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Dolensky Earns Berth at U.S. Championships!

Congratulations to our Eastern Sectional competitors, **Tim Dolensky** and **Alice Qiao**, their coaches and families on their outstanding accomplishments! We are so proud of their talent, sportsmanship, hard work, and positive attitude!

After winning the short program, Tim (Senior Men) placed third in his free skate and captured gold overall. His free skate included seven triple jumps, two in combination, and a fabulous triple Axel. He received positive grades of execution on 10 out of 13 elements. The 2012 U.S. Championships Junior Men's silver medalist, Tim will compete at the U.S. Championships in Boston on January 5 - 12.

In her first year as a Novice Lady, Alice garnered 6th place in her short program that included a double Axel, a triple/double combo, and positive grades of execution on five of six elements. Her free skate included an awesome double Axel/double Axel combination and three triple jumps. She was the Novice Ladies powder medalist at the 2014 South Atlantic Regional Championships, the In



Coach Debbie and Tim

was the Novice Ladies pewter medalist at the 2014 South Atlantic Regional Championships, the Intermediate Ladies gold medalist at the 2013 South Atlantic Regionals, and narrowly missed the podium at the 2013 Eastern Sectional Championships with 5th place.

Novice Pair **Brandon Kozlowski** and Victoria LoRusso withdrew. We wish them good luck in the new season.

TIMOTHY DOLENSKY Senior Men Final Standing 1st/7 Free Skate 3rd/7 Short Program 1st/7







Another Celebrity Sighting: Brent Bommentre Participates in Ice Dance Test Session

With our resident dance pro Graham Payne out of town, Brent Bommentre graciously agreed to serve as a dance partner for testing ice dancers, including Helena Fisher and Wendi Hiller. They passed with flying colors!

With partner Kimberly Navarro, Brent is the 2008 and 2009 U.S. ice dance bronze medalist and, as a World Team member, the 2008 Four Continents bronze medalist. This year Brent and Kim toured with Stars On Ice® and performed at the Ice Theatre of New York Gala.





Approximately 145 members participated in our annual potluck dinner on November 22! Thanks to our volunteers, Social Committee Chair, **Lori McGarigle**, lounge hostess, **Tea Junnila**, and ice games coaches **Eric Bohnstedt**, **Helena Fisher**, and **Graham Payne**.













Our skaters are thankful for ...

laughter, skating, food, family, friends, WiFi, donuts, feet, people who love and support us, hope, faith, God, freedom, and life.

















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What do you love most about skating?

I love the feeling of landing a new jump.

What is your weekly training regimen?

I skate two sessions a day, six days a week. I also try to do an hour of off ice when I can.

What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

My favorite element is the layback spin. I like to feel the wind when I am spinning. My least favorite element is the double flip. I cannot land the jump.

Competitive accomplishments

I competed at the 2014 South Atlantic Regional Championships and got a Special Achievement Award for my footwork and layback spin.

Favorite program?

My favorite program is my new Intermediate short program. The music is energetic and beautiful.

What is the most memorable event of your skating career?

My most memorable event in my skating career is winning my first competition in the Winter Fest.

Whom do you admire most?

I admire Ashley Wagner the most for her persistence and determination.

Who is your favorite skater?

My favorite skater is Kim Yu Na. Her jumps and spins are so consistent and beautiful.

Tell us about your school and extracurricular activities.

I am a sixth grader in all TAG classes in the River Trail Middle School. My favorite subjects are science, social studies and Spanish. I am in the Science Fair Club. I volunteer as a runner at competitions.

Tell us about your family.

I have a sixteen-year-old brother who loves drawing and reading books to me.

Best advice you have ever received?

Always plan ahead and never wait till the last minute.

Tell us something about yourself or your family that no one knows.

I get really creeped out when I read scary stories.

If you could have one question answered, what would you ask?

What do I look like in other people's eves?

What are your future skating and educational goals?

Skating goals: Become a coach.

