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2002 Peach Classic



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**GaFSC Elections Soon
In Short Skating Year**

(by Ginger Whatley)

The Georgia Figure Skating Club is seeking nominations for our 2002-2004 Board of Directors. Elected board members serve a two-year term. Board members are required to attend monthly board meetings and help with the organization and planning of club events. We are seeking nominees from all rinks.

All interested members are encouraged to run. We would like to have a diverse board consisting of parents, skaters and coaches. If you are interested in being on the Board or you know someone who is interested in running for the Board, please complete the form included in this newsletter. Nominees must be at least 18 years old and a "member

in good standing" of the Georgia Figure Skating Club. Elections for the Board of Directors will be held in early spring. Please contact Marianne Campbell at 678-309-0470 or soupteacher@hotmail.com with questions. The deadline for nominations is February 8, 2001.

Elections timeline...

Week of **January 7th** – Nomination forms for 2002-2004 (two year terms) Board of Directors will be included in the *Blade*. Information will also be posted at the GaFSC.com website. Information will also be available at all rinks. Rink representatives will have nomination forms.

February 8, 2002 – Deadline for nomination forms.



Week of February 10th – Election Ballots to be mailed. Ballots will be included in February Newsletter.

March 9th – Election of New Officers for the 2002-2003 season at the Board Meeting.

NOTE: The *Blade* issue prior to the election will list all the nominees. We would like to have a picture and a brief resume for that edition. The hope is that we will have an active election campaign for this year's election. **Be a part — Run for the board!**

GaFSC Members Vote For New By-Laws

(by Rob Lichtefeld)

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. With your help (and vote) our club has approved the new By-Laws.

At the time of the vote, December 14, we had 383 voting members. We needed 127 votes to meet the quorum as specified in the old By-laws. We received 141 votes, and all votes agreeing to the new By-Laws.

Having the new By-Laws approved, we can now complete the filing of the 501(c)(3) paperwork with the IRS. This will allow individuals and corporations to deduct donations to the club from their income taxes.



South Lake News

By Ben Loggins, Acting SLVP



Town Center News

By Mike Aiken, TCVP

The Club members at Southlake had their Christmas Show December 16, 2001. Individual performances included Madison Hamlin, Noah Edwards, Laura Hall, Terroka Mitchell, Darrye Walkes, Raven Laurance, Tristin Carney, Britney Cook, Emily Loggins, Brenda Cook, and Sharisse Gill with the addition of group performers, Ben Loggins, Tatyana Kuprienko, and Kristin Aller. The grand finale included all skaters as elves with an appearance by a skating Santa.

This first annual show was enjoyed by our 50-60 guests. We look forward to next year, which hopefully will include many additional new club members.

The Southlake Club continues to grow with several new members in December. Many of our skaters are moving though the Basic levels and hope to begin USFSA testing soon.

Peach Frost competed at Cape Code in early December, and both teams came back with GOLD! As one parent said, "The girls from the South went north and kicked butt!" The teams will be competing in Fraser, Michigan in mid-January and at Sectionals at the end of January. The teams are very busy polishing and putting the final adjustments on their programs. Good Luck Peach Frost!

Town Center held its Holiday program on December 21, and it was very successful! A large crowd of spectators watched as skaters from Basic Skills level and up performed to holiday music.

We had our first rink-wide parent and adult skater meeting on December 14. It was lightly attended, but was still fairly successful. A second meeting for skaters parents and adult skaters is scheduled for Saturday, January 12 at 10:30 am at the Town Center rink. We hope to see more participants at that meeting!

Duluth News

By Nancy Anderson, DVP



Augusta News

By Yvonne Rees, AVP

The Duluth show "An American Holiday" took place on Friday, December 21st. It was a wonderful evening with Frosty, Uncle Sam and Santa. The skaters really seemed to have a good time and skating memories were made. A huge thank you goes out to Matt and Jill Breneman for a year of preparation done in two months time. Thank you to all parents who helped with fundraising and costume preparations. We plan to sell tapes of the show so make your order with Jill Breneman or Nancy Anderson.

