

GEORGIA FIGURE SKATING CLUB

THE BLADE



August

2007

THE PEACH IS HERE!

OPEN

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2007
THROUGH
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2007

CLASSIC

Yes!! It is that time of year again! The Peaches in the stores are just right, ready for you to enjoy, as is the PEACH OPEN and PEACH CLASSIC competitions. Both take place at the Atlanta IceForum in Duluth, Georgia.

This year, over 100 skaters from 39 different clubs around the country and the world will be competing for gold, silver, bronze and pewter!

This is the time we need YOU! The Peach competitions are the biggest events our club hosts. Many members have already come forward and volunteered their time and talents to these competitions. Put your own touches into this event and contact Lisa Swantek at 678-910-6795 or lswantek@comcast.net. Lisa will find an area that will suit your desires and your strengths. Haven't done any of this before? That's okay! All of us had to start somewhere and we will be happy to train you!

Read on to get further information on volunteer areas.



VOLUNTEER AREAS:

- *Hospitality - Help set up and maintain hospitality room for judges, coaches, and volunteers.
- *Set Up/Take Down - help set up judges stands, vendor tables, awards area, registration area. After the events end, assist in take down.
- *Venue Manager - monitor the rink areas and be available to assist in problem solving; check areas of the arena to ensure cleanliness; locate skaters, help answer competitors'/spectators' questions.
- *Registration - sit at the registration table and sign in competitors, collect and label music, collect any unpaid fees, organize music for each event.
- *Ice monitors - check in skaters at the ice for events, ensure proper pronunciation of names in case of inquiry from announcers, monitor practice ice sessions.
- *Awards - collect and organize result sheets from the runners, conduct periodic award ceremonies.
- *Runners - this one is for the kids! Collect judges' sheets and take them to the accountant. Make copies and disburse to awards, registration and post on result board. PLEASE SIGN YOUR CHILD UP!!!!

LOOKING FOR A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT?

Well, look no further:

We are now taking orders for Georgia Figure Skating Club Warm-ups!

Orders must be received by September 24, 2007. Here is the best part: After the Peach competition, there will be a link from our website directly to Jammin, the company who makes the outfit. This will allow you to make your purchase by credit card! If you prefer, you can print out the order form and mail it in. Mailing will require payment by check. This will be the last order placed this year so don't miss out. If you prefer, you can order the jacket only. Any questions, please contact Linda DePeter @ 770-528-0968.

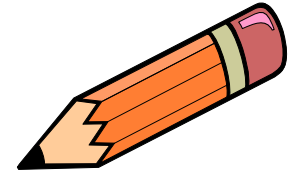


We LOVE our warm-ups! Don't miss out on getting yours!



Coleen and Jessica model the GAFSC jackets. They are fleece and very soft and comfortable! Pants (not pictured) are black and zip down the sides for easy on and off even with skates!

The Second Annual Back to School Party



The GAFSC members at Town Center enjoyed the annual BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY on Thursday, August 9, 2007. 22 skaters participated in the event this year! **Marianne Campbell**, club president, put together some fun ice activities such as bucket races and interpretive events. This time, she had some extra help from **Dustin Smith** and **Christian Schambach**. The kids were judges as well as skaters as they decided who won the various interpretive groups. **Julie Swantek** won the interpretive event and **Jessica Fuchs** came in second. The skaters also paired up for a pairs interpretive event which was a very interesting and FUN activity to watch. After the on ice activities, we all went to the snack bar area of the arena and enjoyed a cupcake decorating contest. Never before have cupcakes been turned into such great creations. Among the different decorated cupcakes were: a volcano, Marie Antionette, a tic-tac-toe board, and a candy land cupcake! There was a tie between **Aneliese Perrenoud** and **Tori Williams** for the most creative idea. The skaters and their parents also enjoyed delicious food and drinks donated by **parents, names of whom are too numerous to list!** Of course, a back to school party is not complete without brain power being involved. Trivia this year was provided by **Kristel Fuchs**. Each child received prizes for correct answers. Prizes were a big hit this year and included folders, notebooks, markers, Crayons, calculators, mini staplers and tape, stickers, and a locker organizer dorted by **Marianne Campbell** and **Kristel Fuchs**. **Becky** and **Lionel Postic** donated skating items such as blade guards, skate key chains and soakers. At the end of the evening the skaters decorated poster boards with their goals and aspirations for this coming school year. Everyone had a great time. Parents had a chance to get to know each other better and the kids had the opportunity to welcome some new faces and enjoy time with old acquaintances. This party will be a difficult one to beat!

