

November
2004

The Blade



Georgia Figure Skating Club

**Congratulations to all the skaters that competed at the
South Atlantic Regionals held in Charleston!**



**Non-Qualifying Competition
October 1-2, 2004
Georgia FSC Results**

Open Juvenile Girls Free Skating - FINAL

6. Heather Hatzenbuehler
8. Hannah Jones

Open Juvenile Girls Free Skating - Group A

2. Heather Hatzenbuehler

Open Juvenile Girls Free Skating - Group B

6. Hannah Jones

Open Juvenile Girls Compulsory Moves

3. Hannah Jones

Pre-Juvenile Girls Free Skating - FINAL

3. Tina Washington

Pre-Juvenile Girls Free Skating - Group B

2. Tina Washington

Pre-Juvenile Girls Compulsory Moves - Group A

2. Hannah Cobb

Pre-Juvenile Girls Compulsory Moves - Group B

9. Nikki Thai

Preliminary Girls Free Skating - FINAL

10. Jessica Fuchs
12. Felicia Gerlach

Preliminary Girls Free Skating - Group A

9. Taylor Johnson
12. Tatiana Kozmava

Preliminary Girls Free Skating - Group B

1. Jessica Fuchs
5. Nikki Thai
8. Hannah Cobb

Preliminary Girls Free Skating - Group C

1. Felicia Gerlach

Preliminary Girls Compulsory Moves - Group A

6. Taylor Johnson
11. Tatiana Kozmava

Preliminary Girls Compulsory Moves - Group B

2. Felicia Gerlach
3. Jessica Fuchs

Pre-Preliminary Girls Free Skating - Group B

8. Christina Atkinson

Pre-Preliminary Girls Compulsory Moves - Group C

7. Christina Atkinson

No Test Boys Compulsory Moves

3. Shane Williams

No Test Boys Free Skating

8. Shane Williams

No Test Girls Compulsory Moves - Group E

8. Trish Pirkle

No Test Girls Free Skating - Group F

11. Trish Pirkle

President's Article

Rob Lichtefeld

Newsletter:

Sorry that it has been so long since we have had a newsletter. Greg Corbitt could no longer do it, because of all of his other commitments. We hope to get this out on a more regular basis. If you could help out, either with writing articles, taking photos, compiling info, or even putting it all together, I would love to talk with you!

Finances:

The club's largest fundraiser is the hosting of the Peach Open and Peach Classic competitions. I would like to thank everyone that worked on the Peach Open and Peach Classic competitions. They were a little smaller than last year, but I think that all the skaters had a great time. And, the club made some money. Next year the Peach Open should have many more attendees, as it will be a Future Champions event.

For those of you that have not been in the club for a long time, you may not realize it, but the club was in dire financial need two and a half years ago. Since that time we have tightened our belts, worked closely with the rinks and done everything we can to rectify this situation.

The only reason that last year's and this year's events made money is that Alicea Smith, Ben Loggins and Jill Breneman, among others, managed to convince many sponsors to donate goods and services. The entry fees of these events do not cover the expenses.

While our membership and test fees paid for all the activities the club undertook during these years, it hadn't left that much for the additional things that would make our club great. The club is finally in a position to start offering more clinics, and more activities to skaters.

Club Skate Times:

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

Activities:

This past summer the club brought in Bobbe Shire to offer spins clinics and classes. The club is also installing mirrors and ballet barres at both rinks.

The Georgia Figure Skating Club will also be hosting the Southeastern Synchronized Championships in January 2006.

Scholarships:

We are planning to use some of the proceeds from events such as the Peach Open and Peach Classic to begin a fund that we can use to assist skaters. We need to form a committee of members to put together the guidelines that will be used for this fund.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Rob Lichtefeld (770-513-2117 rlichtefeld@yahoo.com) or Greg Corbitt (770-577-9754 corbitt1@bellsouth.net)

If you have any ideas for clinics, seminars, fund raisers, charities, or other activities that the club should support, please let me, your rink's Vice President or any board member know.

See you on the ice!



