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## September 2021 Newsletter

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### Knoxville Figure Skating Club

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Dear KFSC member,

We hope you all had a fantastic Summer. A big thank you to everyone who made our July skating weekend a success. There were lots of smiling faces from the exhibition until the rain moved in at the end of the banquet.

We have begun Monthly Virtual Testing. Please discuss Virtual Testing with your coach. Cool Sports will offer dedicated testing time for higher level tests.

If you interested in a club jacket please reach out to Robert Darby or email [knoxskating@gmail.com](mailto:knoxskating@gmail.com)

Board Elections will be December 1<sup>st</sup>. The Candidates' names will be releases on November 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in Running for the board please let us know and submit a personal statement by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Remember to pre-book your FS sessions with Cool Sports. They can be booked online using the Cool Sports Website. Cool Sports has updated their registration system. If you have any issues with their System contact Meghan at Cool Sports.

If you have any pictures or member recognitions, or ideas please submit them to the club email. This can be competitions, test, or camps. Photos are appreciated.

Thank you,

The KFSC Board

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Do you know your board members?

Denise Rivers (President)  
Gabbie McConkey (Secretary)  
Susan Mulcahy (Treasurer)  
Treva Ogle  
Lori Clark  
Jenny Payne  
Danielle Perry  
Jenny Sobota  
Robert Darby

### Upcoming Events:

**Virtual Testing- The 1<sup>st</sup> of every month (video within 30 days)**

**October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ice Cream Social for Aspire and FS 5-6**

**October 16<sup>th</sup> - Spooktacular**

**October 30 - Hallowskate**

**December 1<sup>st</sup> - Board Election**

**December 18<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Junior Board Christmas Show**

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US Figure Skating  
Championships

January 3-9, 2022  
in Nashville, TN



## ***Congratulations to our Skaters who tested.***

*May 31, 2021 KFSC Virtual*

**Janie Bales – Rhythm Blues, Canasta Tango, Dutch Waltz,  
Preliminary Dance  
Tait Light - Pre-Juvenile FS**

*July 1, 2021 KFSC Virtual*

**Mariah Bush – Preliminary Moves  
Zoey Dhom - Pre-Preliminary Moves  
Ameliya Godo – Pre-Juvenile FS  
Isaac Godo – Pre-Preliminary Moves  
Chloe Liu - Pre-Preliminary Moves  
Caroline Miller- Pre-Juvenile Moves  
Lauren Miller – Pre-Juvenile Moves**

*August 1, 2021 KFSC Virtual*

**Tait Light – Fourteenstep, Foxtrot, European Waltz, Pre-Silver Dance  
Lauren Miller – Solo Dutch Waltz, Solo Canasta Tango, Solo Rhythm Blues,  
Solo Swing Dance, Solo Cha Cha, Solo fiesta Tango, Solo Preliminary Dance,  
Solo Pre-Bronze Dance**

*August 15, 2021 Triangle FSC*

**Kaylee Dobson – Novice FS**



***Good Luck to those competing this month!***

# Congratulations to all of our skaters who competed



2021 Margaret Faulkner Springtime Invitational -Ann Arbor, MI May 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>  
**Tait Light**

2021 Atlanta Spring Skate -Atlanta, GA June 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Madison McCameron**  
**Lillian Olig**  
**Addison Tanner**



2021 Atlanta Open -Atlanta, GA June 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>  
**Conner Allan**                      **Jade Aubuchon**  
**Mariah Bush**                      **Madeleine Darby**  
**Ameliya Godo**                      **Isaac Godo**  
**Kate Johnson**                      **Tait Light**  
**Abby Payne**

2021 Skate Detroit -Detroit, MI July 21<sup>st</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>  
**Cat Rivers (w/ Timmy Chapman-Central Florida FSC)**



2021 National Showcase -Ft. Collins, CO -August 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>

**Jade Aubuchon**

2021 Scott Hamilton Invitational -Nashville, TN August 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

**Heather Bond**                      **Mariah Bush**  
**Madeleine Darby**                      **Ameliya Godo**  
**Isaac Godo**                      **Tait Light**  
**Caroline Miller**                      **Abby Payne**  
**Molly Payne**



Cranberry Open -Boston, MA August 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>  
**Cat Rivers (w/ Timmy Chapman-Central Florida FSC)**





## *Congratulations to our Award Winners*

### *July 18<sup>th</sup> Club Banquet*

Because of the rain we were unable to explain the awards. To be eligible a skater must submit their skater resume. In January we will send out a request for the previous year's resume.

#### **President's Award: Bonnie Dudley**

This award is presented annually to a club skater who has demonstrated an exemplary level of commitment to the sport of figure skating and to the Knoxville Figure Skating Club.

#### **Senior Skater Award: Emma Ogle**

This award is presented annually to an Intermediate – Senior FS level club skater that has shown significant accomplishment in his/her skating skills, has participated in club activities and always tries to set a positive example for other skaters.

#### **Junior Skater Award: Tait Light and Catey Clark**

This award is presented annually to a Preliminary-Juvenile FS level club skater, that has shown significant accomplishment in his/her skating skills, has participated in Club Activities and always tries to set a positive example for other skaters.

#### **Rising Star Award: Kate Johnson**

This award is presented annually to a Basic Skill through Pre Preliminary level FS club skater has shown dedication to skating and improving his/her skills, participates in club activities, and sets a positive example for other skaters.