Top: Rebecca, Catherine and Amanda decorate cupcakes.
Bottom: Dustin, Katie and Haleigh write down their goals



Top: Coleen, Jessica, Raquel, Courtney Rebekah and Tori must have heard a good joke!
Bottom: Lindsey whos off her creation.



Top: Some of the best around!
Bottom: Julie and others chose from the variety of food!



2007 Atlanta Open

Held June 14-16 at The Cooler
Hosted by the Atlanta FSC

Results for Georgia FSC Members



Events Judged using the IJS System

Junior Ladies - Short Program (11 in group)

10 Laura Sims 19.80

Novice Ladies - Group A - Short Program (7)

6 Amelia Bradley 19.28

Novice Ladies - Group B - Free Skating (6)

6 Amelia Bradley 33.20

Novice Men - Short Program (12)

3 Alexander Zahradnicek 38.63

Novice Men - Free Skating (5)

2 Alexander Zahradnicek 74.21

Intermediate Ladies - Grp A - Short Program (18)

11 Nicole Miller 17.93

12 Louisa Barama 17.88

Intermediate Ladies - Grp B - Short Program (17)

13 Leela Goshorn 14.65

Intermediate Ladies - Grp C - Short Program (17)

1 Tina Washington 26.02

Intermediate Ladies - Group A - Free Skating (11)

4 Nicole Miller 38.33

5 Louisa Barama 34.81

Intermediate Ladies - Group B - Free Skating (8)

2 Tina Washington 45.15

Intermediate Ladies - Group C - Free Skating (11)

10 Leela Goshorn 24.90

Events Judged using the 6.0 System

Juvenile Girls Freeskating - Group B (12)

3 Sofia Antonova

Juvenile Girls Freeskating - Group C (12)

12 Christina Atkinson

Juvenile Jumps (6)

5 Christina Atkinson

Pre-Juvenile Compulsory Moves - Group C (9)

5 Courtney Wootton

Preliminary Girls Freeskating - Group C (8)

5 Courtney Wootton

Preliminary Compulsory Moves - Group A (7)

5 Aneliese Perrenoud

7 Rebecca Lee

Preliminary Compulsory Moves - Group B (7)

3 Kaysi Mitchell

Preliminary Compulsory Moves - Group D (7)

3 Rachel Watson

Preliminary Jumps - Group A (6)

4 Kaysi Mitchell

6 Catherine Crocker

Preliminary Jumps - Group B (6)

2 Lauren Angelucci

Preliminary Spins - Group B (5)

3 Lauren Angelucci

5 Kaysi Mitchell

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ATLANTA OPEN RESULTS cont.

Pre-Preliminary B Girls Freeskating - Group A (7)

7 Catherine Crocker
8 Jasmine Chen

Pre-Preliminary B Girls Freeskating - Group B (6)

2 Lauren Angelucci
3 Kaysi Mitchell

Pre-Preliminary B Girls Freeskating - Group D (7)

2 Rachel Watson

Pre-Preliminary A Girls Freeskating - Group A (7)

4 Megan Angelucci
6 Aneliese Perrenoud
7 Rebecca Lee

Pre-Preliminary A Girls Freeskating - Group B (7)

4 Tanya McGill
6 Haidee Chen

Pre-Preliminary A Girls Freeskating - Group C (7)

1 Amanda Bowen
3 Victoria Williams
5 Katelyn Dobson

Pre-Preliminary A Girls Freeskating - Group D (7)

1 Mia Mantooth
2 Jordan Thomas
3 Shannon Singer

Pre-Preliminary A Girls Freeskating - Group E (8)

2 Julianne Swantek

Pre-Preliminary Compulsory Moves - Group B (7)

4 Jasmine Chen
5 Tanya McGill
6 Megan Angelucci

Pre-Preliminary Compulsory Moves - Group C (7)

2 Katelyn Dobson

Pre-Preliminary Compulsory Moves - Group D (7)

3 Haidee Chen
6 Victoria Williams

Pre-Preliminary Compulsory Moves - Group E (7)

1 Amanda Bowen
5 Jordan Thomas
6 Heather Wiedman
7 Coleen DePeter

Pre-Preliminary Spins - Group A (6)

3 Catherine Crocker
4 Katelyn Dobson

Pre-Preliminary Spins - Group B (6)

1 Mia Mantooth
2 Ciara Myers
3 Julianne Swantek

Pre-Preliminary Jumps - Group A (7)

