

**MAY
2003**

The Blade

2003 End of Year party

The 2003 End of Year party was held at Dixieland Fun Park on April 26.

Awards and Test Certificates were presented, and lots of games were played by all.

Skater of the Year Award

Duluth: Amelia Bradley
SouthLake: Brittany Cook
Town Center: Abigail Morgan

Adult Skater of the Year Award

Duluth: Rob Lichtefeld
Southlake: Nina Palermo
Town Center: Cathy Procaskey

Rookie of the Year Award

Duluth: Tina Washington
Southlake: Amanda Hyde
Town Center: Jessica Fuchs

Sportsmanship Award

Duluth: Holly Faris
Southlake: Ally Hyde
Town Center: Jody Stein

Volunteer Award

Duluth: Fern Hatzenbuhler
SouthLake: Emily Loggins
Town Center: Bill & Kristel Fuchs



Some of the Club Skaters at the End of Year Party



Hailey Rohn is happy to get her Test Certificate

2004 Membership Drives

The 2004 Membership Drives are coming soon! 2004 application packets will be mailed to you. You may register by mail or bring it to a drive.

We'll have parties, skating, food, and prizes for everyone. There will also be drawings for larger prizes. Come on out and have fun with your friends!

If you join the club by June 30th, your name goes into the Early Bird Skater Drawing for a US Figure Skating polar fleece vest.

Membership drive times will be posted at each rink and at www.gafsc.org. Below are the dates:

June 3 – Town Center
June 4 – Southlake
June 6 – Duluth

See you there!



Board of Director Elections

The 2004 Elections for the Board of Directors is final. The following members have been elected to a 2 year term starting May 31, 2003.

Marianne Campbell
Kristel Fuchs
Gloria Lewis
Rob Lichtefeld
Cheryl Rohn

These board members will join the returning board members:

Nancy Anderson
Matt Breneman
Ben Loggins
MaryEllen Minyon
Cathy Procaskey
Linda Saunders
Alicea Smith
Ginger Whatley

Greg Corbitt—Test Co-chair
Lori Faris—Membership Chair

Officer elections will occur at the Board of Directors meeting on May 31.

Georgia Figure Skating Club's email list

Rob Lichtefeld

We have an email list that you can join so that you can receive the most up to date information about the club and skating activities in the area. You will not be spammed on this email list, because the only people that can post to the list are the board members—primarily me as Secretary.

To join the email list, just point your browser to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GaFSC-Members>

From there, you can select Join. If you already have a Yahoo! ID, that is all you need to do. If you don't have a Yahoo!, you will be asked to create one.

We also have a calendar on this email list, where you can see upcoming competitions, and the calendar automatically emails reminders of application due dates

Contest!



Program Ad Sales Contest

One of the integral parts of a competition is a printed program. The program for the Peach Classic and Peach Open will contain ads. We are offering a "commission" for all of our skaters that sell ads to be placed in the program. For every \$100 that a member sells, they will be able to spend \$10 at the T-shirt/sweatshirt vendor that will be setup at the event. The more ads that we sell, the more money the club will make that we can use for our skaters!

Logo Design Contest

The Peach Classic and the Peach Open need logos! The official logo is used on the T-shirts and sweatshirts and is on the cover of the program. Everyone is invited to offer as many designs as they would like. If your design is picked, you will win a free sweatshirt at the T-shirt/sweatshirt vendor. Get your pens, pencils, crayons, and/or computer mouse warmed up and get your designs on paper. Please submit your designs to the Peach Classic/Open committee before June 1.

2003 Magnolia Open Results for Georgia FSC Members

Bronze Ladies FS

1 Ginger Whatley

7 Jean Holcomb

Intermediate Ladies Short Program Group B

6 Amelia Bradley

Intermediate Spins

7 Amelia Bradley

Juvenile Girls FS

6 Amelia Bradley

Pre-Bronze Ladies FS

4 Kristen Bartlett

Pre-Juvenile Girls FS

7 Katherine Stamey

Pre-Juvenile Spins

3 Kristie Chepaitis

5 Katherine Stamey

Preliminary Compulsory Moves - Group A

8 Samantha Searles

Preliminary Compulsory Moves - Group B

3 Kara Barlow

Preliminary Girls FS Group A

5 Kristie Chepaitis

7 Jennifer Gresenz

Preliminary Spins

5 Samantha Searles

12 Kara Barlow

Pre-Preliminary A Girls FS - Group B

2 Tina Washington

3 Lauren Beelen

6 Hailey Rohn

Pre-Preliminary A Girls FS -Group C

5 Brooke Wright

Pre-Preliminary B Girls FS

8 Samantha Searles

Pre-Preliminary Compulsory Moves - Group B

2 Tina Washington

5 Megan D'Ambra

6 Lauren Beelen

8 Nikki Thai

Pre-Preliminary Compulsory Moves - Group C

1 Brooke Wright

Pre-Preliminary Spins

2 Hailey Rohn

4 Tina Washington

7 Nikki Thai

8 Megan D'Ambra

Compulsory Eight

2 Alice Smith

Compulsory Seven Group B

2 Aimee Borovich

Compulsory Six Group B

1 Jessica Fuchs

3 Taylor Garren

No Test FS Group A

1 Jessica Fuchs

5 Taylor Garren

No Test FS Group B

2 Alice Smith



The 2004 United States Figure Skating Championships are coming to Duluth!!

