



GaFSC PROUDLY REVEALS OUR FIRST **GOLD** LEVEL JUDGE!

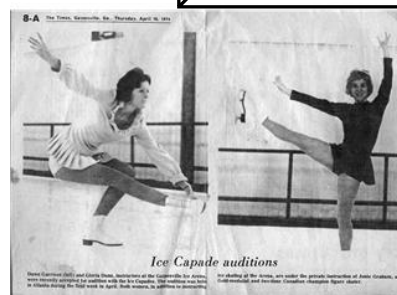
Congratulations go out to Gloria Lewis, our very first **GOLD** level judge. Gloria has been a member of The Board of Directors for Georgia Figure Skating Club for a number of years. She serves as Dance Test Chair and has offered her insights on many issues brought before the club.

Becoming a judge is very hard work and very time consuming. Trial judging can take numerous years to complete, especially when you are working full time. All expenses are paid by the trial judges themselves. Each trial judge is required to judge a certain amount of tests and competitions at each level. Here in the south, tests are not always easy to come by. On occasion, a future judge would have to purchase an airline ticket to fly up north or out west to find Senior level tests. Many times, they pay to fly across the country just to be able to judge one test lasting a total of 5 minutes.

Gloria has always believed that the skaters make the club and we need to do all we can to support each and every skater. We thank you for your hard work and dedication, Gloria, and are proud to call you our own!



Gloria began skating at age 8. She worked with several skating greats including Carlo Fassi. She also auditioned for Ice Capades and skated competitively as an adult.





Hi fellow skaters, parents, and coaches:



My name is Kristen Wilson and I am a coach at the Ice Forum in Kennesaw. I came to teach at the Ice Forum a year ago from upstate New York, and have enjoyed my time here in Georgia ever since! I started skating when I was nine years old in Green Bay, Wisconsin with some help from my Mom who is a former Canadian ice skater. I have enjoyed my skating journey through its ups and downs and unforgettable moments. Some of my personal favorite moments in skating were, when I landed a triple salchow in warm up for my Junior long program, when my synchronized skating team won the Bronze medal at the Eastern Sectional Championships, and when I passed my last gold

dance test the day before I moved to Georgia. I have three United States Figure Skating gold medals in Moves in the Field, Ice Dancing, Freestyle, and one International ice dance test. I have attended the PSA training camps in Georgia during the past two years and have earned my Basic Accreditation Exam. I have fabulous friends at and away from the rink, and I get an energizing and uplifting feeling when I walk into the rink that fires me up to help teach and encourage my students. I currently teach group and private lessons with students ranging from four years to fourteen years of age, and with tests ranging from snowplow Sam to juvenile. I am very grateful to be where I am in life teaching figure skating and attending Kennesaw State University full-time, majoring in Sports Management. I look forward to many happy and exciting years expanding and developing quality figure skaters in Georgia!

2008 U.S. NATIONALS



Competition was fierce at the 2008 U.S. Nationals which were held in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Congratulations to Georgia Figure Skating Club member Alexander Zahradnicek for placing 2nd in the Novice Men's short program, 6th in the Novice Men's Long Program and 4th overall. Alex received the pewter medal in his event. A photo of Alex on the podium can be found at

http://web.icenetwork.com/gen/photogallery/year_2008/month_01/day_22/cf41480.html

CONGRATULATIONS ALEX!

UPCOMING TEST SESSIONS

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming test sessions:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Arena</u>	<u>Applications Due</u>
February 3	Duluth	January 17
March 8 (Right after this test session, we will be hosting Magnolia Open exhibitions)	Town Center	February 21
May 11	Duluth	April 24

REMEMBER: Pre-Preliminary and Preliminary tests can be done during Freestyle sessions. Please contact Ginger Whatley or Gloria Lewis to schedule a test.

GO-2-ZERO X-H-ZERO O-2-PI NO-2-PI



Georgia Figure Skating Club members from the Town Center IceForum teamed up with the Cobb County Department of Family Services to help bring light to the Christmas' of foster children. A collection bin was set up at the rink and skaters, parents, and even the public donated to the cause. With a special donation from the Board of Georgia Figure Skating



Club, over \$300 was raised. Four requests for gifts were filled, including 2 bikes and 2 gift cards. 20 stockings were loaded with candy, toys, books, pencils, pens, and special letters written by our skaters. When the items were taken to the Department, Raneka Anderson, Volunteer Service Coordinator was overwhelmed with the generosity and the uniqueness of our skaters.



To celebrate our success and enjoy each other's company during the holidays, the skaters and parents from Town Center joined together for a Christmas party which was held at the home of Connie Costner. Her daughter Katie is a skater in Kennesaw. Skaters as well as parents enjoyed Air Hockey, Pool, Guitar Hero, Wii, Dance Dance Revolution, a gift exchange, and lots of good food; but more important, was the chance to celebrate our blessings with close friends and fellow skaters. Look forward to the next pages to see pictures from the party and what some children and adults had to say about the day. We look forward to teaming up with the Department of Family Services again to offer a day of skating to foster children.



