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The Blade

Peach Classic and Peach Open News!



Winning Logo Design

The contest for the designing the medal/logo for the 2003 Peach Open was won by the team of Holly and Lori Faris! The medal will be cast in colored metals with enamel inserts. We are currently working with the medal manufacturer for the final details. We will also be using this logo this year on the T-shirts and sweatshirts. The exact colors for the shirts will be a surprise at the event!

If your design didn't get chosen this year for the logo, try again next year.

Each year we will have a contest where our skaters get to design the T-shirt artwork. So, start thinking now what you want the shirts to look like next year.

Reminder:

Application deadline for Peach Classic and Peach Open is July 21. Announcements are online at <http://www.gafsc.org>

Volunteers

Since we are adding the Peach Open event this year, it will increase the need for volunteers. We are asking that you find a way to give your time to help with this worthwhile event.

We will need volunteers for the following areas: Hospitality, Ice Monitors, Registration, Music, Media Relations, Setup, Tear-Down, Practice Ice, and Judge's Transportation. We cannot put on these two events without your help.

Nancy Anderson is handling the volunteer assignments this year. Please contact her with your availability this coming Labor Day weekend. Her phone number is 770-978-7138, and her email is: nanston1@bellsouth.net

Program Ad Sales Contest

Sell Ads—Get Stuff!

We still have another contest available to our members. The programs 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 programs.

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!

Contact your rink VP for the forms to sell the ads.

2004 Membership Drives

Our 2004 Membership Drives were held during the first week of June. Skaters and families experienced the fun, games, food, Luau party, Peach Skate Fest, and drawings for prizes! Prizes were also given to each skater who participated.

The 2003 skating year ends on June 30, 2003. The 2004 skating year begins July 1, 2003 and ends June 30, 2004.



Board of Director Officer Elections

At the May 31 Board of Directors meeting, the following directors were elected as Club Officers. They will serve a one year term.



Alicea Smith—President
Nancy Anderson—Vice President
Marianne Campbell—VP Town Center
Ben Loggins—VP Southlake
Rob Lichtefeld—Secretary
Ben Loggins—Treasurer

NEW Basic Skills / Bridge Membership Category

by Lori Faris, Membership Chair

This year the GaFSC has created a new membership category for Basic Skills skaters. These young skaters are enrolled in the Chevy/U.S. Figure Skating Program at each rink.



Remember how you felt just starting out? We had so many questions to ask! These young skaters and their families also have questions that we veteran members can answer.

Now they can be a part of the Club at a minimal cost and still be enrolled in the Basic Skills program.

Information about the membership categories is at each rink and at www.gafsc.org.

Spread the word! Let's encourage those future skaters and give them support!

2004 Nationals Volunteer Update

By Ginger Whatley

The minimum age requirement for volunteers for the 2004 U.S. National Championships is now 18. The previous age was 21.

The Local Organizing committee is actively recruiting volunteers for the event. Over 800 volunteers will be needed for the event. Volunteers do not need to have a skating background. If you are interested in volunteering for Nationals, you can fill out a volunteer form online at www.Atlanta2004.org.

If you have any questions on volunteering for Nationals, contact the volunteer chair Marci Drost at volunteers2004@mindspring.com.

Greg Corbitt is in charge of Operations at the 2004 Nationals and he is looking for a few good volunteers. He is looking for the following:

Venue Manager—Gwinnett Arena
Venue Manager—Duluth IceForum

The volunteers would be responsible for the “behind the scenes” running of the activities that

support the judges and skaters.

If you are interested, please contact him at corbitt1@bellsouth.net or contact Rob Lichtefeld (Venue Manager for Philips Arena) at rlichtefeld@yahoo.com

Sweeper / Presenter Update

by Greg Corbitt

The final details of the selection of Sweepers and Presenters is currently underway. The applications will be out in early July.

There will be tryouts during Labor Day weekend at the Duluth IceForum. The tryouts will be open to all USFSA members.

- Sweepers must be between the ages of 7 and 13, by January 1, 2004 and have passed the Preliminary MIF test.
- Presenters must be 13 to 18 years old, by January 1, 2004, and have passed the Juvenile MIF test.

For more information, check out the Atlanta 2004 website on or around the July 1:
www.Atlanta2004.org



Members...Did you know?

You may purchase USFSA patches and pins for each USFSA test level that your skater passes.

- 1) Go to www.usfsa.org,
- 2) Click on the “Online Store” link,
- 3) Choose the “USFSA Support Materials” link to download the patches, pins, and medals price list.

Enjoy!



Have You Ever Considered Trial Judging?

By Gloria Lewis

Yes, but it takes too much time. You're right, it does take time, money and effort but most things in life do. I think if you're devoted to the sport (you must be if you're reading this!) you'll find trialing to be personally fulfilling and even FUN!