The Local Organizing Committee of the 2004 U. S. Figure Skating Championships has announced that the Atlanta IceForum will be used as an official practice facility for the National Championships.

The 2004 U.S. National Championships will be held January 3-11, 2004. Official venues for the event will be Philips Arena, the Arena at Gwinnett Center and the Atlanta IceForum.

All event tickets are now on sale. Ticket information can be found at www.Atlanta2004.org or by calling 404-586-8580.

Volunteers are needed for the event. If you would like to volunteer, fill out the volunteer application on the 2004 website or contact volunteer coordinator Marci Drost at volunteers2004@mindspring.com.



Atlanta 2004 Media Day

By Aerial Breneman

On the 5th of May at Philips Arena, Sasha Cohen and Timothy Goebel took a day off from their busy Champions on Ice schedule to attend a media day for the upcoming 2004 U.S. Figure Skating Championships. About 20 to 30 people came to see them. The Gwinnett Daily Post, AJC, Channel 2 action News, and Fox 5 News were there as well as other members of the media. Sasha and Timothy both did spins for the crowd and watched while some AFSC members, with hopes of competing in Nationals, skated for them.

Many people who attended were able to ask questions of Sasha and Timothy. Afterwards, Sasha and Timothy cut a cake that was provided for all of us. The cake was decorated with a picture of Sasha and Timothy. It was a very good cake and was enjoyed by all. Later, we all got autographs from both Sasha and Timothy and posed for a big group picture.

Media Day was really fun and Sasha and Timothy were very nice. They are very big hearted to come and spend time with promising skaters and help promote Nationals. I hope they had a great time in Georgia and in their show at Champions on Ice in Atlanta. They are nice people and they have great talent.

2003 Governing Council

By Rob Lichtefeld

Each year delegates from each USFSA club meet to decide rule changes, elect officers, and oversee the running of the USFSA. This year the meeting was in Norfolk, VA from May 8-10.

Since our club had 457 members as of June 30, 2002, we were entitled to seven delegates. The board decided the following people would be our delegates this year: Alicea Smith, Ben Loggins, Rob Lichtefeld, Ginger Whatley, Greg Corbitt, Lori Faris and Gloria Lewis. Gloria could not travel to the meeting so her vote was cast as a proxy.

The most far reaching of the items decided this year is the creation of 3 new regions and one new section. Starting with the 2005-2006 skating year, there will be 12 regions and 4 sections. The Georgia Figure Skating Club will be in the new Mideast Section. You can see the new region and section groupings in the table to the right. The regions have not been named at this time and are just known by their numbers. The reason for making this change is to make it more equitable for skaters from the larger regions and sections to make it on to the next level. Since the South Atlantic Region usually held the largest regionals, this should help our skaters get to Sectionals and Nationals.

Also, approved is the new logo for the USFSA. It is shown to the right. You will start seeing this logo on all things related to the USFSA.

The election of the officers was a little bit different than normal. This year, for the first time in 20 years, there were nominations from the floor. Todd Eldredge's name was nominated for Midwest Vice-President. Usually, the



New Logo for the USFSA

New Regions and Sections as of 2005

East Section

Region 1

Massachusetts
Maine
New Hampshire
Rhode Island
Vermont

Region 2

Connecticut
New York

Region 3

Delaware
New Jersey
Pennsylvania

Mideast Section

Region 4

District of Columbia
Florida
Georgia
Maryland
North Carolina
South Carolina
Virginia

Region 5

Michigan

Region 6

Alabama
Indiana
Kentucky
Mississippi
Ohio
Tennessee
West Virginia

Midwest Section

Region 7

Iowa
Minnesota
North Dakota
Nebraska
South Dakota
Wisconsin

Region 8

Illinois
Kansas
Missouri

Region 9

Arkansas
Louisiana
Oklahoma
Texas

West Section

Region 10

Arizona
Colorado
New Mexico
Nevada
Utah
Wyoming

Region 11

Alaska
Northern California
Hawaii
Idaho
Montana
Oregon
Washington

Region 12

Southern California

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Nominating Committee proposes a slate of candidates, that the delegates just approve. This year, the over 600 delegates had to leave the room, obtain paper ballots, vote in the election and then wait for over an hour for a CPA to count and verify the votes. Todd did not win, but it was pretty close.

Much time was spent discussing the World Skating Federation and how the USFSA should take on the ISU's governance. Several motions were made addressing the ISU. The following was the only one to pass:

“The USFSA states its commitment to honesty, integrity and openness to the sport of figure skating, together with provisions for full participation, including a vote, of athletes and coaches in the governance of the sport at all levels, including the technical committees and the council. We direct the Executive Committee and Executive Director to take this message to the ISU Restructuring Commission.”

