

March  
2005

# The Blade



## Board of Director Nominations

Each year the membership of the club elects members to represent them on the Board of Directors. This year there are seven positions that need to be filled.

Each elected board member serves a two year term. Board meetings are held approximately every month, usually the Saturday before the month's test session.

While I'm sure many of the current board members whose terms are up will be seeking re-election, we urge all interested members to consider running for the board.

### WE NEED YOU AND YOUR IDEAS

We need members from both rinks, with all kinds of backgrounds to represent not only themselves or their skater, but all the other skaters in the club.

If you have ever wondered why our club does this or that, or doesn't do this or the other, you may be a good candidate. The only requirements are that you are over 18 and have been a member of the club for one.

If you are interested in serving as a director, please submit your name to the nomination committee. If you have any questions, please contact any of the following members of the Nominations Committee:

Libby Turner 770-974-5851  
ebibby1@aol.com

Amy Bryan 770-962-0403  
abryan45@aol.com

## Year End Party!

This years End of Year Party will be held at Jillian's at Discover Mills from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Discover Mills is located between Sugarloaf Parkway, GA 120 and I-85.

The cost will be \$5.00 for Full Skating Members and \$20.00 for all others. The cost will cover food, drinks, and a \$5.00 Rewards Play card.

Anyone can attend: parents, grandparent, spouses, brothers, sisters, etc. For more information contact your rink Vice President:

Duluth Alicea Smith 770-554-2106  
Town Center Marianne Campbell 678-309-0470

## Year End Awards!

There is a ballot enclosed where you can vote for Skater of the Year, Adult Skater of the Year, Sportsmanship, Rookie of the Year, and Volunteer of the Year. Please take the time to fill out the ballot. Each award will be given out for each rink.

**Every member of the club can vote.**

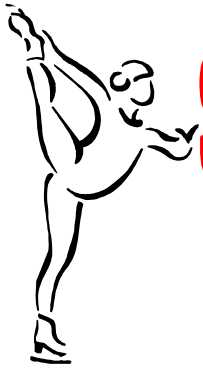
**A list of Rookies for the Rookie of the Year Award is below:**

### *Duluth:*

Analeigh Davies  
Anna Gdovin  
Jessica Liew  
Katie Pikula  
Fantasia Remonvil  
Viktoria Svetchnikova

### *Town Center:*

Carolyn Caplin  
Jessica Ferguson  
Raven Lawrence  
Courtney Wootton



# Star Seminars is Coming!

The *Georgia Figure Skating Club* is pleased to announce that *Star Seminars* will be offered to Atlanta area skaters on Monday, March 28. The *Star Seminars* is staffed by National, International PSA Coaches, as well as former and current *Stars on Ice* performers. The seminars bring competitive as well as performance aspects into the seminar. Instruction and classes will involve jump and spin techniques and basic skating skills through specialty classes such as Curry Class.

All coaches involved in the *Star Seminars* have worked with figure skaters for many years and are fully knowledgeable about current competitive requirements and trends, including the new ISU Judging System.

The purpose of the *Star Seminars* is to expand the competitive experience and offer skating instruction at the highest levels from performers and current competitive top level coaches bringing students a very specific seminar that addresses their individual needs. A comprehensive and positive experience is our goal the highest level of skating education available. This amazing opportunity is only \$125 per skater. **PSA Coaches are invited to attend the seminar at no charge when attending with their skaters.** (See the registration form for details.)

**Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

**2:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Atlanta Ice Forum  
Duluth, Georgia**

*Hosted by the Georgia Figure Skating Club*

For registration and additional information contact:

Star Seminars c/o

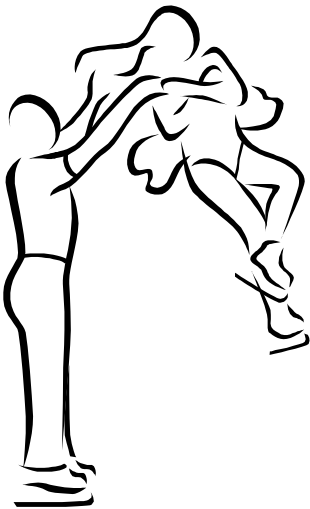
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[www.starseminars.org](http://www.starseminars.org)



Forms are available at: [www.gafsc.org](http://www.gafsc.org)



**Reidell Seminar:**

The Reidell Seminar will be coming to town this June 20-21, and will be held at the Cooler.

There is an early bird special for members of the Georgia Figure Skating Club. If you sign up by March 21, the fees are discounted by \$25.00.