Here are some things that I think you might find beneficial if you decide to trial judge. Talk to your test chair. The test chair is responsible for registering you as a trial judge which will let the USFSA know that you want to participate in the program and are a member in good standing. You will receive a trial-judging packet, which includes valuable information. The USFSA website, www.usfsa.org, also is a source for things you need to know.

Be very familiar with the rulebook and requirements for all tests that are in the levels you will need to trial to get your appointment. Each year judges are required to take an exam, which covers various areas of the rulebook so knowing the rules, or where to locate a specific rule is vital.



You may want to attend a test session and observe before you trial. Judging is a different perspective even if you're a skater or a parent of a skater. Once you've decided to begin trialing, remember that you must call the test chair of the club and ask permission to trial. You can't just "show up" at a test session. You will need to bring your own trial papers, clipboard, and stamped envelopes for your copies and your monitor's. After trialing, you will have the judge-in-charge sign your papers. This is your responsibility and your papers will not count unless they are signed.

Still interested? Feel free to talk to Ginger Whatley or myself and we'll be happy to answer your questions or share any experiences that we've had on the road to our first appointment.

Gloria Lewis	678-442-8692
Ginger Whatley	404-352-5447

Bobby Shire - "The Spin Doctor"

Group Clinics & Private Lessons - August 5-7, 2003

The Georgia Figure Skating Club is bringing Bobby Shire into town so that she can help our skaters with their spins. Bobbie is a World and Olympic spin coach. She has been coaching for over 30 years. She holds PSA Master Ratings in both figures and freestyle. She has presented at numerous USFSA and PSA conferences and Training Camps throughout the country.

The spin clinics will be ½ hour group lessons with a maximum of 20 skaters per session. 20-minute Private lessons will also be available from Bobby Shire. The cost of the clinic is \$15 for GaFSC members and \$45 for non-members. The cost for a 20-minute private lesson is \$25 plus freestyle ice fees for club members, \$75 for non-members.

Sign up forms will be available at the rinks. If you have any question please call Cheryl Rohn (678) 493-0789 or Alicea Smith (770)554-2106.

 Skater Profile

Krystal Ostrowski, age 17.

When did you start skating?

I started roller skating at age two and ice skating at age twelve.

Why did you start skating?

I saw Oksana Bauil win the Olympics and that made me want to compete in ice skating

What are your goals?

My goals in earlier years were to skate like Oksana. I didn't care about the Olympics, but thought it would be cool to go. My goals right now are getting in to Emory, and then becoming a Marine. My last goal is to pass my Senior Freestyle Test. I don't wish to compete until I have clean triples.

What is your favorite part of skating?

My favorite part about skating is the freedom you get when being out on the ice. The other favorite is achieving all that I have. In only 5 years, I am a Senior level skater.

What do you do to keep motivated?

Motivation comes with self-esteem. You cannot worry about other skaters, whether they are better than you are or not. That is why I am a Senior level skater now. One of my motivations is having skaters on the ice who are doing better than I am. I want to skate hard. Another motivation is to feel like you have accomplished something when you get off. The last one has to be people who encouraged me over the years: Greg Bonin, my coach in Louisiana; Barbara Wagner; my parents; and many others.

Many ups and downs outside of skating attacked the way I skated. You cannot let things outside of skating hurt your skating. It is hard have a boyfriend in

the Marines; he is never here. My Dad has cancer, and I have college to worry about. Everyone has ups and downs, and they must learn to take the good with many bad.

What was your favorite test?

My favorite test was Senior Moves. I was more determined to pass that test than any other

What was the hardest test?

Obviously, Senior Free is the hardest for me. Not because I "can't" do it, but I have to deal with a lot while trying to take it.

What is your advice to younger skaters?

My advice to younger skaters is that if I can make it, you can. Never stop trying. Don't quit when you are so close.

What is your favorite dress?

My Mom has made 99% of my costumes because we could never afford to buy dresses. My only dress I like that isn't from my Mom is my Senior Free test dress. It is classy black with an Elizabethan collar. That dress just fits me perfectly.



Skating has been my discipline in and out of sports since I was two. There is no other sport like it, and I will always have it.

Are you going to stay with skating?

Right now, I am a coach. I teach both group and private lessons. I put programs together. If I could choreograph in the future, I would love it.

What is your favorite element?

My favorite elements are spins, obviously. I even have made up my own stuff. I am definitely a spinner.