Our next parent meeting will be January 11th during club ice time. We will discuss the upcoming 2002 activities. An all night skate-a-thon is in the plan as well as a spring show in April. We need input from parents so please attend these meetings. Thank you to Felecia Stamey and Fern Hatzenbuler for heading up our consignment sale in December. The next test session is January 6th at the Duluth rink. Come support and encourage these skaters for all their hard work.

Let's welcome Sharon Fischer and Wendy Betenia. Sharon is the Duluth Rink General Manager and Wendy is the Skating School Coordinator. These two ladies come to our rink with years of experience. We look forward to working together and making great things happen for the club and the skating school. Let your friends and family know that the next Basic Skills class is a mini series beginning January 9th and ending February 9th. Call the rink for more details!

The Augusta skaters were quite busy the last quarter of the year. We put on two performances of Hollywood On Ice in November which were quite a success. Everyone pulled together, skaters, coaches, volunteers, even some youth hockey players who helped with set up and tear down. We had quite a variety of numbers to various Hollywood movies including, Rocky, Hook, Sister Act, Austin Powers, The Wizard of Oz and Titanic.

In October we skated to a patriotic medley during a Lynx game intermission and received a standing ovation from a crowd of over 3000 people! We repeated this performance during the Hollywood On Ice show. We also skated in December at a Lynx game to a tune by the name of Hockey Holiday. It was quite a lot of fun.

Our rink director, Amy Lambert is quite a role model for our skaters. She skated in early December at the American Open in Philadelphia where she placed 6th. We were very fortunate to see her skate both her long and short programs during our November show. She is awesome!

The New Year brings new challenges of fundraising and free-style ice time. We have come along way since the new rink management started in August and we have certainly learned a lot. We are a strong team of skaters and look forward to a great 2002.



“You’re Our Hero!” Peach Frost

Our GaFSC Synchronized Skating Team is exhibiting their competitive programs at the Southlake Ice Forum Saturday, January 12 at 1:00 pm. The Preliminary team consists of skaters ranging in ages 6 to 12 years old. Their skating level ranges from “No Test” to “Juvenile”. The Intermediate team consists of skaters ranging in ages 10 to 16 years. These skaters are working on Moves in the Field ranging from “Pre Preliminary” to “Senior” level. Both teams brought home the gold medal from the Cape Cod Annual 2001 Synchronized Skating Classic held December 7. We will all travel to Fraser, Michigan for a competition to be held on January 18 followed by the USFSA Synchronized Eastern Sectionals in Boston, Massachusetts on January 30. If the Intermediate team places in the top four they will qualify for US Synchronized Nationals in Lake Placid, starting February 28. The girls and coaches continue to work hard at reaching their competitive goals this season. The teams are being complimented by other teams throughout the USA for their performance both on and off the ice, making us all very proud.



Pattie Van Den Eynde started Peach Frost at the Ice Forum. She brings the program her extensive background in both singles and precision skating. She is a triple Gold Medalist (figures, free-skate, and dance) as well as Junior Canadian National singles champion. In her teaching career, her precision team in Canada was National Champion for three consecutive years. Miss Pattie has also coached skaters through their Gold Figure, Gold Free-skate, and Pre-Gold. She is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario and holds a Charter Financial Analyst Degree. She is married and the mother of two children.

Peach Frost Competitions	
Cape Cod	Preliminary Gold Intermediate Gold
Mid-America	Fraser, Mich. January 19-20
Eastern Sectional	Lowell, Mass Jan. 31-Feb. 2
?	2002 U.S. Synchronized Championships Lake Placid, NY Feb. 26-March 30



Renee Lipscomb is Peach Frost Assistant Coach. She also has coached Free-style, Moves, and Dance for 7 years. Renee and her dance partner, Andrew Austin, are the current U.S. Adult Dance Gold Medal Champions. Originally from Kailua, Hawaii, Renee currently shares a home in Woodstock with husband, Troy, and her doggie, Penny. Renee and Troy have lived in the Atlanta area for 12 years. She holds a degree in accounting.



Sue Sauer joined Peach Frost in 2000 as a coach’s assistant. Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, she has been a coach at Ice Forum since 1997. Miss Sue started skating at age 6 and achieved Novice level in free style and her 5th figures test. She continues to skate and is working on her Bronze dances.