4 Megan Angelucci

Pre-Preliminary Jumps - Group B (7)

3 Heather Wiedman
4 Shannon Singer

No Test B Girls Freeskating - Group C (6)

5 Helen Chen
6 Katelyn Marchant

No Test B Girls Freeskating - Group F (5)

1 Catherine Squirewell
4 Coleen DePeter
5 Rebekah Postic

No Test B Girls Freeskating - Group G (7)

2 Raquel Postic
3 Heather Wiedman
7 Megan Nikin

No Test A Girls Freeskating - Group A (5)

2 Jessica Seagraves

No Test A Girls Freeskating - Group D (6)

5 Kristina Jespersen

No Test Compulsory Moves - Group B (5)

5 Jessica Seagraves

No Test Compulsory Moves - Group D (5)

1 Helen Chen
4 Rebekah Postic
5 Kristina Jespersen

No Test Compulsory Moves - Group E (6)

1 Catherine Squirewell
3 Raquel Postic

2007 Liberty Summer Skating Competition

Liberty Figure Skating Club of Philadelphia
July 18-21, 2007
The IceWorks Skating Complex, Aston, PA



Results of Members of the Georgia Figure Skating Club

Novice Men Short Program

- 1st /9 Alexander Zahradnicek (Group A)
[43.17 pts]
1st /9 Alexander Zahradnicek (Final Rnd)
[45.91 pts]

Novice Men Free Skate

- 1st /9 Alexander Zahradnicek (Group A)
[75.07 pts]
1st /9 Alexander Zahradnicek (Final Rnd)
[83.61 pts]

Intermediate Ladies Free Skating

- 3rd /14 Louisa Barama (Group H)
15th /17 Jessica Fuchs (Group C)
15th /15 Nicole Miller (Group G)
8th /14 Tina Washington (Group E)
23rd /24 Louisa Barama (Final Rnd)
[30.94 pts]

Intermediate Ladies Short Program

- 7th /14 Louisa Barama (Group G)
15th /18 Jessica Fuchs (Group B)
17th /19 Nicole Miller (Group F)
10th /15 Tina Washington (Group E)

Juvenile Girls Free Skating

- 14th /15 Christina Atkinson (Group A)

Town Center skaters who went to Liberty pose with Mindy Sellers, their coach. Back Row (Left to right) - Rebekka Postic, Jordan Thomas, Tori Williams, Mindy Sellers, Jessica Fuchs, Raquel Postic. Front Row (Left to Right) - Catherine Squirewell, Lindsey Squirewell, Amanda Bowen

Pre-Preliminary Girls Free Skating

- 6th /9 Amanda Bowen (Group F)
8th /9 Jordan Thomas (Group F)

Pre-Preliminary Girls Compulsory Moves

- 3rd /7 Amanda Bowen (Group D)
1st /5 Coleen DePeter (Group E)
5th /8 Raquel Postic (Group F)
4th /5 Rebekah Postic (Group E)
1st /7 Catherine Squirewell Group D)
2nd /7 Jordan Thomas (Group D)
5th /7 Victoria Williams (Group D)

No-Test Girls Free Skating

- 9th /9 Coleen DePeter (Group F)
4th /8 Raquel Postic (Group G)
8th /9 Rebekah Postic (Group F)
2nd /8 Catherine Squirewell (Group G)
1st /8 Victoria Williams (Group G)



2007 CHARLESTON OPEN

Figure Skating Club of Charleston
July 27 - July 29, 2007
Carolina Ice Palace, Charleston, SC



Results of Members of the Georgia Figure Skating Club

PrePreliminary B FreeSkate - Group A

3rd/7 Mia Mantooh

PrePreliminary B FreeSkate - Group B

2nd/7 Julianne Swantek

Preliminary Compulsory Moves - Group A

3rd/5 Mia Mantooh

Preliminary Compulsory Moves - Group B

6th/6 Julianne Swantek

BS Freeskate 2 Comp. Moves - Group B

3rd/3 Maura Greene



Julie Swantek,
Haley Hannigan
and Mia
Mantooh in
Charleston, SC.

Mia Mantooh &
Julie Swantek
show off their ar-
tistic side of
skating



Maura
Greene
shows off
her show-
case outfit!

