tradition and history are the keel of the boat. They give stability and steerage to the organization as we proceed to the future. TFSC has a grand legacy of which we can all be very proud.

John Martens

President, TFSC



Awards Banquet Recaps a Great Year



Club members enjoyed a great awards banquet on Sunday, May 20th. We want to thank **Johnny Carinos** for supplying delicious food and Social Committee Chair, **Renee Schmucker**, for orchestrating the event. Special thanks to Webmaster, **Kevin Slane**, for putting together an entertaining presentation recapping a memorable skating year. Club members were congratulated on a terrific year of individual skater achievement and growth as a club. Testing patches and certificates were awarded along with a several special awards.

The following skaters won Awards for Most Improved in the 11 and under category: **Abby Fain** - Freeskate, **Taylor Jonckowski** - Moves in the Field, and **Chelsea Jones** - Dance. **Danika Burton**, **Stephen**

Brower, and **Claire wood** won Most Improved Awards in the 12 and over category for Freeskate, Moves in the Field, and Dance, respectively. (see skater's photos below)

Paige Wheeler (pictured above not only received her USFS Gold Medal for passing Senior Moves in the Field, she also took home the *Manuel Grabel Award*. This is a very special award given to a skater who exemplifies sportsmanship, a positive work ethic, and is an overall outstanding club member. Congratulations Paige!

Tulsa Figure Skating Club recognized **Stephanie McKay**, **Charles Meadows**, **Brittany Schmucker**, & **Paige Westmoreland** for representing the Club on a National level last August at the *2006 National Showcase*. Top skaters from across the United States participated in the event. A special congratulations to **Stephanie McKay** (Pictured at right during her Championship program) for winning *Juvenile National Champion in Light Entertainment!* We are proud to have a USFS National Champion as a member of our Figure Skating club!



Abby



Taylor



Chelsea



Danika



Stephen



Claire

Club Members in the Spotlight



Jillian Masters graduated May 21st from Jenks High School with a GPA of 4.02! Jillian is the daughter of Bill and Carol Masters. She plays the flute in the Trojan Pride Band and is a member of the National Honor Society. Jillian received a Superior Rating at the state Solo and Ensemble contest recently. She was awarded the Boren Award scholarship and plans to attend the University of Oklahoma in the Fall, possibly majoring in pre-med. Jillian skates at the Intermediate level and is coached by Lisa Jones.

Madeleine Marshall and **Claire Wood** were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Cascia Hall Middle School on May 3rd. Madeline and Claire are both in the 7th Grade. Madeline is coached by Martina Watkins. Claire is coached by Lisa Jones. Both girls were honored by being chosen for the NJHS, and are now encouraged to uphold its standards of scholarship, citizenship, service, leadership and character.



Claire's wire sculpture of a skater executing a Biellman (*pictured at right*) was chosen this week for an exhibition and Art Fair at the Cascia Hall Preparatory School Performing Arts Center. Claire also represented her school this month at the State Middle School Tennis Tournament where she and her doubles partner, CiCi McNamera, captured fourth place.



Stephanie McKay took 2nd place in the Downtown Tulsa MayFest art contest for grades 6-8 with this water colored pencil drawing. Stephanie is the daughter of Jan and Mike McKay and is coached by Boyko Alexiev.

Ice Dancers Participate in Seminar

Several club skaters had an opportunity to work with Carol Fox at an ice dance seminar held in Wichita on May 5-6. Carol was a member of several United States World Teams from 1977 to 1984. She was a member of the 1984 Olympic Team and twice World Ice Dance Champion with her partner Richard Dalley.

Pictured below: Kathy Gibson, Claire Wood, Alexandria Sipes, Stephen Brower, Carol Fox, Brooke Rogers, Brittany Schmucker, and Charles Meadows.



Paige Westmoreland is currently serving as President of the Technology Student Association (TSA) at Thoreau Demonstration Academy. At the State TSA competition in April, she won 1st place in digital photography - qualifying her for National TSA which will be held in Nashville in June. Paige is coached by Kim Berry-Borgos.



Jennifer O'Leary (pictured at left) recently received her certificate from USFS for 10 years of judging.

Hope Wheeler (pictured at right) received a USFS appointment to Junior Competition Judge for singles and pairs. Hope also received her



USFS certificate for 10 years of judging. **Mary Anne McGivern** received her USFS certificate for 10 Years of judging and **Kim Downing** received her USFS certificate for 15 years of judging. We are proud to have such highly qualified judges as part of the Tulsa Figure Skating Club!