2003 Atlanta Open Results for Georgia FSC Members Congratulations Skaters!

Intermediate Ladies, Group E - Final Standings 10 Amelia Bradley	No Test CM, Group A - Final Standings 6 Rivka Emory	Pre-Juvenile CM, Group B - Final Standings 2 Abigail Morgan
Pre-Juvenile Girls, Group C - Final Standings 7 Abigail Morgan	No Test CM, Group C - Final Standings 3 Hannah Cobb	Pre-Preliminary A Girls, Group A - Final Standings 5 Jennie Chun
Pre-Juvenile Girls, Group D - Final Standings 5 Katherine Stamey	Pre-Juvenile Spins, Group A - Final Standings 3 Abigail Morgan 4 Jennifer Gresenz	Pre-Preliminary A Girls, Group C - Final Standings 4 Lauren Beelen
(FCS) Juvenile Girls, Group C - Final Standings 3 Amelia Bradley] Pre-Juvenile Spins, Group B - Final Standings 2-TIE Katherine Stamey 2-TIE Kristie Chepaitis	Preliminary CM, Group B - Final Standings 2 Brooke Wright
Juvenile Girls Final - Final Standings 8 Amelia Bradley] Preliminary Spins, Group C - Final Standings 4 Naomi Bradley 7 Hailey Rohn	No Test Spins, Group B - Final Standings 2 Hannah Cobb
Adult Pre-Bronze - Final Standings 4 Anthony Blevins 5 Kristen Bartlett	Pre-Preliminary Spins, Group A - Final Standings 4 Tina Washington	Pre-Preliminary A Girls, Group D - Final Standings 1 Tina Washington 2 Hailey Rohn
Adult Bronze - Final Standings 2 Ginger Whatley 6 Cathy Procaskey	Pre-Juvenile Jumps, Group B - Final Standings 8 Katherine Stamey 10 Abigail Morgan	Pre-Preliminary B Boys - Final Standings 1 Brad Martin
Adult Gold - Final Standings 2 Jennifer Silas	Preliminary Jumps, Group A - Final Standings 4 Amenda Sali 8 Brooke Wright	Pre-Preliminary B Girls, Group A - Final Standings 4 Brooke Wright
Pre-Preliminary CM, Group A - Final Standings 4 Lauren Arnone	Pre-Preliminary Jumps, Group B - Final Standings 1 Tina Washington 4 Lauren Beelen 5 Brad Martin 8 Hailey Rohn	Pre-Preliminary B Girls, Group B - Final Standings 6 Amenda Sali
Pre-Preliminary CM, Group B - Final Standings 10 Lauren Beelen	Preliminary Jumps, Group B - Final Standings 4 Naomi Bradley	Adult Bronze CM - Final Standings 3 Cathy Procaskey
Pre-Preliminary Boys CM - Final Standings 1 Brad Martin	Pre-Preliminary Boys Spins - Final Standings 1 Brad Martin	Adult Pre-Bronze CM - Final Standings 2 Kristen Bartlett 3 Anthony Blevins
Pre-Preliminary CM, Group C - Final Standings 2 Felicia Gerlach 3 Tina Washington 5 Hailey Rohn 7 Jessica Fuchs		No Test A Girls, Group A - Final Standings 4 Rivka Emory

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Preliminary Girls,

Group B - Final Standings

5 Ariel Breneman

No Test B Girls,

Group A - Final Standings

5 Lauren Arnone

No Test B Girls,

Group B - Final Standings

3 Felicia Gerlach

Preliminary Girls,

Group C - Final Standings

3 Jennifer Gresenz

5 Heather Hatzenbuhler

Preliminary Girls,

Group D - Final Standings

2 Kristie Chepaitis

Preliminary Girls,

Group E - Final Standings

3 Naomi Bradley

No Test B Girls,

Group C - Final Standings

1 Nikki Thai

4 Jessica Fuchs

7 Hannah Cobb

Adult Gold Spins - Final Standings

3 Jennifer Silas

Adult Pre-Bronze/Bronze Spins

- Final Standings

1 Kristen Bartlett

3 Anthony Blevins

Adult Gold Jumps - Final Standings

2 Jennifer Silas

Adult Pre-Bronze Jumps

- Final Standings

2 Anthony Blevins

3 Kristen Bartlett

Adult Bronze Jumps - Final Standings

1 Cathy Procaskey

Georgia Figure Skating Club Test Results

June 28th

Stephanie McDonald	Adult Pre-Bronze Moves in the Field
Stephanie McDonald	Adult Pre-Bronze Freeskate
Ginger Whatley	Juvenile Moves in the Field
Naomi Bradley	Pre-Juvenile Moves in the Field
Kristina Jenkins	Pre-Juvenile Moves in the Field
Marcela Gedzikova	Juvenile Moves in the Field
Marcela Gedzikova	Pre-Juvenile Freeskate
Alicia Caldwell	Intermediate Moves in the Field
Isabella Rodriguez	Pre-Juvenile Freeskate

June 29th

Lauren Arnone	Pre-Preliminary Moves in the Field
Lauren Arnone	Pre-Preliminary Freeskate
Brooke Wright	Preliminary Moves in the Field
Felicia Gerlach	Preliminary Moves in the Field
Danielle Emby	Pre-Juvenile Moves in the Field
Danielle Emby	Preliminary Freeskate
Janice Battersby	Adult Silver Moves in the Field
Taylor Corley	Novice Moves in the Field
Michelle Dennard	Pre-Preliminary Freeskate
Anthony Blevins	Adult Bronze Freeskate
Brittany Steen	Preliminary Freeskate



Upcoming Test Dates

Test Date	Location
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.

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