Hosted by the
Georgia Figure Skating Club at
the Gwinnett Arena

Happy Birthday Members

November	1	John Whatley	December	1	Jeff Gresenz
	2	Patricia Sims Heather MacDonald		8	Meredith Vry Marsha Boyd
	3	Marci Drost		10	James Wright Jennifer Gresenz
	5	Andrea Whatley		12	Randy Trabing
	8	Tracey Ray-Johnson		15	Holly Faris
	10	John Cobb		18	Marvin Liew
	12	Robert Arnone		20	Laura Sims
	15	Gina Palermo		21	Bob Lowery
	16	Dianne Dameron		22	Suzan Miller
	18	Krystal Ostrowski		23	Steven Sims
	21	Monique Petrofsky		25	Janet Bechtold Jonathan Bechtold
	24	Sonia Denning Linda Gdovin		26	Christina Puchalski
	26	Trish Pirkle		27	Abigail Morgan Yvette Morgan Cameron Silas
	28	Gloria Lewis		29	Vladimir Raschetnov Cathy Caplin
	30	Taylor Johnson		30	Windy Rohde

Sponsorships

Rob Lichtefeld

Beth Wright has brought to my attention a resource for skaters to receive sponsorship money. For a skater to remain eligible, they must not receive money directly. A sponsor may pay rink fees, coaches fees, etc. directly to the rink or coach. Another way that a sponsor can assist a skater is to donate money to a non-profit organization who then works with the skater to pay their expenses. There is an organization called the New England Amateur Skating Foundation that can set up an account for your skater. The contact information is:

Mr. Herb Kaplan
New England Amateur Skating Foundation
P.O. Box 6881
Providence, RI 02940

Would you like to be work on the 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.

Congratulations to these skaters who passed tests with the club

June 2004

Louisa Barama	Preliminary MIF
Ameila Bradley	Intermediate Freeskate
Karina Chobanyan	Fiesta Tango
Nicole Dillard	Preliminary MIF
Jennifer Gresenz	Juvenile Freeskate
Carolina Guo	Juvenile Freeskate
Taylor Johnson	Pre-Juvenile MIF
Christopher Nolan	Juvenile Freeskate
Nikki Thai	Juvenile MIF

July 2004

Julia Bila	Preliminary Freeskate
Jade Kohser	Blues
Tatiana Kozmava	Preliminary Freeskate
Elise Noble	Pre-Juvenile Freeskate
Vania Smith	Junior Freeskate
Danny Tate	Senior MIF
Ginger Whatley	Foxtrot
Brooke Wright	Juvenile MIF

August 2004

Christina Atkinson	Pre-Preliminary Freeskate
Julia Bila	Pre-Juvenile MIF
Hannah Cobb	Juvenile MIF
Sarah Kirby	Hickory Hoedown
Sarah Kirby	Willow Waltz
Sarah Kirby	Ten Fox
Sarah Kirby	Bronze Dance Test
Stephanie Lauziere	Willow Waltz
Stephanie Lauziere	Hickory Hoedown
Megan Leftwich	Juvenile MIF
Emy Palermo	Pre-Preliminary MIF
Gina Palermo	Pre-Preliminary MIF
Matthew Shapiro	Pre-Juvenile Freeskate
Katherine Stamey	Juvenile MIF
Katherine Stamey	Juvenile Freeskate
Viktoria Svetchnikova	Adult Pre-Bronze MIF
Kristen Treutle	Senior Freeskate
Ginger Whatley	Fourteenstep
Shane Williams	Preliminary MIF

September 2004

Leslie Amacker	Novice MIF
Amy Arrington	Adult Bronze MIF
Cathy Brinkman	Adult Silver Freeskate
Priscilla Fowler	Quickstep
Pricilla Fowler	Viennese Waltz
Felicia Gerlach	Juvenile MIF
Marna Grim	Adult Gold MIF
Danielle Logano	Kilian
Hannah Jones	Dutch Waltz

September 2004 (continued)

Hannah Jones	Canasta Tango
Hannah Jones	Rhythm Blues
Hannah Jones	Preliminary Dance Test
Sarah Kirby	Foxtrot
Sarah Kirby	Fourteenstep
Gloria Lewis	Cha Cha
Juanita Macky	Adult Pre-Bronze MIF
Paige McNeil	Pre-Juvenile MIF
Fantasia Remonvil	Pre Preliminary MIF
Nikki Thai	Intermediate MIF

October 2004

Lauren Arnone	Preliminary MIF
Amelia Bradley	Junior MIF
Marianne Campbell	Adult Bronze MIF
Hannah Cobb	Pre-Juvenile Freeskate
Jessica Fuchs	Intermediate MIF
Jessica Fuchs	Pre-Juvenile Freeskate
Taylor Johnson	Juvenile MIF
Taylor Johnson	Preliminary Freeskate
Megan Leftwich	Pre-Juvenile Freeskate
Emy Palermo	Pre-Preliminary Freeskate
Gina Palermo	Pre-Preliminary Freeskate
Nikki Thai	Pre-Juvenile Freeskate
Isadora Williams	Pre-Preliminary MIF
Isadora Williams	Pre-Preliminary Freeskate

