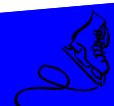


GEORGIA FIGURE SKATING CLUB

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THE PEACH OPEN AND PEACH CLASSIC 2008

By Rob Lichtefeld

It is always fun to see skaters from all around the country and even the world come to Duluth to enjoy a weekend of skating; and that is exactly what happened at the Peach competitions this year.

The **PEACH OPEN** is a youth competition started in 2003 to give skaters the opportunity to present their programs before heading off to regionals. This is a very important opportunity because it gives you the time to adjust your program content before going to the Regional championships. Georgia Figure Skating Club Skaters did very well this year. We are proud of all of them. You can view the results at www.GaFSC.org.

The **PEACH CLASSIC** is an all adult competition which is one of the oldest and largest adult competitions in the country. The competition takes place over Labor Day weekend to allow adults an extra day for traveling without having to miss out on a day of work. It is always a joy to see the adults present their programs. They all support each other and cheer each other on. While the adults take their skating seriously and train many hours each week, they also understand that figure skating is a fun activity and that anyone who has the courage to try it, should be applauded!

Georgia Figure Skating Club would like to thank all of the parents and skaters who volunteered for this event. It is the one major fund-raiser that we have each year. It helps keep your membership costs down and is also used for items such as ballet bars and mirrors, helping our regional skaters with their registration fees, helping our adult skaters with their adult sectional fees, parties to celebrate our skaters and hopefully, in the future, clinics to bring more professional influences in to allow our skaters to be the very best that they can be!

Regionals Results For Georgia FSC Skaters

This year we had several skaters compete at the South Atlantic Regional Figure Skating Championships held in Aston, PA from October 14-18.

Alex Zahradnicek finished 4th in the Junior Men events. Alex qualified for the Eastern Sectionals and will compete in Boston, MA from November 11-15.

His scores were:

	Total	Elements	Program Components
Short Program	46.13	25.25	22.88
Free Skate	94.33	47.71	47.62

Louisa Barama finished 9th in the Group B Qualifying Round of the Novice Ladies event.

Her scores were:

	Total	Elements	Program Components
Free Skate	42.52	19.43	23.09

Congratulations skaters!!!

Full results and videos can be found on icenetwork.com

Note:

At this time, the results of the non-qualifying events have not been posted. When they are, we will post the results of our skaters in the non-qualifying events.



12th Annual Peach Classic Georgia Figure Skating Club – August 30-31, 2008 Results for Georgia FSC Members

No Test Compulsory Moves Group A

- 1st - Annette Florence
- 2nd - Julie Pierce
- 3rd - Joyce Scott

Bronze Compulsory Moves

- 4th - Kristin Bartlett

No Test Freeskate

- 2nd - Julie Pierce
- 4th - Annette Florence

Pre-Bronze Ladies Freeskate I & II

- 4th - Jennifer Allgood
- 5th - Katie Smith

Pre-Bronze Ladies Freeskate III & IV

- 2nd - Lauren Burt

Silver Ladies Freeskate I & II

- 1st - Vickie Marlin

Bronze Pairs

- 1st - Sara Panzer & Rob Lichtefeld

Silver Ladies Freeskate III & IV

- 4th - Sara Calvart

Bronze Ladies Freeskate II

- 1st - Marilyn Nolte

Novice Moves in the Field

- 2nd - Tina Gravenstein



Pre-Bronze Spins

- 2nd - David LeNoir

Bronze Spins

- 1st - Marilyn Nolte

Masters Men Freeskate

- 1st - Davin Grindstaff

Pre-Bronze Mens Freeskate

- 1st - Dustin Smith
- 2nd - David LeNoir

Pre-Bronze Moves in the Field

- 2nd - Joyce Scott

Bronze Team Maneuvers

- 2nd - Peachcicles

Silver Jumps

- 4th - Alexandra Curtis

Pre-Bronze Jumps

- 2nd - David LeNoir

Gold Jumps

- 1st - Tina Gravenstein

Adult Interpretive Pairs

- 3rd - Sara Panzer & Becca Guthrie
- 4th - Dustin & Katie Smith

Adult Interpretive Ladies II & III

- 1st - Vicki Marlin
- 3rd - Marianne Campbell

Katie and Dustin
Smith (left) and
Marianne Campbell
(right) perform in
the interpretive
events at the Peach
Classic Competition
in Duluth, Georgia.