Educational goals: I want to be a computer engineer. I will attend a college, and I will continue to skate.

My three favorite things are

My skates, my computer, and a cake

I would like to meet ...

I would like to meet Kim Yu Na because she is my favorite skater.

If I weren't a skater, I would have been

probably a ballet dancer or a gymnast.

Mingda Liu

Favorite word: Perfect

Least favorite word: Stuff

Favorite quote: "Citius, Altius, Fortius," the Olympic motto by Pierre de

Coubertin

What turns me off: When I keep missing an easy jump

Favorite book: To Kill a Mockingbird

Favorite song: "Nice Guys"

Favorite color: Periwinkle

Sound I love: My alarm waking me up

to a new day

Sound I dislike: People screaming

I would never want to be: A clown

Three words that best describe me: Energetic, early bird, and happy

If I were stranded on a desert island, I would have to have: Food, Gatorade, and a book

P.S. Did I tell you that I like food?







Local members who qualified for final rounds at the 2014 NQ South Atlantic Regional Championships were invited to perform at a special event at Atlantic Station on November 14.

Participating were Erin Brzusek, Madeline Freeman, Kaity McGarigle, Caroline Mura, Chloe Rutter, and Adeline Wieler.



Chloe, Madeline, Kaity, Coach Eric, Erin, Caroline, and Adeline





Photos by Denise Freeman





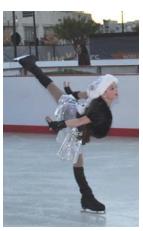


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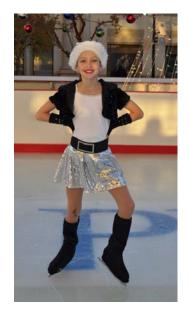
Madeline, Erin, Caroline, Kaity, Adeline, and Chloe

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Hallowskate Club Ice November 1





















Eastern Sectionals Exhibition and Send-Off Party - November 8









Spring Ice Show To Be Performance Camp

As we prepare to host the 2015 South Atlantic Regional Championships in September and October, the Board of Directors has opted to sponsor an abbreviated version of the spring ice show that will provide a fun, creative performance opportunity for our skaters without overtaxing our volunteer base.

This year's show will be a performance camp led by Jeff Nolt, a former U.S. Pairs competitor and Ice Capades skater who directs youth and adult performance troupes in Maryland. A PSA senior-rated coach in choreography and style, he is a gold medalist in pairs and dance and a silver medalist in pairs at the World Professional Championships. Jeff also has worked for various media outlets on their television and web coverage of skating.

Jeff and two of his senior performance students will conduct the camp, which will consist of a combination of on and off ice instruction beginning on Friday evening, April 26, all day Saturday, and culminating in a ticketed Sunday afternoon performance. Volunteers will be needed to assist with simple costuming, music, and staging.



Jeff Nolt

All skaters will be divided into groups according to free skate level. Those who meet eligibility criteria for solos and features will be invited to submit audition videos to Jeff through YouTube.

More specific information regarding registration, volunteer needs, and solo/feature auditions will be available after the new year on the website, Facebook, and via email.



Editor's Note: Pre-preliminary skater **Caroline Mura** will be moving to Pittsburgh, PA in December. Here she shares her favorite memories of the Atlanta FSC.

To skate, for me, is to live. What happiness I felt when I first joined the Atlanta FSC. And oh, the jackets, with the powerful logo. I had finally found a place where I felt like I truly belonged.

All the friends I have made are going to forever have a place in my memories of Atlanta. They all have helped me grow as a skater. My friend, Sasha Strain, was one of the first people I met when I joined the club. We were playing a game together, and we started to talk and learn more about each other. We have been the best of friends since!

The club offered so many opportunities for me to grow in this sport. The exhibitions, shows, and off-ice classes have all contributed to my success. When I competed at the 2014 Non-Qualifying Regionals, I placed fourth in the initial round and qualified for the final round. I was so excited! All the support I received from the club really boosted my confidence. I am really quite happy that Regionals are at The Cooler next year. One of my goals is to come back "home" with some of my doubles, competing at either preliminary or pre-juvenile.