November 2004

Christina Atkinson	Preliminary Freeskate
Louisa Barama	Preliminary Freeskate
Louisa Barama	Pre-Juvenile MIF
Sandra Burns	Adult Pre-Bronze MIF
Sandra Burns	Adult Pre-Bronze Freeskate
Jennie Chun	Pre-Juvenile MIF
Ansleigh Davies	Pre-Preliminary MIF
Ansleigh Davies	Pre-Preliminary Freeskate
Tatiana Kozmava	Pre-Juvenile MIF
Jessica Liew	Pre-Preliminary MIF
Nicole Miller	Preliminary MIF
Nicole Miller	Preliminary Freeskate
Abigail Ritch	Intermediate MIF
Abigail Ritch	Juvenile Freeskate
Brandon Shapiro	Pre-Juvenile MIF





Shane Williams, Elizabeth Borah, Jessica Fuchs and Trish Pirkle preparing to test at the Town Center

Upcoming Test Dates

Revised October 17, 2004

Test Date	Rink	Appl. Deadline
December 12	Town Center	November 19.
January 9	Duluth	December 16
February 6	Duluth	January 13
March 6	Town Center	February 10
April 3	Town Center	March 10
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

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.

Judge's Corner:
 Ginger Whatley participated in South Atlantic Regionals in Charleston, SC and Gloria Lewis attended and judged at North Atlantic Regionals in Amherst, NY.

Holiday Shows
 Most of our skaters will be participating in shows at both IceForum rinks. The Duluth rink's show, a presentation of "The Nutcracker On Ice", will be December 19 at 5 pm. The Town Center show is Sunday, December 12 at 5 pm. GaFSC is hosting a holiday party following each show. Look for more information to come! Plan to be there and share holiday cheer with our skaters as well as Basic Skills skaters!

John Hancock
Champions on Ice
 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 or by calling 404-249-6400. For more information, visit their website at www.championsonice.com.

SMUCKER'S STARS on ICE
 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. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

2004 Peach Open and Peach Classic

The 2004 Peach Open and Peach Classic competitions were a success again this year.

The Peach Open had 80 competitors, 156 starts and 35 events. The Peach Classic had 106 competitors, 276 starts, and 75 events.



Next year, the Peach Open will be a Future Champions event, and we hope to have a much 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. Several of the people listed below will not be able to help out again this year. If you are interested, please contact Rob Lichtefeld.

Thanks to everyone that helped out this year,
Rob Lichtefeld and Helen Ross
2004 Co-Chairs

2004 Committee

- Announcements/Applications
- Music/Announcers
- Application Processing
- Awards/Medals
- Chief Referee
- Coaches/Volunteer Hospitality
- Communications
- Competitor Inquiries
- Competitors Goody Bags
- Competitors' Party
- Dressing Rooms
- Facilities/Set Ups
- Housing
- Ice Contract
- Ice Monitors
- Judges Banquet
- Judges Hospitality
- Judges Stand/Maintenance
- Marketing/Web Marketing
- Media Relations
- Medical
- Officials
- Practice Ice
- Programs-Advertising/Sponsorships
- Registration
- Runners
- Sanctions
- Secretary
- Transportation
- Treasurer
- Vendors
- Volunteers

2004 Chairperson(s)

- Rob Lichtefeld/Helen Ross
- Geni Pannell/Jean Holcomb
- Ginger Whatley
- Lori Faris
- Martha Cogan
- Alicea Smith
- Rob Lichtefeld
- Ginger Whatley/Rob Lichtefeld
- Jill Breneman
- Alicea Smith/ Helen Ross
- Marianne Campbell
- Rob Lichtefeld
- Alicea Smith
- Helen Ross/Rob Lichtefeld
- Jennifer Silas
- Honey Burton/Alicea Smith
- Alicea Smith
- Rob Lichtefeld
- Rob Lichtefeld/Ginger Whatley
- Karina Chobanyan
- Linda Saunders
- Gloria Lewis
- Marianne Campbell/Kristel Fuchs
- Matt Breneman/Jill Breneman
- Amy Bryan
- Jennifer Silas
- Debi Royer
- Rob Lichtefeld
- Gene Smith
- Jennifer Silas
- Matt Breneman
- Jennifer Silas



Georgia Figure Skating Club Announces Theatre on Ice

Theatre on Ice (TOI) is a relatively new form of competitive figure skating in the U.S. It began in Europe, where it is known as Ballet on Ice, and it is now an official event in many USFS sanctioned competitions. The appeal is in its ability to infuse figure skating with the emotional, thematic qualities of theater and the musicality of dance. Competitive teams must consist of eight to 30 skaters, but there are no specified age restrictions.