Skaters Strike Gold in Kansas City!

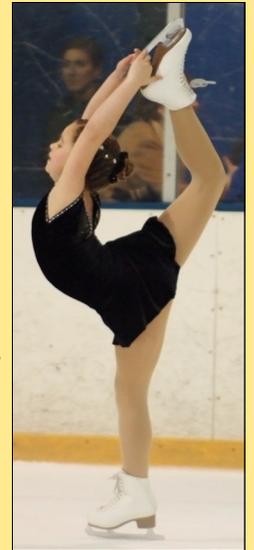


At Skate Kansas City on March 31, it was raining gold when the Tulsa Dance competitors came off the ice. TFSC ice dancers, coached by Kim Berry-Borgos, took gold in all solo and pair dance events! The team of **Alexandria Sipes & Stephen Brower** (pictured at left) won gold in *Pre-Juvenile Partner Dance*, **Brittany Schmucker & Charles Meadows** took Gold in the *Juvenile Partner Dance* and **Claire Wood** took Gold in the *Solo Canasta Tango* and *Rhythm and Blues*. (see group picture, bottom left)

Additional Gold medal recipients included: **Julia Hendrickson**- *Beginner Artistic*, coached by Jane Wilson; **Katie Goodwin** (pictured at right) - *Beginner Compulsory Moves*, *Beginner Freeskate*, and *Beginner Jumps*, coached by Kim Berry-Borgos; **Amber Base**- *Open Juvenile Jumps*, coached by Kim Berry-Borgos.

Silver Medalists included: **Madeline Marshall**- *Beginner Artistic*, coached by Martina Watkins; **Kaitlyn Palmer**- *limited Beginner Freeskate*, coached by Kim Berry-Borgos; **Charlie Meadows**- *Juvenile Freeskate*, coached by Kim Berry-Borgos; **Brittany Schmucker**- *Novice Jumps*, coached by Kim Berry-Borgos; **Bailey Slane**- *Pre-Juvenile Jumps* coached by Jane Wilson; **Stephen Brower**- *Preliminary Jumps* and *Preliminary Free Skate*, coached by Jessie Hudson; **Abigail Fain**- *Preliminary Jumps*, coached by Kim Berry-Borgos.

Rounding out the medal count for Bronze included: **Brooke Rogers**- *Beginner Compulsory*, coached by Kim Berry Borgos and **Julia Hendrickson**- *Limited Beginner Freeskate*, coached by Jane Wilson. All TFSC participants came away with at least one medal and Tulsa was third out of 19 clubs in the total medal count!



Skate Dallas 2007



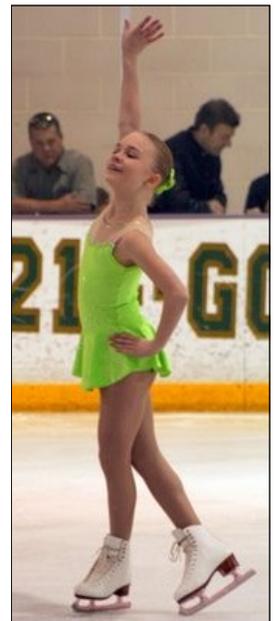
We heard it through the Grapevine, Grapevine Texas that is, that TFSC had a great showing at Skate Dallas. Seventeen club members competed, several of whom placed in the top 3 in their events.

Gold medalists were: **Megan Banner** - *Pre-Juvenile Spins*, coached by Boyko Alexiev. **Nicole Han** - *Preliminary Compulsory Moves*, coached by Boyko Alexiev. **Peyton Lissau** - *Basic 6 Elements*, coached By Phyllis Hudson. **Katie Smith** - *Basic 3 Elements*, coached by Phyllis Hudson.

Silver Medalists included: **Abigail Fain** - *Preliminary Spins*, coached by Boyko Alexiev. **Nicole Han** - *Preliminary Spins*, Coached by Boyko Alexiev. **Lauren Hendrickson** - *Basic 6 Elements*, Coached by Martina Watkins. **Peyton Lissau** - *Basic 6 Program*, Coached by Phyllis Hudson. **Amanda Sowell** - *Preliminary Spins*, Coached by Kim Berry-Borgos.

Bronze Medalists were: **Danika Burton** - *Juvenile Jumps*, Coached by Boyko Alexiev and **Katelyn Karmuth** - *Freeskate 1*, Coached by Jane Wilson.

