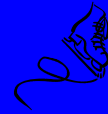


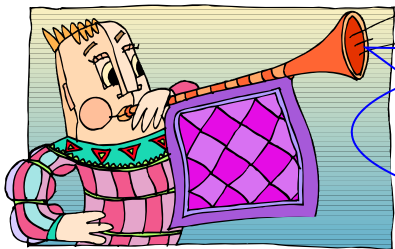
GEORGIA FIGURE SKATING CLUB

THE BLADE



March

2008



GAFSC ANNOUNCES THE ANNUAL BANQUET & PARTY!

THE ANNUAL BANQUET & PARTY IS HERE! Due to popular demand, the club is returning to Dixieland Fun Park in Fayetteville, Georgia. Dixieland is a great place for our skaters and their families to enjoy a day of fun. Dixieland boasts BUMPER BOATS, GO CARTS, MINIATURE GOLF COURSES, SCREAMIN SWING, DROP ZONE, ZIP LINE, and other exciting attractions. The park is opening some new rides this year for those of you who dare! The SCREAMIN EAGLE ROLLER COASTER, INDOOR BUMPER CARS and the INDOOR SEA SERPENT are all scheduled to be open by the day of our party. Visit www.dixielandfunpark.com for more information on the park.



The AB&P will take place on Saturday, April 26, 2008 from 1:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. We will be having a sit down luncheon in the banquet room from 1:00-4:00. The luncheon will include two types of lasagna (regular and vegetarian), Greek salad, garlic bread and sweets for dessert. At that time, we



will also be giving out test cards and awards to our skaters. After we are done in the banquet room, skaters, their friends, and their families have use of the park until closing. A wristband allows you unlimited use of all attractions and rides, minus the arcade area.

Due to the generosity of a former club board member, the cost for this event is unbelievably low. \$10 will cover the cost of the entire day for club members (this includes parents and spouses who are members of the club) and \$20 for non-club members (siblings, grandparents, friends).

In this newsletter, you will find a RSVP form for your family. Please submit the completed form with payment to Christine Wootton or Kristel Fuchs (Town Center) or Lone Barama (Duluth). For members at other rinks, please see instructions on the form. We look forward to a day of fun and camaraderie as we celebrate the skating accomplishments of all of our skaters.

ON HER WAY TO THE TOP



Club Member wins Silver Medal at India National Championships
by Rob Lichtefeld

Yoniko (Tina) Washington won the Silver Medal at the “Fifth All-India National Figure Skating Championships”. The event was held on January 5, in Shimla, India at a natural ice rink near the Himalaya mountains. Ice skaters from 12 Indian states participated, as well as skaters such as Tina who live outside of India, but are of Indian descent.

Medaling at the Championships has opened a whole new realm of possibilities for Tina. She was invited to skate at the 2008 Four Continents competition in Goyang, South Korea, but had to decline due to schedule conflicts. She is hoping to skate at some of the Junior Grand Prix events this coming year, since she is only 14 and India is allowed to send a skater to 5 of the events.

Tina has been a club member of the Georgia Figure Skating Club since 2002. She trains at the Atlanta IceForum, in Duluth and is coached by Aren Nielsen, Kaysi Kitsell, and Graham Payne. She is home schooled.

Tina’s mom is very proud of her daughter. She stated that they are looking at the 2010 Olympic Games with hope, but have to wait and see how it all materializes. Tina is hoping to land at least 2 triples this year to help her in the International ranks. CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!





Georgia Figure Skating Club Test Results

Congratulations to the following skaters for recently passing tests:

