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2010 Magnolia Open Applications Due on February 5!



The 2010 Magnolia Open will be held on March 12 - 14 at The Cooler. Welcome to our officials (right) and vendors: Straw Productions (video and action photography), Trudi Designs, skatergirl (logo activewear), Toe Picks & Sticks, and A' La Bing Design (custom embroidery).

Volunteer Coordinators **Peggy McCarthy** and **Louise Szanto** are currently recruiting members to co-chair Competition Ice Monitors and Practice Ice Monitors. Please consider taking a leadership role and help create a successful competition.

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

Local Organizing Committee (LOC)

Chair/Registrar	Jeannette Doney	Practice Ice Monitors	Open
Chair Assistant	Sharon Hornecker		
Announcing/Music	John Richardson, Bill Walker	Program	Jane Jud
Awards	Elaine Bialczak, Robin Henry	Registration	Anna Marie Champion, Kim Leftwich
Coaches' Hospitality	Jan Brown, Lisa Gernentz, An Roberts	Runners	Tea Junnila, Megan Leftwich
		SetUp/ Breakdown	Dale Haar
Competition Ice Monitors	Open	Venue Management	Dale Haar, Marybeth Rathbun
Officials' Liaison	Gloria Lewis	Volunteer Coordinators	Peggy McCarthy, Louise Szanto
Officials' Hospitality	Barry Johnson		

COMPETITION OFFICIALS

CHIEF REFEREE

Beth Graham Denver, CO

ASSISTANT CHIEF REFEREE

Darren Patterson Knoxville, TN

CHIEF ACCOUNTANT

Dennis Boyer Harvest, AL

CHIEF ANNOUNCER

John Richardson Atlanta, GA

JUDGES

Elisa Boyer	Harvest, AL
Elaine Bushey	Salem, SC
Marcia Chaffe	West Chester, OH
Janis Crowe	Greenville, SC
Jeannette Doney	Roswell, GA
Dana Graham	Smyrna, GA
Catherine Hackney	Acworth, GA
Sue Harmon	Lawrenceville, GA
Fran Jesel	Moorestville, NC
Susan Johnson	Atlanta, GA
Sonja Kaminski	Raleigh, NC
Warren King	Mauldin, SC
Gloria Lewis	Lawrenceville, GA
Karen Litwiniec	Vestavia Hills, AL
Betty McCord	Marietta, GA
John Millier	Atlanta, GA
Darren Patterson	Knoxville, TN
Marie Pearce	Atlanta, GA
Lee Schaffer	Atlanta, GA
Tony Torres	Huntsville, AL
Ginger Whatley	Atlanta, GA



Tim Dolensky Captures Bronze at U.S. Championships

Congratulations to all of our U.S. Championships competitors!

NOVICE MEN

Timothy Dolensky

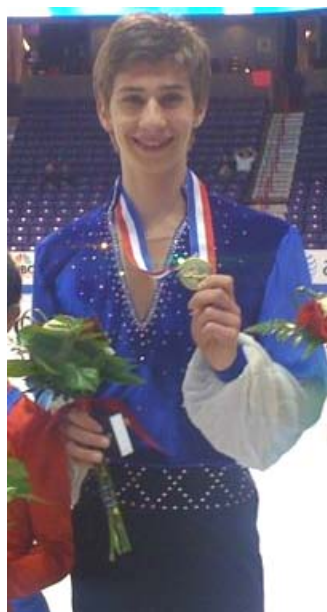
Final Standing 3rd/12
Free Skate 1st/12
Short Program 9th/12

Tim landed four clean triples (two in combination) plus a double Axel/double toe/double toe combo with dynamite spins to capture 1st place in the free skate and bronze in final standings. In an IceNetwork interview, Tim noted, "The past year and a half I've been cracking down on off-ice training a lot. Consistency is what I've been working on the most. It felt like just another day in practice."

JUNIOR MEN

Alexander Aiken

Final Standing 10th/12
Free Skate 6th/12
Short Program 12th/12



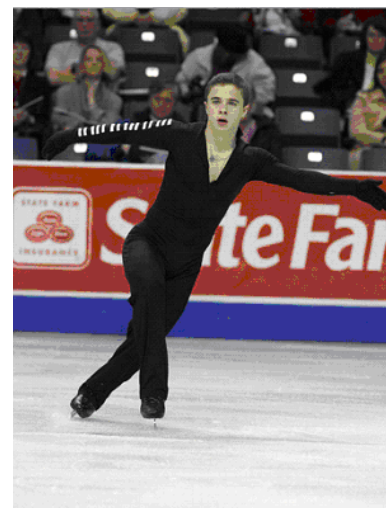
Alex rebounded from his short program to secure 6th place in the free skate with eight jump elements, including five triples and three combos.

