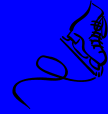


GEORGIA FIGURE SKATING CLUB

THE BLADE



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Hello!

My name is Julie Pierce. I'm an adult skater at the Duluth rink, and I've recently taken over the newsletter for GaFSC, and I'd love to have your input for the newsletter.

Please let me know about any exciting skating related activities you are doing, or any news from your rink. You can email me your article in either txt or Microsoft Word format at newsletter@gafsc.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

2010 US Figure Skating Championships starts this week!!!

NBC will be broadcasting the following:

Saturday, Jan. 16, 4:30-6 p.m. - Men's and Pairs Short Programs/Pairs Free Skate (Live)

Sunday, Jan. 17, 4:30-6 p.m. - Men's Free Skate (Live)

Saturday, Jan. 23, 3-6 p.m. - Original Dance and Ladies Short Program/Free Dance (Live)

Saturday, Jan. 23, 9-11 p.m. - Ladies Free Skate (Live)

Sunday, Jan. 24, 4-6 p.m. - Encore Show

Sunday, Jan. 24, 9-11 p.m. - Smucker's Skating Spectacular: Countdown to Vancouver

A full listing of all TV coverage of figure skating can be found here:

<http://heatherw.com/mk/sch.htm>

2010 US Figure Skating Championships (continued)

Also, IceNetwork will be covering Nationals, including Live Streaming of many events:
<http://icenetwork.com>

For your information, there are several skaters with either a Georgia Figure Skating club connection, or an Atlanta connection, at this year's competition

Alex Zahradnichek (who skated at the Duluth rink and was a GaFSC club member for 3 years) will be competing at the Junior Level. He won Eastern Sectionals this year.

Alex Aiken (who skates at the Cooler and was a club member when he first started skating, and is now an Atlanta FSC member) will also be skating at the Junior Level.

Tim Dolensky (who skates at the Town Center rink) will be skating at the Novice level.

Christopher Nolan (an Atlanta FSC member, who also was a GaFSC member for a time) and his partner Marissa Spector will be competing in the Novice Pairs events. Chris and Marissa train in Birmingham, AL.

And, Tami Mickle, a coach at the Cooler, will be the producer of the video coverage that you will be watching on TV and IceNetwork.

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Many of you know Holly Faris. Holly was a skater at the Duluth rink and a member of the Club for seven years. Her mother, Lori Faris, was the Georgia Figure Skating Club's Membership Chair for eight years, and just stepped down this year due to the pressures of dealing with Holly's illness.

Holly's symptoms started with kidney stones in April, 2007, and now she has developed the following issues:

1. kidney disease
2. Kidney filtration failure
3. Bladder failure
4. Chronic kidney pain—high level every day,
Can't walk sometimes
5. hemoptysis—bleeding of the lungs
6. 24 kidney stones in 2 years
7. Rupturing ovarian cysts
8. Herniated disc

Holly's mother is exhausting her savings paying for the treatment of these chronic symptoms. Holly has had 10 surgeries since April, 1007.

At this time the doctors still don't know what is causing the symptoms. Lori wants to take Holly to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, in the hopes that they can identify the cause. Since the Mayo Clinic is 'out of network' for her insurance, she has to pay 'out of pocket' up front and this requires additional funds she doesn't have.

GaFSC is accepting donations for Holly—any money that you can donate will help Holly get to the Mayo Clinic.

The Club has tried to make it easy to donate online by setting up a PayPal donation page at www.gafsc.org. You can use your existing PayPal account or you can use a credit card to donate. You don't need to have a PayPal account to donate.

The Georgia Figure Skating Club is incorporated in the State of Georgia, and is registered with the IRS as a 501(3)c non-profit organization. Your donation may be tax deductible. Please consult with your accountant.



Recent photo of Holly with her friend



Holly at the Lawrenceville Outdoor Rink in 2004



Presenter at 2004
US Nationals

You can donate by going to the following page on our website:

<http://www.gafsc.org/hollyf.htm>

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IJS and You

On Saturday, February 6, 2010, the Town Center Ice Forum is hosting a special event to help you understand the IJS, levels of execution, and what you can do to bump up your point totals.

