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Nationals are a Big Deal!

By: John Martens, USFS Judge and Committee Member; Past TFSC Board Member and Officer.

On November 13, 2010, Tulsa FSC witnessed an event that had not occurred since 1993. A TFSC member competed through the USFS qualified Figure Skating Sectional Championship to place high enough to advance to the U. S. National Figure Skating Championships in January of 2011. We all congratulate Brittany Schmucker and her partner Adam Munday from the Stars FSC of Dallas. The odds of advancing to that level are extreme. To put it in perspective, think of all the 65,000 members of USFS clubs other than Basic Skills, then reduce that number to those competing in Qualified Competitions for advancement to Nationals. Now we have a very small, select number of survivors and one of them is us. Out of 700 USFS clubs, Tulsa will be competing at Nationals.

The last member to advance was Shannon Bryant in 1993. Several of our members competed at Nationals in earlier years: Will Smith 1970; Dr. Hugh C. Graham and sister Margaret Ann Holt in the 1940's and 1950's; J. Barlow Nelson in the 1950's, Dr. Franklin Nelson in the 1950's ... to name a few. But, one can see by the dates that this is a rather rare occurrence. For a club of less than 200 members in the middle of Oklahoma, it is a Really Big Deal! As you may have deduced, National medalists go to Worlds and to the Olympics.

Another Big Deal of last weekend was the 2nd place finish for Garrett and Madison Jensen. They had already

qualified for Junior Nationals, but they showed their competitive edge to the crowd at Sectionals. Congratulations to them. Juvenile and Intermediate skaters go to Junior Na-

tionals and Novice and up go to Nationals. Each competition is a stretch for competitors from all across the U.S. The Jensens are coached by Kimberly Borgos.

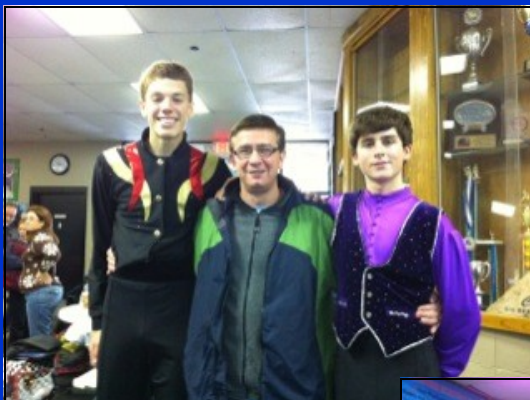
Also a Really Big Deal are the two individual skaters, Josiah Curley and Chandler McGoogan, who qualified for Junior Nationals through the Southwestern Regional Championship in Colorado Springs, CO in October. Chandler earned 2nd place in Intermediate Men's and Josiah skated to 4th place. TFSC has not had an individual skater advance to Junior Nationals since Andrew Charrier in 2002. To have not one, but two, individual skaters representing our club on a national level is a major accomplishment. Curley and McGoogan are coached by Boyko Alexiev.



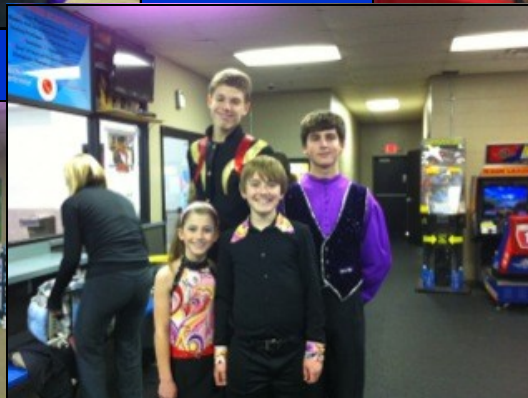
A good deal of prestige is generated for TFSC by these events. Suddenly, any competitor from TFSC carries the glow of being a member of the club that produced a national competitor. You can believe that USFS Judges take note when a club starts producing outstanding competitors. Our own Mary Anne McGivern was assigned as a judge for the Sectional Championships. This assignment in itself is an honor and a strong reflection on the home club, TFSC. We were there in attendance along with the parents of the skaters and you can believe that Tulsa FSC left a positive mark on the minds of the hosts and the officials. Congratulations to all the members for their support and well wishes. We made a memory!

TFSC Skaters Head to Junior Nationals with Exhibition and Send-off Celebration

TFSC Skaters Josiah Curley, Chandler McGoogan, Madison Jensen and Garrett Jensen skated an exhibition of their programs on December 4 in final preparation for the Junior National Championships to be held December 13-18 in Salt Lake City. Departing in one week, TFSC hosted a send-off celebration for the competitors, with fellow skaters, friends and family enjoying cake and the chance to wish them good luck.



Left: Josiah, Boyko and Chandler. Right: Kim with Madison and Garrett. Below: Josiah, Chandler, Madison and Garrett. Middle left: the four skaters pose for photos. Middle right: TFSC skaters hanging out. Below left: Lizzy, Peyton, Katy and Tiara. Bottom middle: acting silly. Bottom right: Laurel with TFSC Basic Skills skaters





TFSC Skaters Shine at U.S. Regional and Sectional Championships

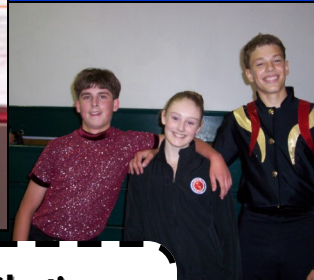


Above: Josiah and Chandler on the podium; Chandler during practice ice. Right: Peyton and Violet get hugs from April and Riley; Chandler, Danika and Josiah; Danika at the Regional send-off party.