#### **Showmanship Award: Tait Light**

This award is presented annually to a club skater who is accomplished in showcase events, ice show participation and excels in presentation and theatrics. This award is open to club skaters of all ages and levels.

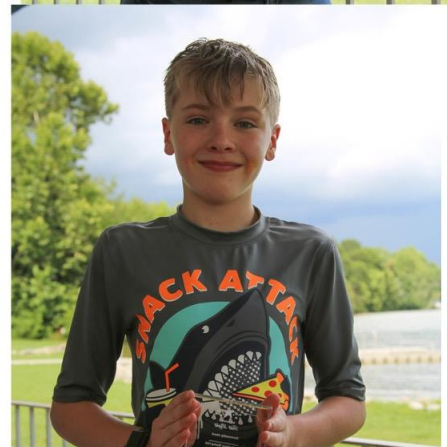
#### **Sportsmanship Award: Heather Bond and Abby Payne**

This award is presented annually to a club skater whose conduct, both on and off the ice, is exemplary. He/She has demonstrated a high degree of leadership evidenced by strong qualities of integrity, camaraderie, hard work, and a willingness to aid others in their efforts to become better skaters, sportsmen, and better people. This award is open to skaters of all levels and candidates are nominated by their peers.

#### **Volunteer Award: Catey Clark and Amy Hill**

This award is presented to a club member (skaters and parents) who has devoted his/her time and energy to promoting not only the sport of figure skating, but also the Knoxville Figure Skating Club.

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*Due to the Pandemic the awards presented this year were based on the 2019 resume.*



**SafeSport Certifications must be renewed for the 21/22 membership year.**

The renewal is shorter than the initial certification. Current Certifications and memberships expire in June.

**Every adult member must be Safe Sport certified. If the member is under 18, an adult family member must be Safe Sport certified.** You must login to <https://usfsaonline.org/> and click on the zero tolerance logo.

We are interested in keeping our children safe both physically and emotionally.



## Jackets

If you interested in a club jacket please reach out to Robert Darby or email [knoxskating@gmail.com](mailto:knoxskating@gmail.com)





## Junior Board

Abby, Bonnie, Catey, Catherine, Connor, Jaedyn, Janie, Kayleigh, Kenli, Mikaela, and Tait.

### Elected officers of the 20/21 Junior Board!

**President: Bonnie**

**Vice President: Catey**

**Secretary: Mikaela**

The Junior Board has been established to create a voice for the skating members of KFSC and to connect the skaters to the Board of Directors, coaches and parents. Members of the Junior Board, will share a passion for skating and serving the KFSC community. Members of the Junior Board, will help foster a fun, positive, welcoming, and supportive environment.

**Remember to check out [Knoxfigureskating](#) on Instagram.**

Signups for exhibitions during LTS and Public Skate will be coming soon. We will also be looking for "Buddies" for the Learn to Skate students and skaters to help play games at the end of LTS sessions.

**A club member will be randomly drawn, by the Jr Board, for the skater of the month profile.**

Junior Board is selling club bracelets for \$5. See a Junior Board Member to purchase one.





July 17th Exhibition and mini camp





July 18<sup>th</sup> Club Banquet

# Gold Medalists



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## Skater of the Month

**Name** Connor Allan

**Age** 16

**Current Coaches** Kathy Wolff-Baradakov, Konstantin Baradakov

**How long have you been skating?** 5 Years

**Why did you start skating?** When I was younger, I wasn't very active and didn't really like most sports. So, my mom suggested I take a skating class.

**What was your first day of skating like?** My first day of skating was a Basic 1 LTS class, and it was terrifying. I had never put on a pair of skates. I struggled a lot those first few times on the ice.

**What are your favorite and least favorite things to practice?**

My favorite thing to practice is dance. My least favorite is probably jumps.

**How has skating helped you as a person?** Skating has helped me develop a good work ethic and has helped me build confidence in my ability to work with others as part of a team.



**What other things, outside of skating do you enjoy?** Outside of skating, I really like talking to my friends and playing online games with them. I also like to exercise a lot, running and resistance training especially.

**What are your goals, in skating and outside of skating?** At least for now, I want to pass my gold level dance test, my senior level moves test, and my senior level pairs test. Outside of skating, the medical field really interests me, specifically neurology and endocrinology.

**Who do you admire and why?** I think above all, I admire my parents. My dad has faced unprecedented adversity through much of his life, and I think it's incredible that he overcame much of it. He continues to face each day and makes each one count. And my mom is the most loving and caring person I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. Both of them are exceptional role models.

**Parents what do you admire about your child?** Connor is a very self-motivated person. When he sets a goal, he strives to attain it without anyone else's direction. He is smart, funny and wise beyond his years. But most of all Connor is kind. We know that whatever he chooses to do, he will succeed, and will help others along the way.



Pop up classes are routinely being added. Make sure to check Cool Sports website for updates.

Contact Kathy Wolff-Baradakov if you are interested in **Theatre on Ice**.

Cool Sports has launched the Aspire program. USFS created Aspire as a bridge between LTS and competitive skating.



All sessions are 8 weeks. Drop-ins are welcome.

Skaters will be evaluated on designated evaluation days. There are no additional fees for evaluation.



**SPOOKTACULAR**



A Compete USA Competition  
and USFS Exhibition  
hosted by Cool Sports  
Knoxville, TN



**SATURDAY**

**OCTOBER 16, 2021**

2:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Registration Coming Soon!

For more information:  
[2icecoach@gmail.com](mailto:2icecoach@gmail.com)