BS Freeskate 2 - Group C

3rd/4 Kathryn Torgersen

BS Freeskate 2 - Group B

4th/5 Maura Greene

Artistic B

1st/4 Julianne Swantek

2nd/4 Mia Mantooh

Showcase G - Group B

4th/6 Kathryn Torgersen

5th/6 Maura Greene

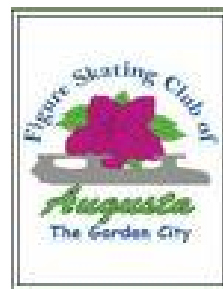
TEST SESSIONS 2007-2008

New test session dates are currently being discussed and set up. New test dates will be posted as soon as they become available.

Remember that Pre-Preliminary as well as Preliminary tests can be conducted on freestyle sessions. Ask your coach to contact Ginger Whatley or Gloria Lewis for more information. Both email addresses and phone numbers can be found at www.gafsc.org

2007 Azalea Open

Figure Skating Club of Augusta
August Ice Sports Center, Augusta, GA



Several of our skaters made the trip to Augusta, Georgia, to compete in the Azalea Open. Below is a list of skaters and their results if results were available.

Mackenzie Kisella - USFS Beginner Program—1st/2

Catherine Crocker - USFS PrePre Program Group B
PrePre Compulsory Moves
Freeskate 5
PrePre Showcase

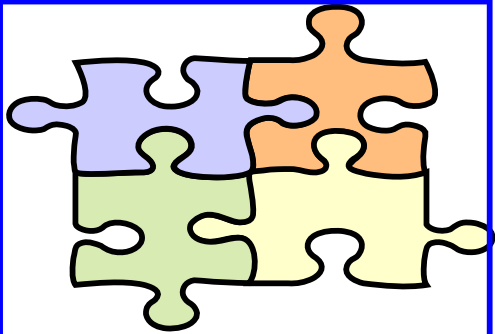
Kovi Duchesne - Freeskate 1 Program - 2nd/5



MacKenzie Kisella poses for a picture with her first place medal from the Azalea Open. Congratulations MacKenzie!

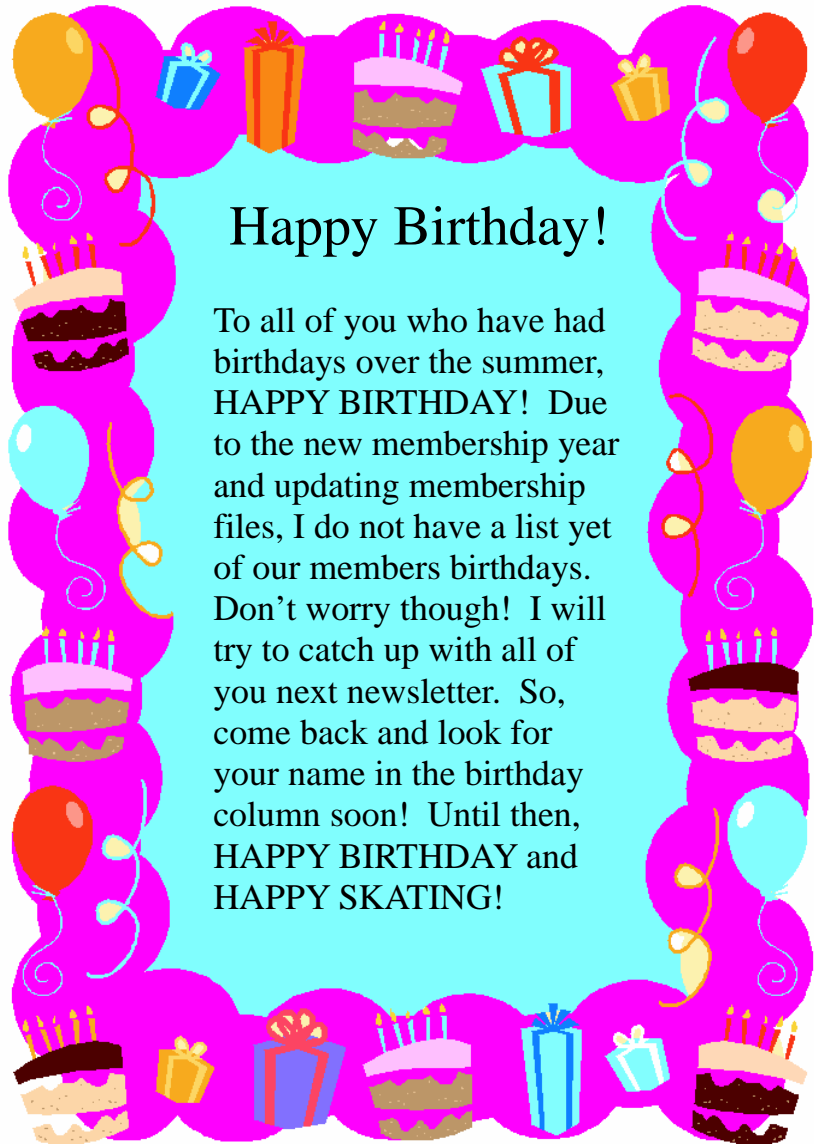
Catherine Crocker Proudly shows her medal from the Azalea Open. Nice work Catherine!





