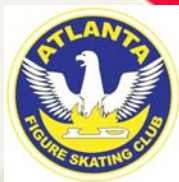


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## 2014 Magnolia Open - March Madness!



The 2014 Magnolia Open will be held on March 7 - 9 at The Cooler. Please welcome Chief Referee **Jeannette Doney** of Roswell, GA, Chief Accountant **Michael Rowland** of Raleigh, NC, Assistant Accountant **Kimberly Moore** of Charlotte, NC, Chief Music/Announcing **John Richardson** of Atlanta, GA, and our distinguished panel of judges.

### Entry Deadline

The online entry deadline is **February 7**. Late applications will be accepted with a late fee. Event requirements are posted on the website at [atlantafsc.org](http://atlantafsc.org).

### Exhibitions

Exhibitions for members will be performed during Club Ice on February 28. Please email John Richardson at [letsicedance@aol.com](mailto:letsicedance@aol.com) by February 21 to secure your spot. Skaters will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Events

Non-qualifying events well-balanced program free skate, test track free skate, moves, footwork, spins, jumps, solo dance, impromptu interpretive, showcase, and team maneuvers. Basic Skills events include basic program with music, elements, moves, interpretive, test track, and free skate program with music.

### LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Registrar	Christi Fisher
Operations Chair	Robert Osenbaugh
Awards	Carrilyn Corbin
Coaches' Hospitality	Robert Young
Competition Ice Monitor	Dawn Kisella
Donations	TBD
Officials' Hospitality	Kathy Shehee
Officials' Liaison	Gloria Lewis
Practice Ice Monitors	Cynthia Kometzke
Princess Locker Room	KB Lim
Program	Dana Forehand
Registration	Kathy Williams
Runners	Jan Brown
Vendors	Christi Fisher
Volunteer Coordinator	Jan Brown

### National Solo Dance Series

The Magnolia Open will participate in the USFS National Solo Dance series. In order to earn points within the series, skaters must be registered with U.S. Figure Skating as a participant prior to competing. The deadline to register as a participant is March 15, 2014.

Those skaters finishing highest in their respective sections will qualify for advancement to the National Solo Dance Championships.

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### JUDGES

Lisa Boyer	Harvest, AL
Elaine Bushey	Salem, SC
Marcia Chaffee	Cincinnati, OH
Tim Dolensky	Kennesaw, GA
Lori Dunn	Greensboro, GA
Marc Galonsky	Atlanta, GA
Beth Graham	Denver, CO
Sue Harmon	Lawrenceville, GA
Kristin Hiller	Alpharetta, GA
Nancy Hoblack	Charlotte, NC
Nancy Jehl	Supply, NC
Susan Johnson	Atlanta, GA
Tea Junnila	Johns Creek, GA
Warren King	Mauldin, SC
Gloria Lewis	Lawrenceville, GA
Karen Litwiniec	Birmingham, AL
Darren Patterson	Knoxville, TN
Julie Pierce	Duluth, GA
Gail Rowland	Raleigh, NC
Lee Schaffer	Atlanta, GA
Sara Stephens	Marietta, GA
Tony Torres	Huntsville, AL
Ginger Whatley	Atlanta, GA
Brooke Ziegler	Atlanta, GA

### Volunteers Needed!

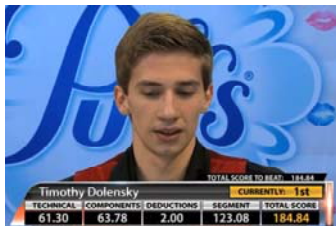
Area chairs will be contacting members to provide volunteer hours. We will also need members to donate food for coaches' hospitality. Please be generous with your time and talent!

Questions should be directed to Volunteer Coordinator **Jan Brown**.





Atlanta FSC members demonstrate visual and vocal support of Tim!







## Dolensky Ranks As 13th Best Senior Men's Skater in the U.S!

Accumulating 184.84 combined points for his free skate and short program, our own **Tim Dolensky** finished the season as the 13th best Senior Men's skater in the country. After an unfortunately rough short program, he landed multiple jumps in his free skate program, including a triple Lutz, triple loop, triple flip, triple Salchow, and double Axel/double toeloop/double toeloop combination.

### WE ARE IN AWE OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS, TIM!

Tim is the 2014 Eastern Sectional Championships gold medalist and the 2012 U.S. Championships Junior Men's silver medalist.