Tiffany Blanton	Novice Free Skating Test	12/14/2007
Coleen DePeter	Preliminary Moves In The Field	12/18/2007
Sophie Heeden	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	12/18/2007
Sophie Heeden	Pre Preliminary Free Skating	12/18/2007
Catherine Squirewell	Preliminary Moves In The Field	12/18/2007
Paloma Zavala	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	12/18/2007
Paloma Zavala	Pre Preliminary Free Skating	12/18/2007
Maya Neel	Preliminary Moves In The Field	1/11/2008
JeAnna Badenell	Adult Pre Bronze Moves in the Field	1/27/2008
JeAnna Badenell	Adult Pre Bronze Free Skating	1/27/2008
Amanda Bowen	Preliminary Free Skating	1/27/2008
Lauren Daniell	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	1/27/2008
Mackenzie Mathews	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	1/27/2008
Raquel Postic	Pre Preliminary Free Skating	1/27/2008
Julianne Swantek	Preliminary Moves In The Field	1/27/2008
Rachel Watson	Preliminary Free Skating	1/27/2008
Courtney Wootton	Pre Juvenile Free Skating	1/27/2008
Lauren Angelucci	Preliminary Free Skating	2/3/2008
Megan Angelucci	Pre Juvenile Moves In The Field	2/3/2008
Lauren Burrtt	Adult Pre Bronze Moves in the Field	2/3/2008
Jasmine Chen	Pre Juvenile Moves In The Field	2/3/2008
Catherine Crocker	Preliminary Free Skating	2/3/2008
Emily Hansford	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	2/3/2008
Emily Hansford	Pre Preliminary Free Skating	2/3/2008
Kristina Jespersen	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	2/3/2008
Courtney Kloor	Preliminary Moves In The Field	2/3/2008
Caroline Leduc	Pre Preliminary Moves In The Field	2/3/2008
Caroline Leduc	Pre Preliminary Free Skating	2/3/2008
David LeNoir	Adult Pre Bronze Moves in the Field	2/3/2008
David LeNoir	Adult Pre Bronze Free Skating	2/3/2008
Jessica Liew	Pre Juvenile Moves In The Field	2/3/2008
Jessica Liew	Pre Juvenile Free Skating	2/3/2008
Rebecca Reese	Preliminary Free Skating	2/3/2008
Rebecca Reese	Preliminary Moves In The Field	2/3/2008
Madison Thomas	Preliminary Moves In The Field	2/3/2008
Annabelle Woodard	Preliminary Moves In The Field	2/3/2008

Reservation Form for Georgia Figure Skating Club 2008 Annual Banquet and Party



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The luncheon will include two types of lasagna (regular and vegetarian), Greek salad, garlic bread and sweets for dessert. At that time, we will also be giving out test cards and awards to our skaters

Skater's Name: _____

Names of Family members/Friends attending:	Member of GaFSC
_____	Yes No
_____	Yes No
_____	Yes No
_____	Yes No
_____	Yes No
_____	Yes No

Members attending at \$10 _____

Non Members attending at \$20 _____

Total \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO Georgia Figure Skating Club
Forms and payments are due by April 10, 2008

Please mail forms and money to: Kristel Fuchs
1260 Westover Trace
Acworth, GA 30102

Town Center skaters may also turn forms and money in to Kristel Fuchs or Christine Wootton.

Duluth skaters may also turn forms and money in to Lone Barama or Rob Lichtefeld

**!!! DO NOT PAY THE RINK FOR THIS PARTY NOR
LEAVE FORMS, CHECKS OR MONEY AT THE RINK!!!**

Georgia FSC End of Year - Award Nominations 2007-2008

The following awards will be presented at the End Of the Year Banquet April 26 , 2008. 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. Each member with a USFS number may nominate (i.e., parents and skaters can turn in separate forms.)

Return this form to the club mailbox, ballot box, or your rink's vice president by April 1, 2008. You may copy this form or download additional copies from the GaFSC website at 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 _____

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 _____

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 _____

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 posted on the club bulletin board at each rink or may be viewed on the GaFSC website.

I nominate _____ for this award because _____

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.

I nominate _____ for this award because _____

Primary Rink (Circle One): Duluth Town Center

Board Members of the Georgia Figure Skating Club

Currently, the Board of Directors of the Georgia Figure Skating Club consists of 11 voting members. Nine Board Member's are elected for a 2 year term, with about half of these nine elected each year.

Each year the board, at the July meeting, elects officers. These are the President, a Vice President for each rink, the Secretary and the Treasurer. The board also appoints the Membership Chair and the Test Chair who also make up part of the board and serve as officers.

The board conducts, and is responsible, for the financial dealings of the club. This means that they set the annual dues, purchase ice from the rinks for test sessions and competitions, pay the USFSA their dues, compensate judges for their travel, etc. To do this we hold meetings every month and we use a Yahoo! Group to send out messages to each of the members.

