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J. Barlow Nelson - A Good Life Recognized

Many of you current members know Barlow as a Judge for the local competitions and tests. His figure skating life is so broad and deep as to inspire recognition for his service to our club and to the sport of figure skating. Recently, Barlow made the decision to move to Chicago and in so doing he wanted to unravel from many of his involvements with U. S. Figure Skating. His one request of us was a continued link with the Tulsa Figure Skating Club, his home club.

Personally, I have known Barlow as a valued friend and attorney for more than thirty years. But, I did not know much, specifically, about his figure skating life until I started the TFSC History Project about four or five years ago. His record is extraordinary.

He entered club life in a mouse costume for a mid-1940's IceTravaganza exhibition. He quickly became a very fine competitive skater and believe it or not, he went to Nationals ten years, yes

10 years, in his competitive skating life. In fact he was the Alternate for Men's Championship for the 1960 Olympics, which Tulsa's David Jenkins won. He then went on to a career as a USFS National Judge and an ISU International Judge. He also was a Director and a Committee Chair of USFS. Most recently he joined the Hall of Fame and Museum Board of Directors and serves as Treasurer. Barlow served his time as a Governor and Officer of TFSC and was always supportive of the judging requirements for local competitions and tests.

The TFSC Board of Governors took note of this event and voted Barlow to Honorary Membership, per the Bylaws of the club. It was an easy decision to honor such a strong and committed contributor as Barlow.

Another lesson to be drawn from his life is that figure skating can offer involvement and rewards in several forms at all ages over many years. Young people tend to think one year is an interminable length of time, but we measure Barlow's contributions in decades, more than sixty years. Fortunately, we have a number of members who measure their figure skating lifetime in decades and their contributions are invaluable to the club



Barlow Nelson, age 16, pictured with his mother, Mrs. Frank Nelson, after winning the Mens Novice Title at the 1953 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Hershey, PA.



John Martens
President, TFSC

Skaters to Represent Tulsa Figure Skating Club at U.S. Junior National Championships!

The dance teams of *Brittany Schmucker & Charles Meadows* and *Alexandria Sipes & Stephen Brower* coached by *Kim Borgos* will represent Tulsa at the 2007 U.S. Junior National championships. The competition will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah November 26th through December 1st.



Charles Meadows, Brittany Schmucker, Alexandria Sipes, & Stephen Brower

Coach Kim Borgos

Official send-off with a skating exhibition and press conference will be held at the Oilers Ice Center November 24th at 10:45 am.

Skaters representing the Tulsa Figure Skating Club at Junior Nationals in the recent past include Andrew Charrier in 2003, 2004 and Cory Babb and Ashley Babb in 1996.

If you are a icenetwork subscriber, you can watch the competition on your home computer. For more information on icenetwork see page 7.

Congratulations and Good Luck!!

Tulsa Figure Skating Club Welcomes New and Renewing Sponsors

The Tulsa Figure Skating Club welcomes renewing sponsor **Anja Rogers/Senior Star Living Woodland Terrace & Burgundy Place**. Senior Star Living has upgraded to a Silver Level sponsor this year. **Ochsner Chiropractic** and **Q Group, Inc.** have both joined us as a bronze level sponsors. We welcome our new and renewing sponsors and thank you for your support.

Prospective sponsors can choose to participate with us at the Platinum, Gold, Silver, or Bronze level with annual funds of \$2,500, \$1000, \$500, or \$250 respectively. The main benefit to the sponsor is in the form of advertising and name recognition. Twenty percent of the sponsor money solicited by a skater is deposited into that skater's individual account and managed by the club treasurer. For example, if you solicit a sponsor for \$500, one hundred dollars of that sponsorship comes directly back to you! You can use that money to help defray personal skating costs such as coaching fees, ice time, equipment costs, competition fees, etc... It is a great program that benefits everyone, the club, the skater, and the sponsor. We have sponsor packets with a professional looking brochure and cover letter. If you would like to approach a potential sponsor, contact Judy Banner at judy@tulsafsc.com for a packet. See page 8 for a complete listing of current club sponsors.



Q Group, Inc.

Club Members in the Spotlight

Margaret Anne Graham Holt Receives Central High School Honor



Margaret Ann Graham Holt

The Graham family has been very involved with the Tulsa Figure Skating Club over the years. Many of you know Dr. Hugh Graham as a figure skating judge. Dr. Graham and his sister, Margaret Anne, have both enjoyed distinguished skating careers.