Helena and Ashley Wagner



Alex Tregre, Tami Mickle, and Blair Kim



Kaity and Gracie Gold



Helena, Tim, Kaity, and Tori.



Polina Edmunds and Kaity



Judge and Olympic Team Leader John Millier with his first dance partner, Amy Webster Berg



### ***Magnolia Open (cont'd from page 1)***

Included solo dance events are

- Pattern Dance (Preliminary - International), two dances
- Combined Dance: solo pattern dance (Juvenile, Intermediate and Novice) or solo short dance (Junior and Senior only) and a solo free dance
- Shadow Dance (Preliminary - Senior)
- Adult Solo Dance (Bronze, Silver, Gold), 2 dances

### **National Showcase**

Competitors who place first through fourth in a non-qualifying contested showcase/theatrical/interpretive skating event will receive an invitation to compete at the National Showcase Competition held in August.

### **Questions**

Please email any questions to [competitionchair@atlantafsc.org](mailto:competitionchair@atlantafsc.org).



### **Meanwhile, back at The Cooler ...**

Willow Shields (Prim) from "The Hunger Games" visited.

### **Freestyler Celebrates 50th Anniversary**

Created by judges **Susan Johnson** and **Lee Shaffer**, the **Freestyler** is now in its 50th year!



February, 2014



# SPOTLIGHT SKATER

Maria Son

## What do you love most about skating?

*I love the feeling of the smooth rink.*

## What is your weekly training regimen?

*I skate two sessions six days a week and off-ice two days a week.*

## What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

*My favorite element is double Lutz because I love the feeling of the high jump, and it's the least awkward jump for me. My least favorite element is the layback because it's just an awkward position.*

## Competitive accomplishments

*I won the Atlanta Open last year in the semi-finals.*

## Favorite program?

*My favorite program is "Aladdin" because it had a lot of my favorite elements in it.*

## What is the most memorable event of your skating career?

*The most memorable event of my skating career so far is when I did a clean program at the 2013 John Smith competition. I did not place; however, the joy of doing a clean program still lingers.*

## Whom do you admire most?

*I admire my sister because she is just so smart and active. She will never give up.*

## Who is your favorite skater?

*My favorite skater is Yuna Kim because her jumps are so high and elegant!*

## Tell us about your school and extracurricular activities.

*I'm in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and homeschooled, and I use the program k12. My favorite subject is science.*

*I volunteer as a runner at competitions, and I used to play piano.*

## I would like to meet ...

*I have already met Yuna Kim, so I would also love to meet Daisuke Takahashi because he is just so AMAZING, and his footwork is always so graceful looking, and he seems like a very nice person.*

## Tell us about your family.

*I have an older sister who loves reading and writing. I have 3 pets: a fish named Cookies 'n Cream, a frog named Mr. Froggy, and a puppy named Lutz.*

## Best advice you have ever received?

*Finish what you started and don't cut it short.*

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

*Will I be able to land all of my triples?*

## What are your future skating and educational goals?

*My goal is to go to Olympics. It may sound strange, but I will work hard to achieve it!*

*I will always continue to skate. I will attend college, of course. I want to become a world-renowned figure skater.*