MISSING PIECES

Duluth Members: As newsletter editor, I would like to be able to include pictures and information about the skaters at Duluth. GAFSC has a very unique situation as we run out of two rinks that seem like they are world's apart. In order for us to remain a close club, please email me pictures, information, competition results, personal achievements outside of skating, or any other news that you can. I will try to include it in the newsletters. Help us keep all of the pieces to our puzzle!
kristel_fuchs@hotmail.com



Happy Birthday!

To all of you who have had birthdays over the summer, **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Due to the new membership year and updating membership files, I do not have a list yet of our members birthdays. Don't worry though! I will try to catch up with all of you next newsletter. So, come back and look for your name in the birthday column soon! Until then, **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** and **HAPPY SKATING!**

2007-2008 MEMBERSHIP YEAR



Lori Faris
Membership Chair

The new membership year is underway! Our membership chair, Lori Faris, will be mailing receipts to all of you as soon as possible. Please remember to provide the club with your email address. Numerous items are being done by electronic submission this year such as the newsletter and membership directory. Also, if you have not done so, please go to www.gafsc.org and join the Yahoo group for members. Encourage your friends to join us as well. If you have any questions about membership, please contact Lori Faris or your rink representative.

END OF YEAR PHOTOS

GAFSC END OF THE SKATING YEAR BANQUET AND PARTY
DIXIELAND FUN PARK - APRIL, 2007



JESSICA FUCHS - TOWN CENTER SKATER OF THE YEAR



MARIANNE CAMPBELL - TOWN CENTER ADULT SKATER OF THE YEAR

LIONEL AND BECKY POSTIC - TOWN CENTER VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR



MEGAN ANGELOCCI - DULUTH ROOKIE OF THE YEAR



JULIANNE SWANTEK - TOWN CENTER ROOKIE OF THE YEAR



- Not Pictured:
- Alexander Zahradnicek - Duluth Skater of the Year
 - Davin Grindstaff - Duluth Adult Skater of the Year
 - Coleen Depeter - Town Center Sportsmanship award
 - Laura Brower - Duluth Sportsmanship award
 - Diane Lepori - Duluth Volunteer of the Year

END OF YEAR PHOTOS



Test Chair, Ginger Whatley (Below) presents test certificates to Rebecca Lee (Left) and Aneliese Perrenoud (Right)



Children and parents alike were excited to have their ticket pulled for raffle prizes. Prizes included yoga tapes, DVDs, CDs, gel pens, clothing, cups and more.



Top left: Catherine Squirewell, Top Right: Emily Mantooth, Bottom left: Christine Wootton, Bottom Right: Jasmine Chen



END OF YEAR PHOTOS

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1. Maura Greene rides the LIFT. Brave or crazy?
2. Coleen DePeter shows we can all be little kids!
3. Courtney Wootton is looking for someone to soak!
4. Jordan Thomas chases Coleen!
5. Cynthia Squirewell and Kathy Williams show that even the parents can have fun!
6. Skaters wait patiently in line for their turn.
7. Rob Lichtefeld proves adults can ride too!



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UPCOMING IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES

[AUGUST 31-SEP. 2 PEACH OPEN/PEACH CLASSIC, DULUTH, GA](#)

September 1 - Deadline for registering for Regionals

October 12-14 - 2008 South Atlantic Regionals - Non Qualifying - York, PA

October 15-21 - 2008 South Atlantic Regionals - Qualifying - York, PA

November 14-17 - 2008 Eastern Sectionals - Raleigh, NC

November 21– December 1 - Junior Figure Skating Championships, Salt Lake City, UT

January 20-27 - 2008 US Championships - St. Paul, MN

**SUPPORT YOUR CLUB. SKATE IN THE PEACH OPEN OR
PEACH CLASSIC AND VOLUNTEER A FEW HOURS OF YOUR
TIME!!!!**