Work with your favorite local coaches on spins, jumps and footwork. Some off-ice training is planned for you as well.

Please contact :

Mindy Sellers at msellers@iceforum.com or
Kristel Fuchs at 404-455-8883.

Next Testing Date

The next opportunity for testing is February 14, 2010 at the Duluth Ice Forum. Application deadline is 1/29/2010.

For testing forms, please visit www.gafsc.org to download the application.

Upcoming Competitions



Magnolia Open

March 12-14

<http://atlantafsc.org>

Deadline for registration: February 5, 2010

Florida Open

March 26-28

<http://centralfloridafsc.org>

Deadline for registration: February 14, 2010

News from Duluth

Babies, babies, babies! Several coaches and Club members have new babies.

Moe Brooks-Herr and her husband welcomed their daughter, Morgan in August.

Annette Florence and her husband welcomed their daughter, Lily in April.



Morgan and Lily

Lisa Polunin and her husband welcomed their son, Natan in November.



Natan

Several more babies are expected in 2010—watch The Blade for arrivals!

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Georgia Figure Skating Club 2009 Test Results

Congratulations to All Skaters that Passed Tests in 2009

	Name	Test Description	Test Date
	Coleen DePeter	Pre Preliminary Free Skating	1/16/09
	Mai Imazeki	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	2/6/09
	Sarah Isaacs	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	2/6/09
	Erin Serrian	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	2/6/09
	Megan Angelucci	Pre Juvenile Free Skating	2/18/09
	Laura Brower	Pre Juvenile Moves In The Field	2/18/09
	Emily Burchfield	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	2/18/09
	Jasmine Chen	Pre Juvenile Free Skating	2/18/09
	Catherine Crocker	Pre Juvenile Free Skating	2/18/09
	Courtney Kloor	Preliminary Free Skating Test	2/18/09
	Rebecca Reese	Pre Juvenile Free Skating	2/18/09
	Madison Thomas	Preliminary Free Skating Test	2/18/09
	Stephanie Umezaki-Oba	Pre Juvenile Moves In The Field	2/18/09
	Nicole Varvari	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	2/18/09
	Tina Washington	Senior Free Skating Test	2/18/09
	Amanda Bowen	Juvenile Moves In the Field	3/6/09
	Amanda Bowen	Intermediate Moves In The Field	4/18/09
	Marianne Campbell	Preliminary Moves In The Field	4/18/09
	Jessica Fuchs	Senior Moves In The Field	4/18/09
	MacKenzie Kisella	Preliminary Free Skating Test	4/18/09
	Victoria Williams	Juvenile Moves In the Field	4/18/09
	Courtney Wootton	Intermediate Moves In The Field	4/18/09
	Mai Imazeki	Preliminary Moves In The Field	5/24/09
	Kaysi Mitchell	Pre Juvenile Free Skating	5/24/09
	Noel Molloy	Pre Preliminary Free Skating	5/24/09
	Noel Molloy	Preliminary Moves In The Field	5/24/09
	Karen Degasperis	Adult Pre Bronze Moves In The Field	5/29/09
	Karen Degasperis	Adult Bronze Moves In The Field	5/29/09
	MacKenzie Kisella	Pre Juvenile Moves In The Field	5/29/09
	Katie Maxham	Pre Juvenile Moves In The Field	5/29/09
	Marilyn Nolte	Adult Silver Moves In The Field	6/26/09
	Marilyn Nolte	Pre Preliminary Free Skating	6/26/09
	Katherine DiStefano	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	6/27/09
	Camryn Goins	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	6/27/09
	MacKenzie Mathews	Preliminary Moves In The Field	6/27/09
	MacKenzie Mathews	Pre Preliminary Free Skating	6/27/09
	Dustin Smith	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	6/27/09
	Katie Smith	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	6/27/09
	Cathy Procaskey	Adult Gold Moves In The Field	7/12/09
	Emily Burchfield	Pre Preliminary Free Skating	7/15/09
	Kylie Cartwright	Adult Pre Bronze Free Skating	8/14/09
	Kylie Cartwright	Adult Bronze Free Skating Test	8/14/09
	Kylie Cartwright	Adult Pre Bronze Moves In The Field	8/14/09
	Kylie Cartwright	Adult Bronze Moves In The Field	8/14/09