Margaret Anne was recently honored at a Tulsa Central High School awards dinner

The following was excerpted from an October 24th Tulsa World article By DANNA SUE WALKER World Staff Writer

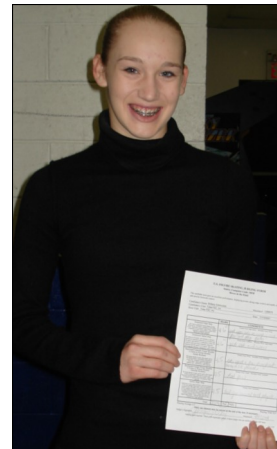
"Tulsa Central High School was and is a very motivational place from which to start the journey. Many of its graduates have gone on to achieve great things.

Every three or four years, the Tulsa Central High School Foundation honors some of its most impressive graduates with induction into the Tulsa Central Hall of Fame. This year's honorees are Roxana Lorton, Margaret Anne Graham Holt and Billy Tubbs.

During Graham Holt's senior year at Central, she was Ladies Figure Skating Champion for the Midwestern Championship of the United States. In 1953, she became the first woman at TU to receive an athletic letter. She competed on three U.S. World Figure Skating teams in Milan, Italy; Davos, Switzerland; and Oslo, Norway. In 1997, she was honored as a Distinguished Alumna for TU."

Schmucker & Strnad Earn USFS Gold Medals

Brittany Schmucker, coached by Kim Borgos, and **Nikki Strnad** coached by Martina Watkins & Boyko Alexiev both became USFS gold medalists by passing the senior level moves in the field test November 10th at the Oilers Ice Center. Senior moves in the field is the highest of eight moves tests offered by USFS. As such, it demands precise execution of difficult elements in order to receive a passing mark.



Brittany Schmucker



Nikki Strnad

Congratulations!

TFSC Recognizes Skaters For Outstanding Academic Achievement!

Honor Roll Students

Skaters making the Honor Roll with a **STRAIGHT A AVERAGE** and a **perfect 4.0 GPA** for the first quarter of the 2007-2008 school year include: **Megan Banner** - 7th grade at Jenks Middle School, **Jessica Barber** - 6th Grade at Thoreau Middle School, **Madison Keitges** - 4th Grade at Baylor Elementary in Owasso, and **Payton Keitges** - Owasso 6th Grade Center gifted/talented program.



Megan Banner



Jessica Barber



Madison Keitges



Payton Keitges

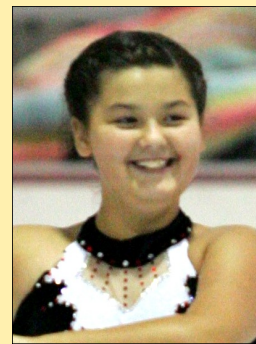
Other skaters making their school honor roll for fall quarter include: **Danika Burton** - 7th Grade at Jenks Middle School where she's also 1st chair clarinet, **Abby Fain** - 4th Grade at Liberty Elementary, and **Brooke Rogers** - 5th Grade at Moore Elementary.



Danika Burton



Abby Fain



Brooke Rogers



Stephanie McKay (pictured at left) was awarded the Union Eighth Grade Center "Got Character" Award for displaying great character! Stephanie is also an honor roll student.

**The Tulsa Figure Skating Club
congratulates you all on
your academic success.**

Pony Express Championships

9/21/07 - 9/23/07 St. Joseph, MO

Basic 8 Artistic Grp. A (skaters in event - 4)
2nd Carly Rooks

Basic 8 Artistic Grp. C (skaters in event - 4)
1st Annika Reetz

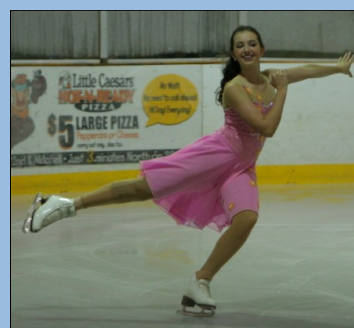
Freestyle C Grp. A (skaters in event - 6)
2nd Carly Rooks