A board member must represent all skaters of the club. They are not a Duluth or a Town Center representative. They are not a Youth, Adult, or Coach representative. A board member may have a primary interest, but must put it aside to try to make the club the best for all its members.

Board members are also expected to serve on committees during the year. These may include: Competitions, Nominations, Newsletter, Seminars, Test Sessions, Annual Banquet, etc.

By spreading the workload around, it makes sure that there is a knowledge base of information by many people, and there is less to do for any one member.

Board member are also expected to discuss issues with other members. They should be available to answer question of members about how the club functions. They should strive to be an ambassador.

Our current board and officers for the 2007-2008 year are:

Marianne Campbell, President	Ginger Whatley, Singles and Pairs Test Chair
Lone Barama, Vice President - Duluth	Lori Faris, Membership Chair
Christine Wootton, Vice President - Town Center	Greg Corbitt
Rob Lichtefeld, Treasurer	Kristel Fuchs
Lionel Postic, Secretary	MaryAnn Surratt
Gloria Lewis, Dance Test Chair	

The terms have expired for Christine Wootton, Marianne Campbell, Greg Corbitt and MaryAnn Surratt. So, we have four (4) board positions available to fill during this year's elections. Some of the current members may be running for re-election, but that doesn't mean that you shouldn't. Many of these board members have been serving for several years. And, several would like to step down and allow others to help out the club.

On the next page is a nomination form. You can send it in, our you can just email or phone your nominations to Rob Lichtefeld

The Georgia Figure Skating Club Needs You!

The Georgia Figure Skating Club is seeking nominees for the 2008-2009 Board of Directors. All interested members are encouraged to run for election. Elected members will serve a two-year term. We need a diverse board and welcome nominees from all rinks. Parents, skaters, and all other eligible members are encouraged to run. Nominees must be at least 18 years old and have been a member of the Georgia Figure Skating Club for a minimum of one year.

The board meets once a month and members are expected to attend. The meetings are currently the 1st Saturday morning of the month (10 meetings).

If you are interested in serving on the board or would like to nominate someone to run for the board, please mail this application or email the information below to Rob Lichtefeld. If you have any questions, contact him at either 770-513-2217 or rlichtefeld@yahoo.com. Nominations must be sent by March 15, 2008.

Please mail completed application to:

Rob Lichtefeld
1533 Glencrest Trail
Lawrenceville, GA 30043



All nominees will be contacted by the nominating committee to confirm that their application has been received and to confirm that they are willing to serve on the board. Election ballots will be mailed to your home and will also be available at all rinks and on the GaFSC website. The 2008-2009 Board of Directors will elect club officers at the first board meeting after the general election. Results will be posted at all rinks and on the website.

I would like to nominate the following member (or myself) for Georgia Figure Skating Club Board of Directors.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

This person would be an asset for the Board of Directors because:

If you are nominating someone besides yourself, please give your contact info:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____



Georgia Figure Skating Club
1533 Glencrest Trail
Lawrenceville, GA 30043

Mail To:

UPCOMING IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES

MARCH 15	BOARD NOMINATION FORMS DUE
MARCH 14-16	MAGNOLIA OPEN, ALPHARETTA, GA
APRIL 1	RINK AWARD FORMS DUE
APRIL 8-12	ADULT NATIONALS, LAKE PLACID, NY
APRIL 10	ANNUAL BANQUET AND PARTY RSVP FORMS AND MONEY DUE
APRIL 19	APPLICATIONS FOR MAY TEST SESSION DUE
APRIL 26	<i>GaFSC ANNUAL BANQUET AND PARTY AT DIXIELAND FUN PARK!!</i>
APRIL 30	BALLOTS DUE FOR BOARD ELECTIONS
JUNE 13-15	ATLANTA OPEN, ALPHARETTA, GA
JUNE 30	END OF MEMBERSHIP YEAR
JULY 25-27	CHARLESTON OPEN, CHARLESTON, SC
AUGUST 29-31	<i>PEACH OPEN AND PEACH CLASSIC, DULUTH, GA</i>