Ricky Harris “Dancers” - “Coaches” – “Youth” – “Intro” Workshops

Ricky Harris, a former professional dancer and skater, has created a workshop that develops a skater’s individual style, using the fundamentals of movement, as well as understanding movement in musical terms. Ms Harris holds a BA in dance, a MFA in dance and a PhD in choreography. This off ice class is offered three times a year at the Ice Forum Town Center. More info may be found at www.aboutrickyharris.com or call Andrew Austin at 770-218-1010.

- **Dancers/Coaches, Sunday February 17, 9:30 am-12:30 pm & 1:30 pm-4:30 pm (Held at Gold’s Gym) \$120**
- **Youth, Feb 18-20, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm \$120**
- **Introductory, Feb 18-20 Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm \$65**

January 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 	2 Club Ice South Lake	3	4 Club Ice Duluth/TC	5 GaFSC Board Meeting
6 Test Session- Duluth US Championships	7 US Championships	8 US Championships	9 Club Ice South Lake; US Championships	10 US Championships	11 Club Ice Duluth/TC; US Championships	12 US Championships
13	14	15	16 Club Ice South Lake	17	18 Club Ice Duluth/TC	19
20	21	22	23 Club Ice South Lake	24	25 Club Ice Duluth/TC	26
27	28	29	30 Club Ice South Lake	31 Eastern Synchronize Sectional Begins		

GaFSC To Host JETS Dance/Move School

Saturday and Sunday, July 27 and 28 is the proposed date of the Four Year Moves/Dance school for judges and coaches at Town Center. Finalization of dates is subject to approval of the USFSA Judges Education and Training Subcommittee (JETS). According to Mary Ellen Minyon, GaFSC chairman of the school, applications and entry forms will be available around April 1. The agenda and applications will be in a future issue of the *Blade*. Contact Mary Ellen at 770-794-4733 for more information.



2002 GaFSC Test Dates

<u>Planned Date</u>	<u>Planned Location</u>	<u>App. Deadline</u>
2/10/02	Town Center	1/17/02
3/10/02	Duluth	2/14/02
4/07/02	Town Center	3/14/02
5/05/02	Duluth	4/11/02
6/02/02	Town Center	5/09/02
7/07/02	Duluth	6/13/02
8/04/02	Duluth	7/11/02
8/11/02	Town Center	7/18/02



Report From The Prez: Alicea Smith

2002! Here We Come! Happy New Year to Everyone. As we speed into this year of the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, let us celebrate our sport and celebrate our skaters and their accomplishments.

Congratulations to all the rinks and skaters on excellent Christmas Shows! Not only were the shows great at all four rinks, but there was a lot of participation in the planning and implementing of the shows. We love our skaters and appreciate the help and involvement of parents, grandparents, neighbors, teachers, coaches, and friends! Now we begin planning for the Spring Shows!

A special thanks to the By-Law Committee, Matt Breneman, Rob Lichtefeld, and Michael Aiken for all your work on the accomplishment of getting our new By-Laws passed. With the successful passing, we are a short distance for completing 501(c)(3) with the IRS. This will allow supporters and donors tax advantages, increasing the number who will help.

Finally, as a reminder, this year is a shorter year than usual because of changes to the USFSA membership year. Ginger Whatley is already on the ball organizing the steps toward the April 6th elections. Let me take this opportunity to thank this year's board and encourage EVERYONE to consider running for a position on the 2002-2003 GaFSC board. **Sk8 Gr8!**

Hi I am **Alexander Aiken**. I represent the Georgia FSC. Let me tell you how I became a skater. I had tried many sports before. I did not like any of them very much. My mom decided to take me to a public session one day. Ever since then I have loved skating.



I've been skating for three years and I am competing at the Juvenile level. I get up at 4:45 three mornings a week to skate and train for two hours before I go to school. I also skate in the afternoon two days a week for an hour and a half. I am working on a double axel and have most of my doubles. I have worked hard for three years to accomplish this.

In the summers I travel to Laurel, MD to train with Don Laws. Then I go on to compete at the Wissahickon competition in Pennsylvania. I also take three Ricky Harris workshops a year. I would like to do a lot with my skating. I would like to go to National's as a Senior skater and do well there. Then I would like to go to the Olympics on the U.S Olympic team and get the gold. I hope I can fulfill my dream, and maybe you will see me at the Olympics.