Freestyle D Grp. B (skaters in event - 5)
2nd Annika Reetz

Level 5 Compulsory (skaters in event - 5)
1st Carly Rooks

Level 8 Compulsory
(skaters in event - 5)
2nd Annika Reetz

PreJuvenile Artistic
(skaters in event - 2)
1st Amanda Sowell



PreJuvenile Compulsory Grp. A (skaters in event - 3)
2nd Amanda Sowell

PreJuvenile Girls Freestyle Grp. A (skaters in event - 3)
3rd Amanda Sowell

PreJuvenile Girls Freestyle Grp. B (skaters in event - 4)
3rd Jamie Rooks

PreJuvenile Jumps (skaters in event - 3)
3rd Jamie Rooks

Hickory Hoedown Solo Dance (skaters in event - 2)
1st Claire Wood

Intermediate Ladies Freestyle
(skaters in event - 3)
3rd Claire Wood

Intermediate Ladies Short Program
(skaters in event - 2)
2nd Claire Wood

Pictured Clockwise:
Carly Rooks, Claire Wood, Jamie Rooks

Wichita Ice Dance Classic

9/30/07 Wichita, KS

Open Pre-Juvenile Couples Initial Round (couples in event - 2)
2nd Claire Wood & JoBen Wilson

Juvenile Couples Initial Round (couples in event - 2)
1st Brittany Schmucker & Charlie Meadows
2nd Alexandria Sipes & Stephen Brower

Dutch Waltz Solo Dance (skaters in event - 3)
1st Brooke Rogers

Canasta Tango Solo Dance (skaters in event - 3)
2nd JoBen Wilson

Rhythm Blues Solo Dance (skaters in event - 3)
2nd JoBen Wilson

Adult Cha Cha Solo Dance (skaters in event - 2)
1st Kathy Gibson

Cha Cha Solo Dance (skaters in event - 6)
4th Brooke Rogers
5th JoBen Wilson

Adult Swing Dance (skaters in event - 2)
1st Kathy Gibson

Swing Dance Solo Dance (skaters in event - 2)
1st Claire Wood
2nd Alexandria Sipes

Juvenile Couples Swing Dance (couples in event - 2)
1st Brittany Schmucker & Charles Meadows
2nd Alexandria Sipes & Stephen Brower

Fiesta Tango Solo Dance (skaters in event - 7)
1st Claire Wood
2nd Alexandria Sipes
5th Brooke Rogers

Hickory Hoedown Solo Dance (Skaters in event - 4)
1st Claire Wood
2nd Alexandria Sipes
3rd Stephen Brower
4th Kathy Gibson

Willow Waltz Solo Dance (skaters in event - 2)
1st Claire Wood

Fourteen Step Solo Dance (skaters in event - 6)
1st Brittany Schmucker
2nd Alexandria Sipes
4th Charles Meadows
6th Stephen Brower

Kilian Solo Dance (skaters in event - 2)
2nd Brittany Schmucker

Open PreJuvenile Couples (couples in event - 2)
2nd Claire Wood & JoBen Wilson

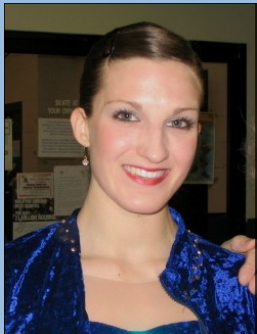
Open PreJuvenile Final Standings (couples in event - 2)
2nd Claire Wood & JoBen Wilson

Juvenile Couples Final Round (couples in event - 2)
1st Brittany Schmucker & Charles Meadows
2nd Alexandria Sipes & Stephen Brower

Juvenile Couples Final Standings (couples in event - 2)
1st Brittany Schmucker & Charles Meadows
2nd Alexandria Sipes & Stephen Brower

Southwestern Regional Championships

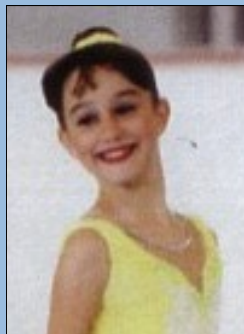
October 15-22, 2007; Grapevine, TX



Hope Abernathy



Danika Burton



Brittany Guevara

Abernathy, Burton, & Guevara Make The Finals in Their Events!

Hope Abernathy finished 9th overall in Junior Ladies and Danika Burton finished 16th overall in the Juvenile ladies event. Brittany Guevara tied for 6th overall in the PreJuvenile event of the Non-Qualifying portion of the competition.