You can download the registration form and more information at: <http://www.afsc.us>

This information and links are on the Georgia Figure Skating Club website at: <http://www.gafsc.org>



April 17, 2005, 3:00pm  
Philips Arena

This year's cast includes Michelle Kwan, Sasha Cohen, Timothy Goebel, Johnny Weir, Irina Slutskaya, Tatiana Totmyanina & Maxim Marinin, Fumie Suguri, Rudy Galindo, Elvis Stojko and Evgeni Plushenko. Ticket prices start at \$32 and are available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or by calling 404-249-6400. For more information, visit their website at [www.championsonice.com](http://www.championsonice.com).

**Upcoming Test Dates**

Revised Jan 8, 2005

<i>Test Date</i>	<i>Rink</i>	<i>Appl. Deadline</i>
<b>April 3</b>	<b>CANCELLED</b>	
May 1	Duluth	April 7
June 5	Town Center	May 12
July 10	Duluth	June 16
August 7	Town Center	July 14
August 14	Duluth	July 21

**Note: The Test Session scheduled for April 3, 2005 has been cancelled. The test session was scheduled to be held at the Town Center rink and the rink will be closed in April.**

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](http://www.gafsc.org).



March 29, 2005, 7:00pm  
Arena at Gwinnett Center

This year's cast includes Sarah Hughes, Alexei Yagudin, Elena Berezhnaya & Anton Sikharulidze, Jamie Sale & David Pelletier, Todd Eldredge, Kyoko Ina & John Zimmerman and Steven Cousins. For more information, visit their website at [www.starsonice.com](http://www.starsonice.com). Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

**Rule books**

The club has ordered US Figure Skating rulebooks and have them available for members. The cost is \$20.00 for the binder and rulebook. If you would like one, please call or email:

Rob Lichtefeld  
[rlichtefeld@yahoo.com](mailto:rlichtefeld@yahoo.com)  
770-5013-2117

### Davin Wins!

Davin Grindstaff was the only GaFSC skater to compete at the 2005 U.S. Adult Eastern Sectional Championships. The event was held in New York, February 19-20, 2005.

Being there by himself, must have been a good thing, because he came in **First Place** in the Championship Masters Men event.

By placing in the Sectional event, he has qualified for the Championship Masters Mens event at the 2005 Adult National Championships, being held at the Pepsi Ice Midwest Arena, Overland Park, Kansas, hosted by Silver Blades FSC, April 13-16, 2005.

Congratulations Davin!

And, Good Luck at Adult Nationals.

### Skater Spotlight By Lauren Anone

This month, Elysabeth Borah is Town Center's spotlight skater. Elysabeth skates with coach Randy Trabing. She is 15 years old and has been skating for two and a half years.

Elysabeth always liked ice skating but had never tried it until one day her home school group took a trip to the skating rink. She found that she could skate pretty well and since it came so easily for her the first time, decided to become serious with it. Right now Elysabeth is in between Freestyle 4 and 5 and is working to pass Pre-Juvenile moves in the field. Her favorite jump is the loop jump. Camel spins give her the most trouble, she says, either that or the axel.

Outside of ice skating, Elysabeth is very active in her church and is on the worship team. She likes to hang out with her friends and watch movies, and play with her 3 daschunds. She also spends a lot of time with kids. She is home schooled and right now is studying Algebra II, Biology, and Theology. When she gets older she would like to get a degree in education and also become a skating coach.

### 2005 Peach Open and Peach Classic

We are finishing the announcements for the Open and the Classic. The dates for the Open will be September 1-2, and the Classic will be September 3-4

#### \* Logo Design Contest

Like the last few years we are having a competition to design the Logo that will be used on the T-shirts, programs, goody bags, etc. If you are interested in submitting a design, please give it to any Board member, Rob or Helen. The winner will receive a free sweatshirt or t-shirt from the shirt vendor.

#### \*Volunteers

The 2005 Peach Open will be a Future Champions event, and we will definitely have a larger turnout. Because of this, we will need more volunteers.

Please consider helping out either with the planning, which is starting now, or during the event over Labor Day weekend. We especially need help on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

#### \* Ad Sales Contest

The competitions that our club puts on have two purposes. One is to give skaters a competition at time of the year, when there are not that many. This is important since it is just before Regionals.

The other purpose is to raise money so that the club can sponsor clinics, fund a scholarship program, bring in guest coaches, and keep our registrations fees low.

One way to raise money is to sell advertisements in the program. For every \$10 of ad placements that a skater sells they will receive \$1 in "Ad Bucks" that they can use at any of the vendors at the event. Doctors, Dentists, you see regularly are good potential advertisers.



#### Club Skate Times:

Atlanta IceForum (Duluth)	Fridays 5:50-6:30pm
IceForum at Town Center	Thursdays 5:20-6:00pm

## Georgia FSC End of Year - Award Nominations 2004-2005

Please read the following requirements for each award carefully. Then write down the name of a person from **your rink** that you feel best exemplifies that award and give your reasons for nominating them for that particular award. **Each award will be given for members at Duluth and Town Center** Then write your name and USFS number on the bottom of the nomination form. Each member with a USFS number may nominate (i.e., parents and skaters can turn in separate forms.) Names and USFS numbers will only be used to verify one-time voting.