6th Annual Peach Open Georgia Figure Skating Club – August 29-30, 2008 Results for Georgia FSC Members

Pre-Preliminary B Freeskate

- 1st – MacKenzie Kisella
- 4th – Stephanie Umezaki-Oba
- 5th – Courtney Kloor

No Test A Girls Freeskate Group A

- 2nd – Sydney Zurita
- 3rd – Katlyn Champion

No Test A Girls Freeskate Group B

- 1st – Emily Burchfield
- 2nd – Kristina Jespersen
- 3rd – Cara Leigh Creighton

No Test B Girls Freeskate

- 2nd – Katherine DiStefano
- 3rd – Lauren Daniell
- 4th – Eleanor Hammond

Pre-Preliminary Compulsory Moves

- 1st – Stephanie Umezaki-Oba
- 4th – Eleanor Hammond
- 5th – Megan Nikin
- 6th – Emily Anne Hansford
- 7th – Sophie Heeden

Preliminary Compulsory Moves

- 1st – Annabelle Woodard
- 2nd – MacKenzie Kisella
- 4th – Emy Palermo
- 5th – Camila Liao
- 6th – Jessica Richardson
- 7th – Courtney Kloor

No Test Compulsory Moves Group A

- 1st – Cara Leigh Creighton
- 2nd – Sydney Zurita
- 3rd – Kristina Jespersen
- 5th – Courtney Kloor

Pre-Preliminary A Girls Freeskate

- 1st – Anabelle Woodard
- 2nd – Emily Anne Hansford
- 3rd – Sophie Heeden
- 4th – Jessica Richardson
- 5th – Megan Nikin
- 5th – Aneliese Perrenoud
- 7th – Paloma Zavala
- 8th – Camila Liao

No Test Compulsory Moves Group B

- 1st – Katherine DiStefano
- 3rd – Emily Burchfield

Pre-Juvenile Girls Freeskate

- 1st – Courtney Wootton
- 2nd – Lauren Angelucci
- 3rd – Jessica Liew

Preliminary Girls Freeskate

- 1st – Jasmine Chen
- 2nd – Catherine Crocker
- 3rd – Kaysi Mitchell
- 5th – Rebecca Reese
- 6th – Tanya McGill
- 7th – Gina Palermo
- 8th – Megan Angelucci
- 9th – Madison Thomas

Pre-Juvenile Spins

- 2nd – Jessica Liew
- 3rd – Lauren Angelucci
- 4th – Rebecca Reese

Juvenile Compulsory Moves

- 1st – Courtney Wootton

Pre-Preliminary Showcase

- 1st – Sophie Heeden
- 2nd – Anabelle Woodard
- 4th – Emy Palermo
- 5th – Lauren Danielle
- 7th – Kristina Jespersen

Open Juvenile Girls Freeskate

- 1st – Yena Park

Preliminary Showcase

- 1st – Catherine Crocker
- 2nd – Rebecca Reese
- 3rd – Tanya McGill
- 4th – Gina Palermo
- 5th – Courtney Kloor

Pre-Preliminary Spins

- 3rd – Jessica Richardson
- 4th – Eleanor Hammond

Preliminary Spins

- 1st – Anabelle Woodard
- 2nd – Megan Angelucci
- 3rd – Kaysi Mitchell
- 4th – Courtney Kloor

GOOD LUCK!!



Mindy Sellers (far left) and Chuck Miller (far right) pose with their skaters from the Town Center IceForum, who are attending the 2009 South Atlantic Regional Competition. Skaters include: (from left to right) Amanda Bowen (Pre-Juvenile), Jessica Fuchs (Intermediate), Courtney Wootton (Pre-Juvenile), Tori Williams (Preliminary) and Raven Lawrence (Pre-Preliminary).

The above skaters will be heading off to Aston, Pennsylvania for the 2009 South Atlantic Regional Competitions. For Juvenile and above level skaters, this competition is the first of the qualifying season. Qualifying level skaters from the entire South Atlantic Region, which encompasses skaters from as far north as Pennsylvania and as far south as Florida, will compete for a chance to advance to Jr. Nationals, Sectionals and Nationals. For those Pre-Juvenile and below, it is a chance to get a taste of what is to come at the qualifying level and to show their stuff. Not pictured, but also attending South Atlantic Regionals is Louisa Barama who is a Novice level skater and skates at the Duluth IceForum. Her coach is Aren Nielsen.

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

*2009 South Atlantic Regional Competition - Ice Works Skating Club - Aston, PA
+Non-Qualifying - October 10-13, 2008
+Qualifying - October 14-18, 2008

*2009 Eastern Sectional Championships - Boston, MA - November 11-15, 2008

*2009 Junior Figure Skating Championships - Lake Placid, NY
December 8-13, 2008

*2009 National Championships - Cleveland, OH - January 19-25, 2009



**Basic Skills Competition
Duluth IceForum August 31, 2008
Results for Georgia FSC Members**

Camryn Goins

1st - Freestyle 1 Compulsory Moves

3rd - Freestyle 1 Freeskate

Casey Mallory

2nd - Freestyle 2 Compulsory Moves

3rd - Freestyle 2 Freeskate



MacKenzie Kisella shows her flexibility at the Peach Open.

Casey Mallory works her program at the Duluth Basic Skills competition.



IN MEMORY



As many of you already know, Gloria Lewis is our first gold level judge and dance test chair for Georgia Figure Skating Club. Earlier this year, Gloria lost her mother to cancer. Recently, Gloria also lost her father. Gloria would like to thank the members of GaFSC for their support, prayers, gifts in memory of her parents, and generosity during this difficult time in her life.

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