

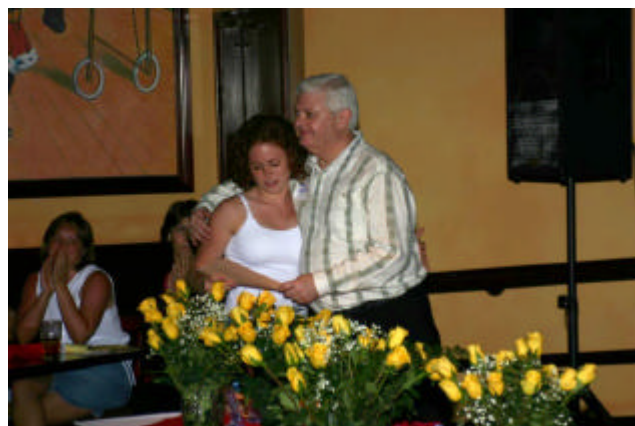
May
2004

The Blade



Year End Party and Awards:

The Year End Party was held at Jillian's on April 24. Club Awards were presented, test certificates were awarded and Aren Nielsen's band "Sucker Punch" played. We all had a great time.



Year End Awards	Duluth	Southlake	Town Center
Skater of the Year	Krystal Ostrowski	Brooke Wright	Brandi Royer
Adult Skater of the Year	Maryann Surratt	Nina Palermo	Kristen Bartlett
Sportsmanship Award	Vania Smith	Jessica Richardson	Hannah Jones
Rookie of the Year	Mintis Hankerson	Ella Ondik	Trish Pirkle
Volunteer of the Year	Jill & Matt Breneman	Debbie Richardson	Marianne Campbell

Club Jackets and Merchandise

The club now has new jackets available with the new logo. You can download the order form and see photos of the jackets on the club's website:

<http://www.gafsc.org>

The youth jackets are only \$25.00 including a large embroidered logo on the back and the skater's name on the front.

We also have jackets available for adults and larger youths. These can have either a logo on the back or the front.

There are also blankets and gym bags with the new logo.

Membership Drives

The GaFSC membership drives have been moved back to late May or early June depending on ice availability. A calling-post phone message will be sent and watch for flyers at the rink!

We'll have the Peach Skatfest exhibitions and club pictures taken during the drives. There will be prizes for everyone! Come join in the fun!

GaFSC also welcomes new member, Lauren Wright, from Town Center.

Peach Contests!



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 members 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 from 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.



Club Skate Times:

Atlanta IceForum (Duluth)	Fridays 5:50-6:30pm
IceForum at Town Center	Tuesdays 5:20-6:00pm
IceAtlanta (Southlake)	Currently closed

Happy Birthday Members

May

3 Brandilyn Cook
 7 Jennifer Thornton
 James Thornton
 8 Nancy Anderson
 Nina Palermo
 10 Jeannette Doney
 12 Tina Dillard
 Jordan Silas
 14 Amanda Kriegel
 15 Amanda Hyde
 16 David Sheldon
 17 Lori Edwards
 18 Gary Beelen
 19 Megan Floyd
 22 Savanna Gary
 Elizabeth Hampton
 Jade Kohser
 Elizabeth Taylor
 29 Ally Hyde
 30 Debbie Patterson

June

1 Donald Denning
 Marcia Skinner-Williams
 4 Tatiana Kozmava
 Kathy Shoppe
 9 Suzanne Sauer
 11 Jerry Chepaitis
 Betty Ann Lichtefeld
 14 Michelle Bafford
 Marcela Gedzikova
 Jeff Steen
 16 Vania Smith
 17 Kristin Brooks
 Scott Gerlach
 18 Lynn Floyd
 21 Kathryn Zehr
 22 Haiyang Guo
 Carolyn Schwab
 Malika White
 23 Lalith Gunadeva
 25 Ann Bartone
 Anthony Blevins
 26 Mitsy Stein
 30 Tomas Rodriguez

Governing Council

Greg Corbitt, Ben Loggins, and Ginger Whatley will be delegates representing our club in San Diego at the USFS Governing Council May 7-9, 2004.

Alicea Smith, Matt Breneman, and Gloria Lewis could not attend, so their votes will be by proxy.

Governing Council is where all the rules and actions for USFS are decided. The delegates sit in a large ballroom for two days, deciding the direction and focus of USFS.

The delegates also attend seminars that help them make our club better and stronger.

Would you like to be the newsletter editor/producer?

We are looking for someone to help put together the newsletter. If you are interested please contact:

Rob Lichtefeld at
 rlichtefeld@yahoo.com or 770-513-2117.

Look at it this way: almost anyone can do a better job than I do.

Congratulations to these skaters who passed tests April 4, 2004

Naomi Bradley	Juvenile FS
Kristina Chepaitis	Juvenile FS
Hannah Cobb	Preliminary FS
Andrea Dorsey	Pre-Preliminary FS
Andrea Dorsey	Pre-Preliminary MIF
Alison Hyde	Dutch Waltz
Alison Hyde	Canasta Tango
Alison Hyde	Rhythm Blues
Rachel Lipsett	Pre-Preliminary FS
Rachel Lipsett	Pre-Preliminary MIF
Samantha Reese	Intermediate MIF
Amenda Sali	Preliminary MIF
Alyssa Thrower	Novice MIF

Upcoming Test Dates

Test Date	Location
May 2nd, 2004	Town Center
June 6th, 2004	Duluth
July 11th, 2004	Town Center
August 1st, 2004	Duluth
August 8th, 2004	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.

International Assignment:

Rob Lichtefeld will be skating at the Vana Tallinn Trophy in Tallinn, Estonia on May 22. This is the first year for this all-adult event.

He will also be skating at the Mountain Cup in Villard de Lans, France from May 27-29. This is the largest international all-adult event.

Hopefully, he can redeem himself from his 13th place finish at Adult Nationals



2004 US Adult Figure Skating Championships

By Rob Lichtefeld

Adult Nationals were held in Lake Placid, NY from April 14-17. It was a huge event with over 600 competitors. Events were skated at the Lake Placid Olympic Regional Development Authority on the 1980 and 1932 rinks with practices held on the USA rink.

The following club members attended:

Ginger Whatley (Bronze I) placed 4th in her qualifying round, and then 12th in her final round for her freeskate.

Maryann Surratt (Bronze III) placed 10th in her qualifying round for her freeskate. She also placed 14th in Ladies Interpretive III Group B.

Rob Lichtefeld (Silver II) placed 13th (with one 3rd place ordinal) in his freeskate.

Helen Ross coached all three of us.

The highlights were:

- Seeing the first triple-Lutz landed at AN by Eric Schroyer.
- The local cable system broadcast the events from the 1980 rink to the whole town.
- The Competitor's Party with the beach balls, air guitars, Ruby Shooz, hula-hoops, and the other "unmentionables".
- Dancing till early morning at Roomer's
- Adult Skating Committee Chair Maggie Harding giving leis to competitors after they skated
- Having to "clear the ice" of all the goodies that were thrown after my freeskate. Adults are very supportive of each other
- Going to the top of the Ski Jump
- Watching "The Cutting Edge" the night before I skated