**Return this form by mail, to the club mailbox, ballot box, or your rink's Vice President by April 1, 2005.** You may copy this form or download additional copies from the GaFSC website at [www.gafsc.org](http://www.gafsc.org).

**Skater of the Year:** The key words for this award are accomplishment, attitude, and leadership. This skater should have excelled in testing and competitions have a good attitude and be a leader, both on and off the ice.

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for this award because \_\_\_\_\_

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**Adult Skater of the Year:** This award should go to the adult skater who gives excellence, both on the ice and in the club, a person who encourages other skaters to excellence while striving for excellence in their own skating.

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for this award because \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Sportsmanship Award:** This award goes to the skater who cheers and encourages other skaters, particularly at their same level and during competition. They should be courteous on the ice. This skater doesn't pitch temper tantrums due to placement, but congratulates the winners and celebrates other skaters' successes.

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for this award because \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Rookie of the Year:** A first-time member of the GaFSC and USFS who has shown tremendous growth during the year, both in competitions and attitude, on and off the ice. A list of new skating members is in the newsletter, posted on the club bulletin board at each rink, or may be viewed on the GaFSC website.

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for this award because \_\_\_\_\_

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**Volunteer Award:** This person has been very involved in planning and organizing club activities for the skaters, going above and beyond the call of duty. May be a parent, coach, skater, or any club member. This should not be someone on the board of directors.

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for this award because \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ USFS #: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Rink (Circle One):                      **Duluth**                      **Town Center**

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## Member Birthdays

### March

- 1 Beth Wright  
Jennifer Silas  
4 Lauren Arnone  
5 Don Lewis  
Donovan Kelly  
7 Davin Grindstaff  
8 Rivka Emory  
13 Mack Turner  
Ben Barama  
17 Lori Faris  
18 Carolyn Caplin  
20 Trevor Rifkin  
Fantasia Remonvil  
24 Jessica Ferguson  
26 Mike Davies  
27 Gary Henderson  
28 Naomi Gunadeva  
29 Debi Royer  
30 Wayne Teal  
Jennifer Gerlach

### April

- 1 Janice Battersby  
2 David Bechtold  
Mary Kathleen Jones  
6 Robert Lichtefeld, Sr.  
Sarah Kirby  
9 Isabelle Surratt  
Karen MacDonald  
Aeriel Breneman  
13 Marie Puchalski  
14 Ansleigh Davies  
16 Felicia Gerlach  
19 Vicki Steiner  
20 Brent Morgan  
Christina Ott-Fornasiero  
25 Ben Loggins  
April Henderson  
Terri Herron  
28 Viktoria Svetchnikova  
Leah Anderson  
Julia Bila

Oops! Birthday correction:  
Skater Jessica Liew's birthday is January 25th!

## Congratulations to these skaters who passed tests recently

### February 4, 2005

Josefina Mastracchio Pre-Preliminary MIF, Pre-Preliminary FS, Preliminary MIF, Preliminary FS

### February 6, 2005

Christina Atkinson Pre-Juvenile MIF  
Christina Carlisi Dutch Waltz, Rhythm Blues,  
Canasta Tango – Completes Preliminary Dance Test

Josefina Mastracchio Pre-Juvenile MIF, Pre-Juvenile FS

Courtney Robbins Novice MIF

Samantha Reese Novice MIF

Christana Landress Pre-Preliminary FS

### March 6

Mindy Shoppe Novice MIF

Hannah Cobb Intermediate MIF

Shane Williams Juvenile MIF

Tatiana Kozmava Juvenile MIF, Pre-Juvenile FS

Megan Leftwich Preliminary Pairs

Ashley Hammond Preliminary MIF, Pre-Preliminary FS

Fantasia Remonvil Preliminary MIF

Elysabeth Borah Pre-Juv MIF

Carolyn Caplin Pre-Preliminary FS

Hannah Jones Intermediate FS

Christopher Nolan Intermediate FS

### This may be the last newsletter!

We are looking for members to help put together the newsletter.

If you could help out, either with writing articles, taking photos, compiling info, or even putting it all together, 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! And, the more people involved will make the job easier.

And, I cannot publish them without help. So, either I get help, or no more newsletters!

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## Mail To:

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**Would you like to write an article for the newsletter?**

We welcome all members to write articles for the newsletter.

Please email your article to [newsletter@gafsc.org](mailto:newsletter@gafsc.org). It is best if you can write them in the text of the email or in Microsoft Word. If you have any digital photos, also include them.