## My three favorite things are

*My skates, my dog, and my iPad.*

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

*a runner or a ballerina.*

## Tell us something about yourself that no one knows.

*I collect bracelets.*

**Favorite word:** Happy ☺

**Least favorite word:** Loser

**Favorite quote:** "Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life." ~ Steve Jobs

**What turns me off:** Loud noises

**Favorite book:** *The Things with Wings*

**Favorite song:** Brave by Sara Bareilles

**Favorite movie:** "Tangled"

**Favorite TV show:** "America's Next Top Model"

**Favorite color:** Pink and blue

**Sound I love:** Birds chirping

**Sound I dislike:** Screaming

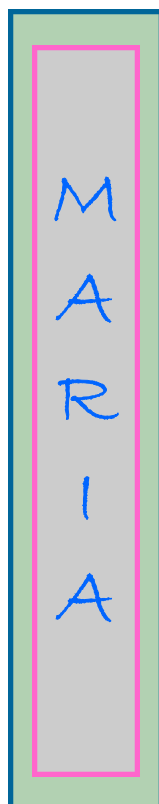
**I would never want to be:** A doctor

**Three words that best describe me:** Energetic, funny, and friendly

**If I were stranded on a desert island, I would have to have:**

*Lifetime supply of pizza, my bed, and my iPad*

**P.S.** I love furry animals.











Photos by Denise Freeman











## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Bailey Snead	2	Carilynn Corbin	20
Ellen Poulsen	4	Elizabeth Wright-Johnson	
Robert Haas		Ken Ono	
Sara Collins	6	Susan Kuse	
Carn Bickford	7	Angela Sun	21
Anna McPeak	8	Elizabeth Douglas	22
Christina Kahler		Anneliese Haas	23
Connie Taylor	9	Isabella Giordano	
Elizabeth Jester		Olga Vacariuc	
Madeline Freeman		S. Bridson Jones	
Ashley Benson	11	Shaunya Noble	
Renee Cawston		Dave Mura	24
Stephen Zimmerman		Chrissy Imperiale	26
Mow Yip	13	Helena Fisher	27
David DeMerchant	14	Laurie Vieth	
Martine Szanto		Vered Yudanin	28
Rachel Akin	17	Guoli Chen	30
Jeanelle Choi	19	Kayla Massie	
Sue Suh			
Katie Wishert			



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Janice Battersby	1	Marian Yen	21
Ashley Kaloyannides	4	Katherine Rolley	22
Lily Dwyer		Ling XU	
Elizabeth Wells	5	Rylee Manning	
Kathy Shankle		Yaxu Vaughn	
Lori Shapiro		Mingda Liu	23
Chris Ludwick	6	Isabelle Chalker	24
Hasita Yalamanchili		Libby Bickford	
Adeline Wieler	8	Sherry Davila	
Robert Young	10	Amy Moosbrugger	27
Lesley Posey	11	Anya Martynenko	
Lynn Thompson	13	Grace Rathbun	
Keelee Taylor	15	Jean Sohn	
Svetlana Strain		Mark Riley	
April Ludwick	16	Alexa Davila	28
Emily Dwyer	17	Natalie Martin	30
Anne D'Eloia	18	Ying Hu	

## Tests Passed

### November

Christina Cole	Starlight Waltz
Jennifer Allgood	Adult Bronze Free Skate
Olivia Patrick	Preliminary Moves
Campbell Young	Pre-Preliminary Moves

### December

Ashley Catanzarite	Preliminary Free Skate
Rachel Akin	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Anneliese Hill	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Emily Hwang	Preliminary Moves

### January

Isabel Bobrik	Preliminary Moves
Shaunya Noble	Preliminary Moves
Hanna Ivester	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Katia Kochengina	Pre-Preliminary Moves
George Song	Pre-Preliminary Moves

D.J. Bassett



Katie Kelley  
Carolyn Kelley

## congratulations

To **Lori Dunn** who was appointed National Showcase competition judge.

## Attention Graduating Seniors!

*If you are graduating from high school this year, please advise Jane Jud by February 21 so that we can feature you in a future Freestyler.*

### Club Academic Scholarship Application

The Atlanta FSC college academic scholarship application is available online for qualified Atlanta FSC members.



The maximum individual grant is \$1,000. A maximum of four grants of varying denominations, but no less than \$500, may be awarded. The application is posted online, and the deadline is **April 11**. Please note that all awards will be mailed directly to the applicant's college/university.

### USFS Graduating Seniors Program

The US Figure Skating program consists of four level designations awarded based on competition and/or test achievement. Certificates of accomplishment will be mailed to the athlete's school for recognition purposes.

Applications must be submitted by **March 1**.



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# Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SPONSOR/LOCATION</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
Winter Olympic Games	February 6 - 23	Sochi, Russia	
<b>Test Session</b>	<b>February 7</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>	
<b>Valentine/Winter Olympic Games Skate (Club Ice)</b>	<b>February 14</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>	
<b>Magnolia Open Exhibition</b>	<b>February 28</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>	<b>February 21</b>
<b>Magnolia Open</b>	<b>March 7 - 9</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>	<b>February 7</b>
Eastern Adult Sectional Championships	March 7 - 9	N. Jersey FSC, Westwood, NJ	February 1
Florida Open	April 4 - 6	Central Florida FSC, Orlando, FL	
U.S. Adult FS Championships	April 8 - 12	Yarmouth IC, Kingston, MA	
<b>Test Session</b>	<b>April 13</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>	<b>March 22</b>
National Technical Panel (Singles, Pairs, Dance)	April 18 - 21	USFS, Skokie, IL	February 17
<b>Spring Performance Camp</b>	<b>April 25 - 27</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>	