I know now that when I move to Pittsburgh, I will still always love Atlanta as my hometown. I also know that when I represent the Pittsburgh FSC, I will in my heart be representing the Atlanta FSC, too.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Monica Kantor	1	Cheryl Rolley	14
Sarah Zhu		Chloe Rutter	
Senthian Ziegler		Lily Xie	15
Shifu Liu		Nile Ziegler	16
Susan Johnson	2	Harry Flair	22
Samantha Wang	6	Kim Plaziak	24
Ekaterina McNeill	7	Leon Qiao	
Kimberly Ferrie	8	John Richardson	
Fatheia Ahmeda	9	Sonmi Son	
Sherri Martin	12	Tara St. John	
Andy Linn	13	Jingqian Jiang	28
Parastoo Mashinchi			

Tests Passed

November

Wendi Hiller Killian and Solo Paso Doble and Solo Blues and Solo Helena Fisher Paso Doble and Solo Blues and Solo Starlight Waltz and Solo Melody Wang Senior Moves Hannah Carleton Novice Moves Lily Dwyer Intermediate Moves Claire Sosnow Juvenile Moves Pre-Juvenile Free Skate Emily Moosbrugger Morgan Sliker Pre-Juvenile Free Skate Adult Silver Free Skate Nancy Ellis Riggs Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Melody DeMerchant Pre-Juvenile Moves **Dutch Waltz** Canasta Tango Rhythm Blues

Risako Nonaka
Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Pre-Juvenile Moves

Maggie Cawston
Isabelle Chalker
Joy Ren
Madison St. John
Vanessa Vaughn
Pre-Preliminary Moves

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Kristen Rausch	1
Olivia Linn	2
Jamie Traylor	
Grace Wolf	
Olivia Kim	3
Julia Kornetzke	4
Michiyo Nonaka	5
Rahly Osenbaugh	6
Bill Roberts	9
Cristanne Goodwin	11
Chip Morgan	12
Oksana Kozlowski	15
Kening Ren	

Erin Brzusek	17
Alice Qiao	
Emily Hwang	18
Kim Kaloyannides	19
Karen Miranda	20
Kristin Hiller	21
Charles Liu	24
Eric Bohnstedt	25
Evelina Bobrik	27
Rachel Dudley	
MacKenzie Kisella	
Maria Son	

Moved? New E-Mail or Phone Number?

If you have moved, have a new telephone number or new e-mail address, please advise Jane Jud at Jjudalex@aol.com.







Guoli Chen Kate Falcone Rena Hugh Ekaterina McNeill



Pressley Rogers Angela Sun Avery Wilkinson





Congratulations to **Martine Szanto** and the Sacred Heart University skating team for a 4th place finish at the 2013 Intercollegiate Figure Skating Championships at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY!



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Upcoming Events

EVENT	<u>DATES</u>	SPONSOR/LOCATION	DUE DATE
Holiday Skate (Club Ice)	December 6	Atlanta FSC	
Winterfest Competition (Basic Skills - Preliminary)	December 14	The Cooler	4
U.S. Championships Exhibition, Party	December 13	Atlanta FSC	S
Test Session	January 10	Atlanta FSC	December 20
U.S. Championships	January 5 - 12	Boston, MA	1
Test Session	February 7	Atlanta FSC	January 17
Winter Olympic Games	February 6 - 23	Sochi, Russia	_
Valentine/Winter Olympic Games Skate (Club Ice)	February 14	Atlanta FSC	
Magnolia Open Exhibition	February 28	Atlanta FSC	
Magnolia Open	March 7 - 9	Atlanta FSC	L 0 /
Eastern Adult Sectional Championships	March 7 - 9	N. Jersey FSC, Westwood,	NJ February 1
Test Session	April 13	Atlanta FSC	March 22

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