Christopher and Marissa also moved up in the free skate for a 10th place finish in that event.

NOVICE PAIRS

Christopher Nolan & Marissa Spector

Final Standing 11th/12
Free Skate 10th/12
Short Program 11th/12



Although the Nationals Exhibition and send-off party were cancelled due to the weather, club members supported our competitors with good luck letters. Thanks to Special Events Chair Tami Mickle for creating the albums (pictured) and to all the members who sent their best wishes.



Showcasing our Members' Creative Artistry and Club Spirit

A newly created Teen Bulletin Board Team recently let their imagination soar with their first assignment—creating a seasonal display. Tinsley Cohen, Martine Szanto, Kristen Lyon, Sydney Kosse, Rose Ceigler, and Michelle Nguyen created a winter wonderland. (below) with markers, paint, iridescent plastic, paper dolls, and glittery snowflakes.



Theresa Bauer, Tinsley Cohen, and Martine Szanto honored our national competitors with a photo display.



Olympian Barbara Wagner Featured in February *International Figure Skating*

Fifty years ago, Canada's **Barbara Wagner** and Robert Paul became the first North American team to achieve Olympic gold in pairs, a distinction held for 42 years until another Canadian pairs team - Jamie Salé and David Pelletier - won gold (and silver!) in Salt Lake City.

Capturing the Canadian junior pairs title in 1954 and four consecutive senior national titles from 1956 - 1960, Wagner and Paul dominated international pairs throughout their careers with consecutive North American titles in 1957 and 1959 and four consecutive World crowns (1957 - 1960). After retiring from the competitive arena, the pair skated professionally with *Ice Capades* from 1961 - 1964.

In 1959, Wagner and Paul were awarded the Lou Marsh Trophy, one of Canada's highest sporting honors. They were also inducted into the World Figure Skating Hall of Fame in 1980 and the Canadian Figure Skating Hall of Fame in 1994.

Congratulations to our own Barbara Wagner as she celebrates this milestone!

[youtube.com/watch?v=DiEcq2lYqBo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DiEcq2lYqBo)

SPOTLIGHT SKATER ★

Leigh Healey

Where were you born?

I was born in Short Hills, NJ, later moved to Sarasota, FL, and have been living in Atlanta for 8 ½ years.

What keeps you motivated to continue skating?

What probably keeps me most motivated are my friends and family, and my love for skating. My mother and father come to all of my events, and my friends cheer from the sidelines.

What is your weekly training regimen?

Since passing my senior moves, my skating has dwindled down from five days a week to two. I do sit ups every night and try to fit some other physical activities in like bike riding, swimming, or walking.

What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

My favorite spins are laybacks and sit spins, and I dislike most jumps! But of all, the toe loop is the worst element because it feels so unnatural to me. I love footwork; it feels great to get a complicated sequence done! That contributes to my passion for ice dance.

Competitive accomplishments; favorite programs and/or music.

My favorite program was my belly-dance program this past year. It was so much fun to go out there and be dancing and skating. My favorite ice dance would have to be the tango because I think the music is entertaining, and I love the precise footwork. My greatest accomplishments were: at the Magnolia, getting first place and beating two older and experienced couples in a Rocker Foxtrot event, and recently passing my senior moves at age 13.

Tell us about your school and extra-curricular activities.

I am an all honors student in 8th grade at Autrey Mill Middle School. My favorite subjects are Advanced Math, Social Studies, and Science. I also play the violin and do hip-hop dance. I have been playing violin for seven years, and went to the international music camp, Interlochen, in Michigan this summer. I am concert master in my school orchestra and assistant concert master in the Fulton County Youth Orchestra.

I was an officer in Junior Beta at my school last year, hoping to run again this year. I helped come up with volunteering functions for my school, and I assisted with setting up meetings. I also participate in cotillion and am hoping to be chosen to be a high school chaperone for cotillion next year to help newcomers.

What is the most thrilling event of your skating career?

The most thrilling event I have experienced in skating was probably landing my Axel a few years ago. I can just remember how happy I was that I accomplished another milestone in my life.

Who is your favorite skater?

Irina Slutskya. I love her style of skating and the way her programs look so great on the ice. She was a big part of my life, especially when I was younger.

Best advice you have ever received?

You have to learn to soar like an eagle: to fly high, sometimes you have to fly alone. My mom says that a lot, and it's true. You have to learn to do things yourself in order for them to get done right.

Whom do you admire most?