I'm **Michael Aiken**, Town Center's Vice-President for the GaFSC. I live in Kennesaw with my wife, Michele and four children. I graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Bachelor of Business, an MBA and a Master of Science in Management of Information Systems.

I have been in Information Technology for almost 25 years, and am currently a consultant specializing in Project Management and helping organizations to use Information Systems to run their businesses more effectively. I am also an Adjunct Professor in the Business College at Kennesaw State University.

I joined the GaFSC after the 1998 Olympics when Alexander decided to skate. Since then he's progressed from wearing blue rental skates for group classes to competing at Regionals and working on a triple! His passion for the sport has grown, and that passion has rubbed off on Michele and me. My hope is for Alexander realize his dream to compete in the Olympics, and that my involvement with the GaFSC can help the Club to support him, and all member skaters, in achieving their figure skating dreams and goals.

Skating On The Tube

Subject to Change... Check Local Listings



Date	Event	Channel	Time
1st	Skate America	ESPN	9:00 PM
1st	Movie: Cutting Edge	Lifetime	12:00 AM
1st	Boitano's Holiday	NBC	4:00 PM
2nd	Canadian Open	TNT	9:00 PM
4th	Movie: Ice Angel	Family	1:00 PM
5th	Hallmark's Salute	NBC	4:00 PM
9th	US Championships	ESPN2	11:30 AM
10th	US Championships	ABC	8:00 PM
11th	US Championships	ESPN2	7:00 PM
11th	US Championships	ESPN	9:00 PM
12th	US Championships	Family	8:00 PM
13th	US Championships	ABC	3:00 PM
20th	US Championships	ABC	2:00 PM
27th	European Champions	ABC	4:00 PM
29th	European Champions	ESPN2	10:00 PM

Wyandotte Adult Competition

March 9-10 is the date for the North American Adult Competition sponsored by the Wyandotte FSC at the Benjamin Yack Arena, 246 Sycamore, Wyandotte, MI 48192. For more information contact Mary Moss, 6565 Kolb, Allen Park, MI 48101, 313-383-6121, mossmary1@aol.com

GaFSC Skaters Pass Tests At Other Clubs

Vania Smith Junior Moves
Karen Norling Preliminary Moves

Congratulations!

Atlanta FSC's 2002 Atlanta Open will be held

2002 PEACH CLASSIC ADULT COMPETITION

By Rob Lichtefeld

The planning for the 2002 Peach Classic is well under way. The Peach Classic is the club's largest event and our main fundraiser. It is scheduled for **2002 Labor Day weekend, August 30 - September 1**. The Peach has grown to be the 3rd largest all-adult competition in the nation. The only larger events are the USFSA and ISI Adult Nationals.



Our next planning meeting is Wednesday, January 16 at 7:30 pm at the Duluth Ice Forum. **All members are welcome.** We are looking for chairpersons for many of the committees; please contact Helen Ross (770-339-8206) or Honey Burton (770-938-3634), if you would like to help. If you or your company can supply items for the "goody bags", we would really like to talk to you!

If your plans have you in town on Labor Day weekend, we could really use your help in hosting the event. That weekend we will need members be ice monitors for the events and to host the check-in, reception, sales, program and hospitality areas. We will also need monitors for practice ice. Another big item is the setup and tear down of signs, decorations, judge's stands, tables, chairs, etc. **This is a big undertaking for the club, and we need your assistance.**

Test Passed- January 6th

Pre-Pre MIF
Courtney Kingston

Preliminary MIF
**Kara Barlow
Kristina Chepaitis
Brad Martin**

Pre-Juvenile MIF
Ashley Lodge

Juvenile MIF
**Ricardo Pena
Laura Sims**

Novice MIF
Kaysi Kitsell

Pre-Juvenile FS
Ricardo Pena

Juvenile FS
Jaimie Prochaska

Novice FS
Krystal Ostrowski

Junior FS
Kristen Treutle

Hickory Hoedown
Ann Bartone

Willow Waltz
Ann Bartone

14 Step
Jaimie Prochaska

GaFSC Jr. Board Members Rock !