Theatre on Ice is not to be confused with synchronized skating. While it does contain synchronized elements, these elements must have meaning in relation to the unified whole. TOI is about uniting music, props and choreography to create a theme, emotion or story. The goal is to transcend the literal and connect with the audience on an emotional level.

Jennie Vry and Davin Grindstaff are organizing Georgia's first Theatre on Ice team. Davin Grindstaff, a competitive Senior level skater and a theater major in college, brings a unique combination of experience that will help the skaters convey emotion on the ice through theatrical techniques. Jennie Vry, who previously worked with choreographer and Chesapeake Figure Skating Club's TOI founder Rob McBrien, will focus on the team's organizational and thematic development. Class will meet once to twice a week. If you are interested in joining, please contact Jennie Vry at JennieVry@hotmail.com or by calling 770-495-7528.

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• Midnight Madness

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• Town Center hosted a two-hour Midnight Madness

• Friday night, October 29, from 12 midnight until 2

• a.m. Skaters enjoyed skating to fun Halloween

• music, doing exhibitions of their programs, and

• playing on-ice games--it knocked our "socks" off!

• Back by popular demand, the bucket races were a

• barrel of laughs!

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Junior Board members

This year's Junior Board Members are Lauren Arnone and Jennie Chun. We've asked each of them to tell the club a little more about them.

Hi, I'm Lauren Arnone and I'm a Junior Board member for GaFSC. This article is just to tell a little about myself and introduce myself to GaFSC members who don't know me.

To start out, I skate at Ice Forum Town Center. I am 17 years old and am a senior at Harrison High School. I have always loved figure skating and tried taking lessons when I was 7 and then again at 11, but I never started taking it seriously until I was almost 14 years old. So if you



are wondering why at 17 I am only competing at pre-preliminary and can barely land an axel, there is your answer!

Besides ice skating, I have an extremely busy life. I'm in the middle of one of my hardest semesters ever, taking Anatomy/Physiology Honors, World Lit. Honors, Calculus and AP French. I'm not really sure where I want to go to college yet. I do know that I plan to major in nursing, get my masters in midwifery to be a midwife, minor in French and hopefully study a semester in France. I also have to work on the weekends. I work at Zaxby's, and as bad as it may seem, I actually love it because I have a lot of friends there.

I guess that is all you need to know about me. One of my jobs as a junior board member is to get to know a skater from my rink and write an article about them each month for the newsletter, sort of like this one, introducing them to all of GaFSC. I also help with test sessions and help with other activities the club is involved in. I look forward to a great year, and to getting to know you skaters better!

My name is Jennie Chun and I am a Junior Board Member for GaFSC. I skate at the Atlanta Ice Forum in Duluth. I'd like to formally introduce myself to everyone and hopefully this will give you a chance for you to get to know me and the other way around!

Firstly, if I could use one word to correlate myself and figure skating, it would be passion. Growing up I never really had a chance to pursue figure skating until I was about 12 years old; however before then I was always begging my mom to let me be a "ballerina on ice". Now, I am really glad that my mom finally gave in and let me skate. Skating has taught me to become a different person, physically and mentally. Recently, I passed my Pre-Juvenile moves in the fields tests (which by the way was one the most nerve wrecking experiences of my life besides my driver's license test).

My life outside of skating is quite chaotic but manageable nonetheless. I am a 16 year old junior at Peachtree Ridge High School. My junior year seems to be an obstacle for me and also one of the most important years of my educational career. Currently I am taking Gifted Spanish III, AP US History, Gifted Pre-Calculus, and AP Physics. Even though it is difficult, I am also enjoying myself during this ambiguous time. This year I am President of the Spanish Honor Society and the youth intern at the Peachtree Ridge Volunteer Center. I am also involved with Mock Trial and Junior Cabinet.



In the future, I plan on attending an Ivy League College, hopefully Yale or Brown University where I plan to major in Political Science (because of very strong political interests) and minor in Spanish. After I graduate college, my aspirations are to study abroad and attend Law School and become a successful lawyer. And of course work my skating in somewhere.

As much as my life is busy, it is also fun. My life outside of school is of a typical teenager. I love to hang out with my friends and my family and do normal things like a normal teen such as watching movies and shopping of course. On the weekends, I volunteer at the Lawrenceville Cooperative Ministries Food Bank and hang out with my dad a lot.

This is about as much information one person should obtain about another without it getting tedious. So I hope that you have gotten to know me a little better, and I hope that I get to know each and every one of you better. I can't promise that I'll be a perfect Junior Board Member, but I can promise that I will put forth my greatest effort! I look forward to getting to know you all!

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Please email your article to 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.