I most admire my mom for her hard work. She is currently attending culinary school and is being my mother at the same time. It is very stressful for her but somehow she handles to get all the jobs done. I look up to her.

Tell us about your family.

I am an only child, and our dog, Sophie, recently passed away. My four best school friends are Meredith, Shamita, Jocelyn, and Gabby. They are there for me through thick and thin, and I couldn't live without them!

Tell us something about yourself that no one else knows.

I was a baby model! I tried out for commercials and everything. I was in Target, Toys R Us, and Talbot's ads. I even appeared in *Women's Day* magazine as well as two calendars as a snake! It was truly adorable.

What are your goals?

I dream of attending Dartmouth because that's where my dad went. If I am accepted I would love to be a part of their skating team. I am still not sure about what I would like to be when I am older, but I am thinking of being a radiologist.

I also hope to go as far as possible in ice dance.

Favorite word: Love

Least favorite word: Test

What turns me off: Snobs

Favorite quote: "You always have to be better than the person next to you." – Anonymous

Favorite book: *Night* – Elie Wiesel

Favorite song: Super Honeymoon - Owl City

Favorite movie: "Blades of Glory"

Sounds I love: Cheering

A sound I dislike: Tapping

I would never want to be: Sanitation worker

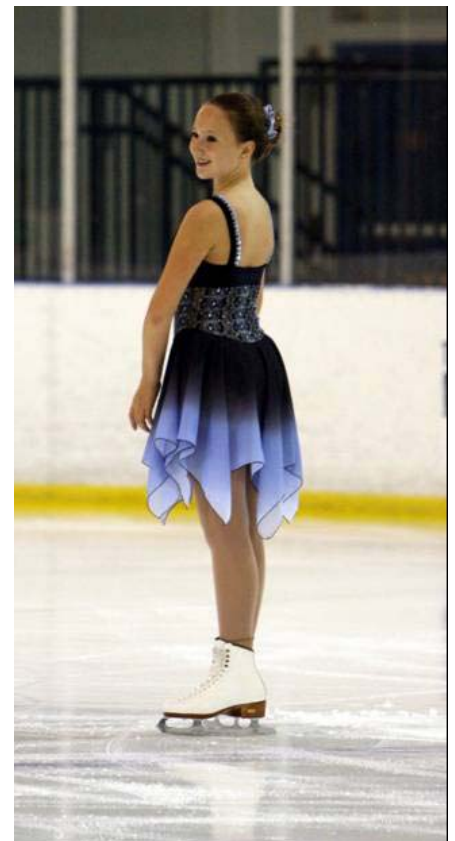
Three words that best describe me: Outgoing, lively, creative

PS I'm a fun-loving girl who loves to be with her friends and family and have a great time. I am very studious, and although I don't enjoy it all of the time, school comes first. This all adds up to be me, Leigh.

If I weren't a skater, I would be ...

I probably would've done dance. I feel that they are both the same, only one is on skates and one is in a studio.

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Holiday Spirit!



Lillian Ko, Grace Rathbun, Renee Wang, Haiwen Gui (back)



Lillian Ko, Alan Ko and Jean Liang performed in the lobby during the holiday club ice session.



Peggy McCarthy and An Roberts

Holiday
Club Ice
December 18

Photos by
Louise Szanto
&
Leon Qiao



Dale Haar with his mother-in-law and Angela Vasquez.



Martine Szanto and Tim Dolensky



Natalie Haar and Christi Fisher



Ice Monitors Marian Yen and Hu Chen

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Feb

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb

Kristen Rausch	1	Natalie Mueller	12
Olivia Shapiro	2	Saige-Simone	15
Julia Kornetzke	4	Karen Lyon	16
Lynette Stewart	4	Alice Qiao	17
Steven Torcivia	4	Cameron Reid	20
Lydia Gokmen	6	Kristin Hiller	21
Bill Roberts	9	Nicole Reed	24
Emily Haar	11	Maria Son	27
Michelle Wise	11	Eric Bohnstedt	25
Tinsley Cohen	12		

Welcome New BOD Member

Club President Kathy Shehee has appointed **Tami Mickle** to fulfill the balance of **Carmen Brady's** term on the Board of Directors. Tami will also chair special events.

Many thanks to Carmen for her contributions during her tenure on the BOD. She served as special events chair, lending her exceptional culinary talents to the fabulous exhibitions and 50th anniversary cakes.