**Emily Loggins,
South Lake**

Hi! I'm Emily Loggins. I began skating about 10 years ago. My skating has resulted in over 30 medals many coming from my 5-year membership in a precision team. I took a break from skating for 4 years when the travel across town began to conflict with school. I am currently a senior at Faith Academy with a GPA of 4.195.

I have been a strong supporter of the South Lake Rink, which started with an appearance before the Clayton County Board of Commissioners to support the zoning required to construct the Rink.

My other activities include building my own Web Site business, which includes the flagship site "www.leavingnormal.net" It has received over 350,000 hits in the last two years. This site (supporting the TV show Roswell) has also received several Internet awards.



**Tina Puchalski,
Duluth**

Hey everyone! My name is Tina Puchalski and I'm one of the junior board members for the Duluth Ice Forum this year.

I just turned 16, and I have been skating since I was four. What can I say, I love it!! Since I have been on and off the ice for the past couple months, I am still working on my intermediate free skate and novice moves tests, but plan on passing them soon.

I am a sophomore at Brookwood High School, and hope to run track there this spring. I also teach a 2nd grade Sunday School class at my church every week.

I know this will be an awesome year for the GaFSC, and I am proud to be a part of it!



**Tristin Carney,
South Lake**

Hello... I am Tristin Carney, Age 15. In 11 months I have rapidly progressed from my first lesson in US-FSA Basic Skills curriculum to testing for Preliminary level in January 2002. Although my ice skating began at age 14, I am hopeful that there is an international and Olympic competition in my future.

To fund skating, I use another passion, playing the piano [Tristin is at a 2nd year college level], by teaching piano skills to 37 students, ages 4-16. While maximizing my skating future, I plan to major in music in college.

I am an impassioned person with a very busy schedule of, not only figure skating and piano lessons but also Boy Scouts (Eagle rank planned in a couple of months), language studies (in Chinese, Russian, and Japanese), and volunteering at the Catholic Monastery in Conyers (growing Bonsai Trees and silversmithing). With all of the wonderful things that I do, I am very thankful to all of my instructors and family who help me work toward achieving my goals every day.

WANTED!

WANTED: Chairman: We need someone to chair the Year-End Meeting. Call Alicea Smith at 770-554-2604 to volunteer.

WANTED: Competitors - This year's Magnolia Open, sponsored by the Atlanta FSC, is March 15-17 at the Cooler. More info in the next *Blade*.

WANTED: Blade Newsletter Articles - We want your articles and Ideas! Email Kelly Norling at norlingkl@aol.com or call 770-614-9179.

Cape Cod Synch Comp Results (12/8/2001)

Intermediate

1. Peach Frost, Ga
2. Colonials, Mass
3. Ice-Lantics, NJ
4. Shoreline, Mass

Preliminary

1. Peach Frost, Ga
2. Twizzlers, Pa
3. Precisely Right, N J
4. Snow Flurries, NY

RULES BOOKS!

The 2002 USFSA Rulebook are here!
Plus info on USFSA Clubs, Judges, Officials, etc.
Get Them While They Last!

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GaFSC Board of Directors, Officers, Committee Chairs

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South Lake VP	Ben Loggins, acting
Augusta VP	Yvonne Rees
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Web Page	Gail Horwitz
Synchronized Skating	Cheryl Kohser
Coaches	Randy Trabing



Yvonne Rees (V.P. –Augusta)

Greetings from Augusta!

My love of skating dates to my childhood growing up in Chicago where my friends and I fondly referred to the sport as “pond skating”. The pond would freeze and we would go skating! It wasn’t until 1999 when the IceForum opened that I took my first lesson in the Pre Alpha class of the ISI program. In the two years that have followed I have passed my Adult Pre Bronze FS and am testing Pre Juvenile MIF. I can remember when backward swizzles were next to impossible!

I have served as the club treasurer since the club formed in 1999 and have watched the club grow from 12 skaters to over 60. We have been through a management change in this past year which has brought on new challenges such as expensive ice time and club contracts. But we have come together as a team and done very well.

In my free time I am a Vice President in Corporate Banking at SouthTrust Bank. I manage a group of lenders and together we focus on small businesses with sales ranging between \$3 and \$10 million. We are responsible for all the banking needs of the client from loans and deposits to investments. I also have two children, Richard, age 8 and Lee Anne, age 5 who are also skating enthusiasts. We recently skated together in the December Lynx show and the Hollywood On Ice show.