Top Right - Skaters proudly display two bikes that were given to foster care.

Top Left - One of the touching letters written to a foster child.

Middle Right - Skaters display the stockings they filled.

Bottom Left - Skaters work at the letter writing station.

TOWN CENTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

To celebrate the holidays, members of the Georgia Figure Skating Club at the Town Center Rink got together to share laughter, stories, gifts, food, and good times. After completing the foster children work, the kids, and parents settled in for a day of fun. Following are some pictures and some thoughts on the party. I think the party was summed up when **Lindsay and Catherine Squirewell** said “We need to do this more! When can we do it again?!”



Lindsey, Catherine, Coleen, Courtney, Katie and Rebekah.



Jessica and Coleen take on Guitar Hero as friends watch and wait for a chance to play!

Mia Mantooh - The best part of our Christmas get together was making stockings because I know they are going to deserving children!



Kovi and Malika enjoy playing with the Wii!!



Catherine and Rebecca play air hockey instead of ice hockey!

Dawn Kisella - My favorite part of the Christmas get together was the fact that we all came together for a worthy cause (to help the foster kids) and the fact that the girls and guys did have fun together as a "group" instead of a bunch of "groups". It was truly a successful party. I would like to thank the Costner's for opening their home for such a wonderful time.

Mackenzie Matthews - My favorite part of our Christmas get together was seeing all my skate buddies, because I miss them, & don't get a chance to see them very often, so it was great to catch up & have some off-ice fun!

Molly Matthews- Ditto . . . My favorite part of our Christmas get together was hanging out with all our skate pals, because, as Mac said; we don't get a chance to visit with them that often, so it was really nice to be able to chat, & share a few laughs! :~)



MacKenzie Kisella - My favorite part of the Christmas get together was "making the Christmas cards for the kids because I want them to have a nice Christmas."

**Left - The tree with all the grab bag gifts.
Right - Tori shows us her moves while Amanda, Mackenzie and Lindsey wait patiently for their turn.**



Left - Mackenzi and Analiese take a break from skating and try their hand at pool.

Bottom Left - The skaters listen intently to the game plan for passing out grab bag gifts.



Top Right - It is adult vs. child in the Guitar Hero Showdown.



Bottom Right - Katie, Mia, Julie and Hailey enjoy the great treats!



Christmas Party Finale



The skaters open gifts and enjoy what they received.



Many thanks to parents on committees who helped make it all run smoothly: Kristel, Emily Christine, Cynthia, Connie, and Molly. Not pictured - Becky Postic

Now that the holidays are over, we are settling back into normal routines. But none of us will soon forget the fun, friendship, and blessings that we all shared that day. Finally, many thanks to everyone who took pictures, especially Christian Schambach who spent the majority of the time with camera in hand. These photos are only a small portion of what he captured that day!



Holiday Shows



Top Left - Competitive skaters from Town Center skate to music from the Nutcracker.
Top Middle - Town Center Skaters practice against the backdrop and under the beautiful lights.
Top Right - Santa watches to make sure everyone leaves the ice safely.
Bottom Left - JeAnna Badenell and Christian Schambach from Town Center strike a pose during the adult number.
Bottom Right - Skaters from Duluth impersonate Santa's Reindeer.





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GEORGIA FIGURE SKATING CLUB
TEST RESULTS
Congratulations to members who have
passed tests recently!
GREAT JOB!

Maya Neel	Pre Preliminary Moves in the Field	8/22/2007
Julia Silva	Pre Preliminary Free Skating	8/22/2007
Jennifer Allgood	Adult Pre Bronze Moves in the Field	10/27/2007
Jennifer Allgood	Adult Pre Bronze Free Skating	10/27/2007
Emily Haar	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	11/1/2007
Hailey Hannigan	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	11/1/2007
Hailey Hannigan	Pre Preliminary Free Skating	11/1/2007
Mia Mantooth	Preliminary Moves In The Field	11/1/2007
Megan Nikin	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	11/1/2007
Lauren Angelucci	Pre Juvenile Moves In The Field	11/6/2007
Jasmine Chen	Preliminary Free Skating	11/6/2007
Courtney Kloor	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	11/6/2007
Kaysi Mitchell	Pre Juvenile Moves In The Field	11/6/2007
Emy Palermo	Pre Juvenile Moves In The Field	11/6/2007
Yena Park	Intermediate Moves In The Field	11/6/2007
Madison Thomas	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	11/6/2007
Amanda Bowen	Pre Juvenile Moves In The Field	11/9/2007
Jessica Fuchs	Junior Moves In The Field	11/9/2007
Catherine Squirewell	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	11/9/2007
Catherine Squirewell	Pre Preliminary Free Skating	11/9/2007
Victoria Williams	Preliminary Moves In The Field	11/9/2007