Mar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mar

Ellen Poulsen	4	Juvy Ko	16
Thomas Kosse	5	Terry Mallory	17
Sara Collins	6	Susan Kuse	20
Naoko Yoshioka		Robert Kuse	
Joseph Dolensky	11	Elizabeth Wright-Johnson	
Hayley Nunnally		Olga Vacariuc	23
Silva Stewart		Helena Fisher	27
Barbara Grimes	13	Vered Yudanin	28
Martine Szanto	14	Kayla Massie	30
Katherine Fei	16		

Attention Graduating Seniors!



2010 Atlanta FSC Academic Scholarship Application

The 2010 Atlanta FSC college academic scholarship application is now 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 deadline is April 10, 2009.

U.S. Figure Skating Certificate of Achievement

U.S. Figure Skating will prepare a certificate of achievement for novice and above skaters that will be addressed to your school administrator and mailed to the skater. More information is available at usfigureskating.org/content/gradsenior.pdf.



Lynn Floyd and Lee Mallory managed our consignment sale with the assistance of daughters Megan Floyd and Casey Mallory.

Thank You!

A BIG thank you to ...

Holiday Club Ice

Brittney Bottoms	Christi Fisher	Jean Liang
Tim Dolensky	Lillian Ko	Martine Szanto
Jeannette Doney	Alan Ko	Angela Vasquez

Consignment Sale

Lynn Floyd and Lee Mallory

2010 - 2011 Board of Directors

Nomination Committee Appointed

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the 2010 Nomination Committee for the 2010 - 2011

BOD: **Barry Johnson, Jane Jud, Tea Junnila, Kim Leftwich, Tami Mickle** (chair), and **Marybeth Rathbun**.

The slate of candidates will be posted at each rink by March 15.

General membership nominations must be submitted in writing on a form provided on the website, signed and dated by the nominator and mailed to the chair by March 1. All nominees must have been members in good standing for the entire preceding club year (July - June). In order to balance the composition of the board to comply with club by-laws, please note that nominees are not automatically added to the slate.

Ballots will be available by April 1 and distributed to all eligible members by April 15. **All ballots must be returned by April 25.**



Tests Passed

December

Lindsay Hornecker Pre-Juvenile Moves

January

Ally Chebuhar Preliminary Moves

Anne Cole Pre-Preliminary Moves

Emily Haar Pre-Juvenile Free Skate

Saige-Simone Haynes Pre-Preliminary Moves

Wendi Hiller Novice Moves

Sydney Jiang Preliminary Free Skate

Elvira Junnila Pre-Preliminary Moves

Lillian Ko Intermediate Moves

Julia Kornetzke Pre-Preliminary Free Skate

Grace Liu Junior Moves

Casey Mallory Pre-Juvenile Moves
Dutch Waltz
Canasta Tango
Rhythm Blues

Kayla Massie Novice Moves

Kayla Moradi Pre-Preliminary Free Skate

Stephanie Niu Pre-Juvenile Moves

Teara Preston Intermediate Moves

Naomi Schneibaum Preliminary Moves
Pre-Preliminary Free Skate

Maria Son Pre-Preliminary Moves
Pre-Preliminary Free Skate

Emily Stark Preliminary Moves

Martine Szanto Novice Free Skate

Dezarae Vasquez Novice Moves
Hickory Hoedown

Melody Wang Preliminary Moves
Pre-Preliminary Free Skate

New Members



Zoe Benn
Celest Benn
Robert Benn
Jessica Gregory
Frances Gregory
Sky Cameron Johnson
Noelle Link
Nicole Reed

Karen Reed
Christopher Reed
Maria Son
Sonmi Son
Shane Williams
Marcia Skinner-Williams
Donald Williams

Inclement Weather Policy - Test Sessions, Special Events, Club Ice

In the event of inclement weather (hazardous road conditions, dangerous storms), Atlanta FSC events such as test sessions, special events, and Club Ice will be cancelled if Fulton County schools are closed. For test sessions, if your school system is closed and Fulton County schools are open, the test session will be conducted, but you will be rescheduled.



Happy Valentine's Day!

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Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SPONSOR/LOCATION/WEBSITE</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
February Test Session	February 12	Atlanta FSC	January 22
Olympic Winter Games	February 12 - 28	Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada Olympic.org	
Eastern Adult Sectional FS Championships	February 20 - 21	Hillsborough, NC, Central Carolina SC centralcarolinasc.com	
Blades in Bama (Basic Skills)	March 6	Birmingham FSC, Pelham, AL bhamfsc.com	February 13
2010 MAGNOLIA OPEN	March 12 - 14	Atlanta FSC, Alpharetta, GA Atlantafsc.org	February 5
March Test Session	March 19	Atlanta FSC	February 26
Florida Open	March 26 - 28	Central Florida FSC, Orlando, FL centralfloridafsc.org	February 14