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Kate	Kaszycki	Adult Pre Bronze Moves In The Field	8/26/09
Kate	Kaszycki	Adult Bronze Moves In The Field	8/26/09
Jasmine	Chen	Juvenile Free Skating Test	8/29/09
Katherine	DiStefano	Pre Preliminary Free Skating	8/29/09
Courtney	Kloor	Juvenile Moves In the Field	8/29/09
Jasmine	Chen	Novice Moves In The Field	8/30/09
Kristen	Davis	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	8/30/09
Kristen	Davis	Preliminary Moves In The Field	8/30/09
Nicole	Miller	Novice Free Skating Test	8/30/09
Jordan	Lowery	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	10/16/09
Amanda	Bowen	Novice Moves In The Field	10/17/09
Amanda	Bowen	Pre Juvenile Free Skating	10/17/09
Coleen	DePeter	Pre Juvenile Moves In The Field	10/17/09
Lily	Dwyer	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	10/17/09
Lily	Dwyer	Pre Preliminary Free Skating	10/17/09
Jessica	Fuchs	Novice Free Skating Test	10/17/09
MacKenzie	Kisella	Pre Juvenile Free Skating	10/17/09
Cathy	Procaskey	Pre Juvenile Moves In The Field	10/17/09
Olivia	Wang	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	10/17/09
Olivia	Wang	Pre Preliminary Free Skating	10/17/09
Rachel	Watson	Pre Juvenile Free Skating	10/17/09
Victoria	Williams	Pre Juvenile Free Skating	10/17/09
Marilyn	Nolte	Preliminary Free Skating Test	10/24/09
Megan	Angelucci	Juvenile Moves In the Field	11/11/09
Louisa	Barama	Junior Moves In The Field	11/11/09
Anthony	David	Adult Silver Free Skating Test	11/11/09
Sophie	Heeden	Preliminary Moves In The Field	11/11/09
Sarah	Isaacs	Preliminary Moves In The Field	11/11/09
Nicole	Miller	Junior Moves In The Field	11/11/09
Emy	Palermo	Juvenile Moves In the Field	11/11/09
Julie	Pierce	Adult Bronze Moves In The Field	11/11/09
Julie	Pierce	Adult Pre Bronze Free Skating	11/11/09
Rebecca	Reese	Juvenile Moves In the Field	11/11/09
Jessica	Richardson	Juvenile Moves In the Field	11/11/09
Madison	Thomas	Juvenile Moves In the Field	11/11/09
Stephanie	Umezaki-Oba	Juvenile Moves In the Field	11/11/09
Savannah	Cagle	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	12/5/09
Cheyenne	Conover	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	12/5/09
Cheyenne	Conover	Pre Preliminary Free Skating	12/5/09
Lily	Dwyer	Preliminary Moves In The Field	12/5/09
MacKenzie	Kisella	Juvenile Moves In the Field	12/5/09
Katie	Maxham	Juvenile Moves In the Field	12/5/09
Katie	Maxham	Pre Juvenile Free Skating	12/5/09
Hannah	Pepper	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	12/5/09
Jessica	Seagraves	Preliminary Moves In The Field	12/5/09
Stephanie	Umezaki-Oba	Preliminary Free Skating Test	12/5/09
Olivia	Wang	Preliminary Moves In The Field	12/5/09
Victoria	Williams	Intermediate Moves In The Field	12/5/09
Victoria	Williams	Juvenile Free Skating Test	12/5/09
Annabelle	Woodard	Juvenile Moves In the Field	12/5/09
Nastasi	Rozenberg	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	12/9/09
Frances	Umezaki-Oba	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	12/9/09

Please email Ginger Whatley at gingerwhat@aol.com with any questions regarding testing.