TFSC members who participated in the 2007 Southwestern Regional Championships:

*Hope Abernathy, Megan Banner, Amber Base, Danika Burton, Brittany Guevara, Michelle Han, Nicole Han, Chelsea Jones, Stephanie McKay, East McMillan, Jamie Rooks, Paige Westmoreland, Claire Wood
Coach Boyko Alexiev, and Coach Kim Borgos*

Results

- Junior Ladies Qualifying Round, Grp. A** (skaters in event - 11)
6th Hope Abernathy
- Junior Ladies Championship Short Program** (skaters in event - 12)
9th Hope Abernathy
- Junior Ladies Championship Freeskate** (skaters in event - 12)
10th Hope Abernathy
- Junior Ladies Championship Final Standing** (skaters in event - 12)
9th Hope Abernathy
- Intermediate Ladies Qualifying Round, Grp. D** (skaters in event - 15)
15th Claire Wood
- Intermediate Ladies Qualifying Round, Grp. E** (skaters in event - 14)
9th Stephanie McKay
- Juvenile Ladies Qualifying Round, Grp. B** (skaters in event - 13)
4th Danika Burton
13th Megan Banner
- Juvenile Ladies Qualifying Round, Grp. C** (skaters in event - 16)
5th East McMillan
16th Chelsea Jones
- Juvenile Ladies Final** (skaters in event - 16)
16th Danika Burton

Non-Qualifying Competition Results

- PreJuvenile Girls Freeskate Group A** (skaters in event - 16)
14th Nicole Han
- PreJuvenile Girls Freeskate Group C** (skaters in event - 13)
2nd Brittany Guevara
11th Michelle Han
- PreJuvenile Girls Freeskate Group E** (skaters in event - 15)
15th Jamie Rooks
- PreJuvenile Girls Freeskate Final** (skaters in event - 16)
6th Brittany Guevara
- Open Juvenile Girls Freeskate Group A** (skaters in event - 18)
10th Amber Base
- Open Juvenile Girls Freeskate Group C** (skaters in event - 16)
6th Paige Westmoreland



Pictured from left: Danika Burton, Claire Wood, Stephanie McKay, East McMillan, Megan Banner, Chelsea Jones.

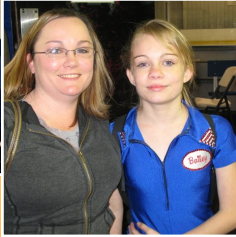


Several competitors at the October Regional Exhibition pictured with Ankie and Rudy Buitink - (long time club members, skaters, and figure skating judges)

Pictured from left: Stephanie McKay, Jamie Rooks, Amber Base, Ankie Buitink, Paige Westmoreland, Rudy Buitink, Michelle Han, Nicole Han, East McMillan, and Megan Banner

Club News & Events

Fall Harvest Party, October 27, 2007



Come out and support our dance teams who are headed for the U.S. Junior National Championships as they perform exhibitions of their dance programs November 24th at 10:45am at the Oilers Ice Center. Exhibitions will be followed by a press conference. The exhibition will take up a very small portion of club ice time. We try to keep the club ice sessions as open skating for club members, however, due to the lack of ice time available, the club will at times have to use some club ice time to accommodate situations such as this exhibition or an occasional test session. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Club Jackets

We offer two different club jacket designs. Bottom left is a windsuit type jacket. Bottom right is a lighter weight and more fitted design. Both jackets are personalized with the skater's name. Matching pants are available with either design. They are custom jackets so measurements are required. Orders can be taken at any time. The jackets are made by different companies. If you are interested in ordering the windsuit type jacket (bottom left) contact *Kathy Gibson* at Kathy@tulsafsc.com. For the fitted type jacket, contact *Judy Banner* at Judy@tulsafsc.com.



Holiday Brunch With Santa

"You better watch out. You better not pout ... Santa Claus is coming to town"



Date: Saturday, December 15th
Time: Club Ice, 10:15 - 11:30
Place: Oilers Ice Center

The Club will provide the main dish. Please bring something according to the list below.

- A - G cookies, desserts, donuts
- H - L pop, juice
- M - R side dishes

Santa will be there from 10:30 - 11:30.

Sooner State Games

Registration is available and can be filled out online. Go to tulsafsc.com for a link to the forms. The competition will be held February 29 - March 1, 2008 at the Tulsa Convention Center.