When things get rough or life gets stressful, I just take to the ice. And when the rink management gets to me, I just remind myself of the 12 years I lived here before we had ice and know it could be worse!

See you on the ice!

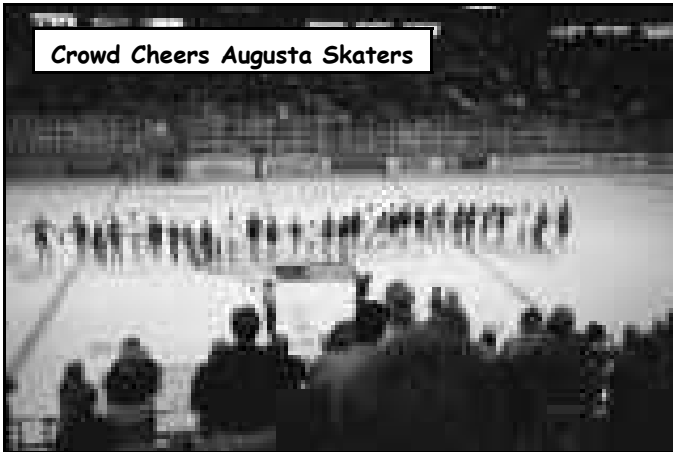
2001 Holiday Shows

Duluth Christmas Show *(by Nancy Andersen)*

Wow!!! What a night! From Frosty to Uncle Sam, all of the stars were out at the Duluth IceForum for "An American Holiday" presented by The Georgia Figure Skating Club. The 2001 Holiday Show was dedicated to the family members who are serving or have served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Proceeds collected during the show were donated to the September 11th Fund as a token of our appreciation for the dedicated service the firefighters provide to our community.

The skaters ranged in age from Frosty (Sam Terray) to some of the youthfully challenged (adult) skaters. The themes included such topics as: The Grinch, Marshmallow World, "Who Would Imagine a King," Hurried Shopping, "Proud to be An American," and a grand finale of "Armed Services Medley." In the finale, all of the skaters were dressed in various uniforms representing the United States Armed Forces and were proudly displaying other patriotic memorabilia such as flags and posters. To put the finishing touch on the evening, Santa made a surprise appearance. Santa presented gifts to each of the evening's performers. We did not know Santa could skate.

Many thanks go to the Production Staff who made the show a fantastic success. Jill Breneman, the Show Chairperson, and Matt Breneman, who did the Music, Sound and Program showed great dedication to the club with all of their efforts. Thanks go to coaches Honey Burton and Helen Ross for their support and assistance. Thanks to all other parents and anyone else who helped with the production. We eagerly await 2002!



Crowd Cheers Augusta Skaters



Augusta Show!



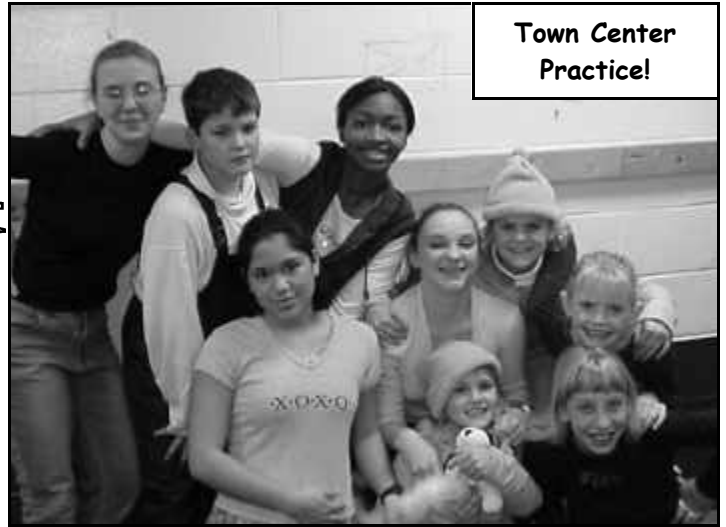
Duluth Show Finale!