Additional club competitors were **Katherine DeAngelis**, **Michelle Han**, **Lauren Hendrickson**, **Jillian Masters**, **East McMillan**, and **Bailey Slane**. Congratulations to all club skaters who participated! It was a tough competition with top skaters from across the Southwest region and beyond. For a complete listing of club member placing please visit our website at www.tulsafsc.com.



Pictured clockwise from far right: Bailey Slane, Katelyn Karmuth, East McMillan, Peyton Lissau, Amanda Sowell, and Katie Smith

Committee News and Club Activities

Twenty-five club skaters participated in spring flower sale!

Top 5 Sellers:

Charlie Meadows, Claire Wood, Abigail Fain,
Katie Standlee & Julie Rankin

Other Participants:

Jannelle Babb, Megan Banner, Amber Base, Hailey Dugan,
Michelle Han, Nicole Han, Tracy Hoskins, Katelyn Karmuth,
Jillian Masters, Stephanie McKay, Mary Anne McGivern,
East McMillan, Maddie Parker, Hannah Richardson,
Nicole Richardson, Brittany Schmucker, Alexandria Sipes,
Bailey Slane, Katie Smith, Paige Wheeler



Top seller, Charles Meadows (pictured left), wins a set of Blinkerz skate guards and Katie Standlee wins the drawing for 10 free freestyle passes.



Judy Banner
Fundraising Chair

This fundraiser yielded a total profit of \$1,698.50. Half of that amount went to individual skater accounts. Thanks to everyone who participated for a job well done!

Membership Update



Mark DeAngelis
Membership
Chair

Another year of Figure Skating with the Tulsa Figure Skating Club is about to come to an end. As Membership chair I have interacted with all of you at one time or another and especially during the many club ice sessions. It has been a good year. I would like to discuss with you two things that fall under my supervision on the Board, Membership and Club Ice.

With regard to club ice, I want to thank everyone who helped with sign in when I couldn't be there. Also, thanks to all the Skaters who signed in with patience every Saturday. The final Club Ice session will be the last Saturday of May. We will start back up in September. As you know, club ice has been getting a little crowded, with many sessions averaging close to 50 skaters. In order to improve the quality and safety of our sessions, we will be adding 30 minutes to our club ice sessions next year. The first 30 minutes will be low level skaters (Preliminary and below) only, the second 30 minutes will be a mix of all skaters, and the last 30 minutes will be high level skaters only. Everyone will be allowed to skate for a total of 60 minutes except for coaches who will be able to coach for the entire session. Adding more club ice will increase our club ice bill by over 30%. That is something the club cannot manage without some type of dues increase. An additional \$20 will be added to all "Skating" membership dues. At the present membership numbers, this increase will cover only about 1/2 of the additional club ice cost increase. The club will cover the rest through fundraisers and sponsorship programs.

Memberships expire June 30th. The new membership packet will be mailed to you if you did not receive one at the May Awards Meeting. Please get your memberships in before **July 1st**. If you have a competition or test after July 1st, you will not be able to participate unless the membership has been received by me and I have registered you with National USFS. Please note that all Skating Memberships have gone up by **\$25.00**. The first \$20.00 is due to the club ice increase. The additional \$5.00 is due to USFS raising their fees \$5.00 per member. A portion of your dues goes to USFS when we register you.

I, along with the rest of the Board, will be looking forward to our next year, our Platinum, 70th Year, of Figure Skating with the Tulsa Figure Skating Club. Have a Great Summer!

New Officers Elected at May Board Meeting



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Secretary



Treasurer

John Martens and Mary Anne McGivern were re-elected to second terms as President and Vice-President. Heidi Fain replaces Hope Wheeler as Secretary and Mark DeAngelis takes over from Mike McKay as Treasurer. Thanks for your continued and past service as officers. Welcome new officers!

Elections will be held in August to replace outgoing Board Members, Renee Schmucker, Hope Wheeler, Mike McKay, and Jannelle Babb. Look for ballots in July. Thank you all for your outstanding service to the Tulsa Figure Skating Club!