Showskate 2008

hosted by Stars FSC

Showskate is an all artistic competition. Skate under the spotlight at the Eules Dr Pepper Center! Skate single events, get a duo together, form an ensemble and let the Showskate begin! Download an announcement from <http://www.starsfsc.org/>

Club News & Events (Continued)



Poinsettia Fundraiser

Thanks to all those who participated in our annual **Poinsettia Sales** fall fundraiser. The sales period ends Monday, November 19th. Please turn in order forms and money to Judy Banner by Monday at 4pm. We have two different delivery dates to choose from. Plants will be delivered to the Oilers Ice Center parking lot at 10am on Saturday November 24th and Saturday, December 1st. Please be there to pick up your order. There is no place to store the plants inside. Top seller will win a TFSC t-shirt from our online store. Also, a drawing will be held at the November 24th club ice for 10 free freestyle sessions. All participants selling at least 10 plants will be eligible. You do not need to be present to win.



Judy Banner
Fundraising
Chair

Welcome New Members!

Tim Cole
Chris Fox
Jennifer Fox
Claire Lofgren
Emily Movahed

Audry Smith
Laurene Smith
Rhian Jonckowski
Susan Weisenburger

Visit our Online Store for Christmas gift and stocking stuffer ideas

Log onto the TFSC website www.tulsafsc.com
and click the "online store" link



Local Laurels

Submitted by Heidi Fain, Test Chair



Tests Passed November 10, 2007

Senior Moves

Brittany Schmucker
Nikki Strnad

Novice Moves

Stephanie McKay

Intermediate Moves

Megan Banner
Elizabeth Hearon
Charles Meadows

Juvenile Moves

Taylor Jonckowski
Bailey Slane

Preliminary Moves

Kate Goodwin

Pre-Preliminary Moves

Alisha Amburgey
Kelsey Bedore
Brooklyn Branch

Adult Bronze Moves

Angie Simants

Junior Freeskate

Paige Wheeler

Intermediate Freeskate

Amber Base
Paige Westmoreland

Pre-Juvenile Freeskate

Kayla Castleberry
Amanda Sowell

Preliminary Freeskate

Kate Goodwin

Pre-Preliminary Freeskate

Alisha Amburgey
Kelsey Bedore
Brooklyn Branch

Adult Bronze Freeskate

Angie Simants

Preliminary Pairs

Brittany Schmucker

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The Tulsa Figure Skating Club Welcomes Wendy Lissau to the Board of Governors.

Wendy Lissau, mother of skater, Peyton Lissau, was appointed to fill the Board position recently vacated by Kathy Gibson. She comes to the Board with a wealth of experience in the area of marketing and event planning. She will chair the *Platinum Jubilee Committee*. 2008 will mark our club's 70th birthday! We are one of the oldest clubs in USFSA. The Platinum Jubilee will be a celebration in honor of our club's rich 70 year history. As the celebration date nears, Wendi may be calling upon club members for assistance with this project.

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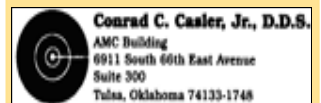
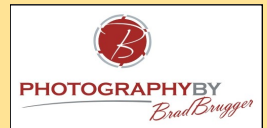
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Hank Tomlinson

Editorial note

Please email any pictures or newsletter content to Judy Banner at Judy@tulsafsc.com for consideration for the next newsletter. **Deadline for submission is January 1st.** We will need names of first semester straight A and honor roll students and any other member news and photographs.



Mark Your Calendars

November 14-17, 2007	Midwest Sectional Championships	Rochester Hills Michigan
November 24, 2007	Junior National Exhibition	10:45 am Oilers Ice Center
November 24, 2007	Poinsettia Delivery	10:00 am Oilers Ice Center
December 1, 2007	Poinsettia Delivery	10:00 am Oilers Ice Center
Nov 26 - Dec 1, 2007	U.S. Junior National Championships	Salt Lake City, Utah
December 8, 2007	Dance Test Session	7:00 - 9:00 am Oilers Ice Center
December 15, 2007	Holiday Brunch With Santa	10:30 - 11:30, Oilers Ice Center
December 15, 2007	Holiday Showcase	Oilers Ice Center, 2:30 & 4:00 Shows
January 12, 2008	Showskate (all artistic competition)	Dr. Pepper StarCenter; Euless, TX
January, 20-27, 2008	U.S. Championships	St Paul, MN
Feb. 29 - Mar 2, 2008	Sooner State Games	Tulsa Convention Center
TBA - During Sooner State Games	Test Session	Tulsa Convention Center
Saturdays September– May	Club Ice	Oilers Ice Center 10:15 - 11:45 ** 10:15 Low, 10:45 Mixed, 11:15 High

** Low (Basic - Preliminary); High (PreJuvenile and up)

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