Town Center Christmas Show



Town Center held its Holiday program on December 21, and it was very successful! A large crowd of spectators watched as skaters from Basic Skills level and up performed to holiday music. Members of the **7th Grade Pine Mountain Middle School Band** and from **Autrey Middle School** provided live music for one number. Adult skaters and coaches were also skating in the program! There were even guest appearances by **Santa, Chilly the Penguin, Windy Rohde** and **Justin Childers**.

Many thanks to **Randy Trabing** and everyone else who organized the program, to the skaters and parents who were there for practices and the program, and to **Greg Corbitt, Carolyn Schwab**, and all the volunteers who made sure that things ran smoothly during the program. A good time was had by all! We hope to have pictures of the festivities for a future newsletter.



Town Center
Practice!



Sam Terray shows that even Basic Skills skaters can participate and have fun!



Randy Trabing
TC Show Director

Matt Brerman is the
"Tom Collins"
of the Duluth
Christmas
Show



Santa showed up to spread
Holiday cheer

Club Ice Rules

The club ice rules on the next page were approved by the club's Board on Directors in October. By abiding by these rules, we can have safer and more effective club ice and private ice sessions.



Georgia Figure Skating Club



- Club Ice Rules -

Club Ice is purchased by the club for the benefit of our skaters. It is the single greatest expense of the club and where the majority of your dues are spent. Therefore, there are rules concerning its use:

- You must be a club member with Club Ice privileges. These include Full (First, Second, Additional Family, Transfer), Junior, Special Olympics, Associate, Synchronized, Honorary and Life members. It does not include Parent, Social, or Basic Skills memberships. For a complete list of privileges for the different membership levels, check the back of the Membership Application.
- Skaters must check-in with the monitor before entering the ice
- Full members of the Georgia Figure Skating Club can invite one guest to skate with them per session. However, that guest can only skate one Club Ice session per year for free. That guest's name must be given to the monitor. If the guest skates more than one session per year, there will be a \$6.00 guest charge paid to the monitor.
- No rental skates are allowed on Club Ice unless allowed by the monitor
- Minimize Horseplay. Skating is a fun activity. Otherwise, we wouldn't be involved in it. However, since ice time is very limited, skaters whose primary objective is to have fun, should yield to other skaters who are practicing elements or programs.

- Private Ice and Club Ice Etiquette -

During Private and Club Ice sessions, skaters need to be careful to not interfere with other skaters practicing programs, moves, and dance patterns. This needs to be done for all skaters' safety as well as everyone getting the most out of limited ice time. All skaters should look where they are going, and not just expect everyone else to watch out for them.

Programs:

Since Private and Club Ice sessions are the only times that the music for a skater's program can be played, they are given priority on the ice. If you hear someone's music start to play, please give them room to do their program. If you are unsure of where they will be skating, move to the boards until their program is complete. If you are familiar with the other skater's program, continue practicing out of the way of the skater's pattern. Most programs use the middle of the ice heavily, usually starting and ending there.

Do not spin or stand in the middle of the ice during someone's program. If you see a skater in a program skating towards you, do not just stand still; try to skate out of their way.

Coaching:

Since a skater's time with coach is very precious (and expensive), please show courtesy and give skaters working with their coach room for their lesson. Note: not all rinks allow coaching during Club Ice.

Moves in the Field and Dance:

Skaters have to work on moves and dance patterns that require considerable control and room. Most of the upper level tests have patterns that go around the ice sheet. Please watch for and try to stay out of the way of skaters practicing moves.

Jumps:

Jumps, especially the Lutz, require open space for their take-offs and landings. Try not to stand or spin in the corners where Lutz's are landed. If you think of the rink as a clock face, the Lutz corners are at 1 and 7 o'clock (unless the skater is a left-handed jumper, then the corners will be the 11 and 5 o'clock corners.)

Music:

Program music has priority over music just played for fun. There is usually a line of cassettes on or above the cassette player. If you want to play your program music, place it at the end of the line. Check to see whose music is before yours. When you see that skater doing their program, you will know you are next. However, remember that coaches can (and will) jump to be beginning of the line if they are working with a student with program. Please play your tape at a reasonable volume. Coaches should not have to yell over your music during their lessons. A skater's program music can be played a maximum of 3 times during a single session.

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