New Judges needed

Ginger Whatley

Have you ever watched a competition and felt that you would be a great judge? The USFSA is actively recruiting new judges. Anyone over the age of 16 can begin trial judging. Parents and adult skaters are especially welcome. If you are interested in becoming a skating judge, please contact Gloria Lewis or Ginger Whatley.

Also, check out the February issue of Skating Magazine for more information on becoming a USFSA judge.

GaFSC ranks 12th in the nation!

By Lori Faris

USFSA membership has steadily increased throughout the past 15 years. Currently, the USFSA has more than 165,000 registered members.*

More than 600 clubs and 800 Chevy/U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills programs with representation from border-to-border are registered with the USFSA.*

The 2003 Governing Council Member Club Cumulative Report ranks **OUR CLUB** as the 12th largest club in the USFSA.

Below are the top 18 clubs in membership:

1. DuPage Figure Skating Club
2. Washington Figure Skating Club
3. Skating Club of New York
4. All Year Figure Skating Club
5. Detroit Figure Skating Club
6. Lone Star Figure Skating Club
7. Dallas Figure Skating Club
8. Philadelphia Skating Club
9. Broadmoor Skating Club
10. Los Angeles Figure Skating Club
11. Seattle Skating Club
- 12. GEORGIA FIGURE SKATING CLUB**
13. North Shore Figure Skating Club
14. Skating Club of Boston
15. Atlanta Figure Skating Club
16. Peninsula Skating Club
17. Colonial Figure Skating Club
18. Warwick Figure Skating

*Statistics were taken from the USFSA Fact Sheet located at www.usfsa.org.

Georgia Figure Skating Club Test Results

March 2, 2003

Ann Bartone	Pre-Juvenile FS
Janice Battersby	Adult Bronze MIF
Anthony Blevins	Adult Pre-Bronze MIF
Amelia Bradley	Intermediate MIF
Michelle Dennard	Pre-Preliminary MIF
Marcela Gedzikova	Pre-Preliminary MIF
Marcela Gedzikova	Pre-Preliminary FS
Jennifer Gresenz	Preliminary FS
Andrea Ivan	Juvenile MIF
Andrea Ivan	Pre-Juvenile FS
Kaysi Kitsell	Junior MIF
Abigail Morgan	Intermediate MIF
Kayla Ridgely	Juvenile MIF
Kayla Ridgely	Pre-Juvenile FS
Isabella Rodriguez	Juvenile MIF
Hailey Rohn	Pre-Preliminary FS
Laura Sims	Novice MIF
Brittany Steen	Preliminary MIF
Brittany Steen	Pre-Preliminary FS
Kathryn Zehr	Preliminary MIF

March 30, 2003

Kristen Bartlett	Adult Pre-Bronze MIF
Rose Boothe	Juvenile FS
Naomi Bradley	Preliminary MIF
Naomi Bradley	Preliminary FS
Aerial Breneman	Pre-Juvenile MIF
Marcela Gedzikova	Preliminary MIF
Marcela Gedzikova	Preliminary FS
Amanda Hyde	Pre-Preliminary FS
Kaysi Kitsell	Novice FS
Brad Martin	Pre-Juvenile MIF
Ricardo Pena	Intermediate MIF
Hailey Rohn	Pre-Juvenile MIF
Mindy Shoppe	Intermediate FS

April 25, 2003

Katie Walter	Swing Dance
Katie Walter	Cha Cha

May 4, 2003

Kristen Bartlett	Adult Pre-Bronze FS
Aerial Breneman	Preliminary FS
Ashley Cerone	Senior MIF

Tatum Corley	Pre-Juvenile MIF
Karissa Fitzgerald	Intermediate FS
Marcela Gedzikova	Pre-Juvenile MIF
Felicia Gerlach	Pre-Preliminary MIF
Felicia Gerlach	Pre-Preliminary FS
Gloria Lewis	Canasta Tango
Danielle Logano	Rocker Foxtrot
Nikki Thai	Preliminary MIF

Upcoming Test Dates

Test Date	Location
June 1, 2003	Southlake
June 29, 2003	Town Center
August 3, 2003	Duluth
August 10, 2003	Town Center

Test dates and locations are subject to change. Please verify all test dates and times with your coach and on the GaFSC website: www.gafsc.org.



By: Amelia Bradley

Champions on Ice was phenomenal, all of the lights and all of the people! I attended the performance on the night of May 6.

Each year, the show becomes even more creative. None of the skaters were under pressure, so they could just skate with feeling!

Sitting there sometimes I would imagine how the entire audience loves these skaters and hear all of the enjoyment in their voices and in the applause. When you look at these champions, you can just feel that they are truly special! Sasha, Timothy, Michelle, Irina, Shae-Lynn and Victor, Naomi and Peter, Tanith and Ben, Tatiana and Maxim, Evgeny, Michael, Rudy and Nicole, you were all spectacular! See you next season!

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