Results of 2011 Southwestern Regional U.S. Figure Skating Championships

October 15-18, 2010, Colorado Springs, CO

- Violet Brinson-Phipps:** 7th—Preliminary Girls Compulsories Group A
12th—Preliminary Girls Free Skate Group A
- Peyton Lissau:** 3rd— Preliminary Girls Compulsories Group D
5th—Preliminary Girls Free Skate Group C
- Danika Burton:** 8th—Novice Ladies Free Skate Group A
- Josiah Curley:** 4th—Intermediate Mens Finals
- Chandler McGoogan:** 2nd—Intermediate Mens Finals

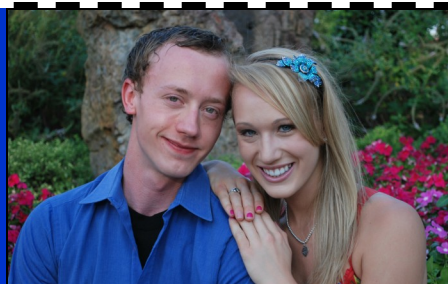


Results of 2011 Midwest Sectional U.S. Figure Skating Championships

November 9-13, 2010, Ann Arbor, MI

- Brittany Schmucker/Adam Munday** 4th, Novice Dance Finals
- Madison and Garrett Jensen** 2nd, Juvenile Dance Finals

Below: Brittany, Adam, Madison and Garrett with coach Kim Borgos; Middle: Brittany and Adam; Far left: Madison and Garrett perform.



Big Brothers & Sisters Skate Day

November 27th marked TFSC's second annual Big Brother & Sisters Skate Day at Oilers Ice Arena. Started as a way for the TFSC to give back to the community, the special skate day takes place during Club Ice time and allows TFSC skaters and children from the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program to skate together and enjoy making new friends. In its second year, TFSC skaters get the unique opportunity to share their love of the ice with kids who may never have had the chance to skate before.



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.

CLUB ICE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 11

9:30 am—11:00 am

Food, Friends, and Fun!

With special visit from SANTA!



TFSC Board Update

Mark De Angelis resigned his post on the Tulsa Figure Skating Club's Board of Governors on Nov. 1st. Mark will continue to serve as the club's Membership Committee Chair. The club wishes to thank Mark for his many, many years of outstanding service to the Tulsa FSC.

Kimmi Madden has been appointed to fill the vacant board position. Please welcome Kimmi and offer her your support in her new position!

Welcome Kimmi and Thank You Mark!

Exhibition Opportunities!

A great way to showcase Tulsa's figure skating program (and gain additional performance experience), TFSC skaters will have the opportunity to skate during Exhibitions at WinterFest and Oilers' Hockey games at the BOK Center. Times available are:

WinterFest:

- December 18 at 11am—noon

- December 28 during author signing of the children's skating book, "It's Okay to Fall"

Oilers Games:

Exhibitions are held during scheduled games.

RULES:

1. Must be a Tulsa FSC member to perform exhibitions due to the sanction requirements and because it is a club organized event.
2. For all of these exhibitions, skaters must be where they are told to be AND ON TIME either inside or outside and they have to have their music. BOK requires the music for Oiler's games exhibitions several days in advance. Oiler's games go on until March so Sooner State Games programs can be put on after Christmas.
3. Parents must accompany their skaters to the exhibition. Oiler's usually gives the skater and ONE parent a free ticket to the game that follows the exhibition.
4. Skater safety is our primary concern. If the ice is not satisfactory, we will cancel the exhibition and hope to move those skaters to another day.

Please note that every effort will be made to accommodate all requests, in accordance with ensuring that there is a mix of high and low skaters and a variety of skating disciplines. This is a great opportunity to showcase the Club, plus enjoy performing in a unique and festive setting. For more details, talk to your coach, or contact Kimmi Madden at kimmign@aol.com.



TFSC Halloween Party

Oilers Ice Center,
October 30



Special Thanks for Julie Smith for providing photos!



OCTOBER LOCAL LAURELS

Congratulations to the following TFSC skaters who have passed tests:

- Cory Tate-Sullivan.....Juvenile Freeskate
- Samantha Overton.....Juvenile Moves, Preliminary Freeskate
- Natalie Bashforth.....PreJuvenile Freeskate
- Meagan Tharp.....Preliminary Freeskate
- Kara Grace Mirando.....Preliminary Moves
- Zoe Malavolti.....PrePreliminary Moves
- Katherine Simmons.....PrePreliminary Moves
- Madison Jensen.....Swing Dance, Cha Cha, Fiesta Tango
- Meagan Potts.....Solo 14 Step

NEXT TEST SESSION:
 March 5, 2011
 During Sooner State Games

2011 Competition Schedule		
<i>Dates are tentative</i>		
December 13-18, 2010	2011 U.S. Junior Nationals	Salt Lake City, UT
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

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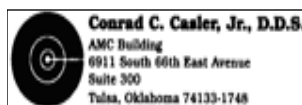
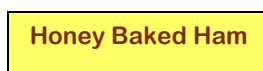
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