Competition forms can be signed by any club Officer

Local Laurels

Tests Passed April 3, 2007

Submitted by Jannelle Babb, Test Chair

Juvenile Freeskate

Danika Burton
Danielle Dipboye

Juvenile Moves

Megan Banner
Bethany Yeakey

Pre-Juvenile Freeskate

Bethany Yeakey

Pre-Juvenile Moves

Michelle Han

Preliminary Freeskate

Kayla Castleberry
Michelle Han
Nicole Han

Preliminary Moves

Kayla Castleberry
Nicole Han
Katie Standlee

Pre-Preliminary Freeskate

Jamie Rooks

Preliminary Moves

Jamie Rooks

Adult Pre-Bronze Moves

Angie Simants

Adult Pre-Bronze Freeskate

Angie Simants



TFSC Judges Seminar

The May 14th "on ice" judges seminar held at Oilers Ice Center was a huge success. Twenty-seven skaters participated in the event! Thanks to the following judges, coaches, and helpers who donated their time and expertise: Mary Anne McGivern, Hope Wheeler, Jennifer Hicks-O'Leary, Kim Downing, Will Smith, Kathy Gibson, Kim Borgos, Lisa Jones, Jessie Hudson, & Craig Fain. Special thanks to Heidi Fain for organizing the event.

Welcome To Our New Members!

- Margaret Clark
- Meaghan Cyr
- Kate Goodwin
- Regina Goodwin
- Kaitlyn Palmer
- Tammy Palmer
- Joseph Wilson

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Ballet for Figure Skaters

Ballet is a good addition to off-ice training because it helps with upper body carriage and fine muscle control.

The Dance Academy at the Jewish Community Center offers a ballet class for figure skaters. The class meets once per week all year round. Most ballet schools ask you to attend at least twice per week. Director and instructor, Matthew Bridwell, was a principal dancer in the Tulsa Ballet for 14 years and did a ballet on ice program at The Ice at Williams Center several years ago. Matthew says, "One great advantage that a good ballet background offers the skater is proper use of the upper body, freeing the skater to be more animated in their movement; not to mention giving them a better understanding of musicality." Matthew studies skating and has learned to skate himself.

On a personal note, my daughter has been enrolled at the dance academy for 3 years. I am now getting test sheets and feedback from judges complementing her on her upper body carriage and body form.

Classes are held at the Jewish Community Center at 71st and Lewis. The cost is \$50 per month for a one hour weekly class. Call Matthew or Sandy Bridwell at 749-2180 and Lisa Jones at 688-2763 for level placement. June classes are enrolling now! Private instruction is available.



Lisa Jones
Professional
Figure Skating
Coach

May 1, 2007

Dear Members of the Board, Judges, Skaters, Coaches, Parents and members of the Tulsa Figure Skating Club:

It is with mixed emotions that I resign as Test Chair of the Tulsa Figure Skating Club. While I have truly enjoyed serving you as Test Chair, demands upon my time at home and in other areas require that I relinquish this position. I will be available in an advisory capacity to assist my replacement, and trust that your test sessions will continue to run as smoothly as always during the transition.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Test Chair. I cherish the relationships and friendships developed through the years, and appreciate being able to watch our skaters grow and mature. I will miss you all.

Sincerely,

Jannelle Babb

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 July/August edition is July 1, 2007

Mark Your Calendars

June 12, 2007	Test Session	5:30pm; Oilers Ice Center, Tulsa
June 9-11, 2007	Wichita Mid-Continent	Wichita Ice Center; Wichita, KS
June 18-24, 2007	Broadmoor Open	World Arena, Colorado Springs, CO
July 24, 2007	Test Session	5:30pm; Oilers Ice Center, Tulsa
July 20-22, 2007	Cannon Texas Open	Dr. Pepper StarCenter; Farmers Branch, TX
August (TBA)	Membership Meeting	Place & Time TBA
August 1-5, 2007	State Games of America	World Arena, Colorado Springs, CO
August 9-11, 2007	National Showcase	Fort Collins, CO
August 17-19, 2007	DuPage Open	Chicago, IL
August 28, 2007	Test	5:30pm; Oilers Ice Center, Tulsa
Aug. 31 - Sep. 3, 2007	Houston Fall Invitational	Houston, TX
October 16-20, 2007	Southwestern Regional Championships	Dr. Pepper StarCenter; Grapevine, TX

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. Contact Kathy Gibson at Kathy@tulsafsc.com if you want to order a jacket.

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. For every sponsor you recruit, you keep 20% of the sponsorship to help defray your personal skating expenses.

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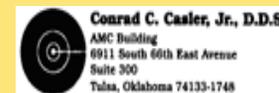
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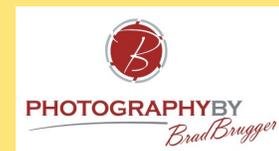
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