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2012 Magnolia Open Launches New Season



The 2012 Magnolia Open will be held on March 9 - 11 at The Cooler. Please extend a warm welcome to our officials, competitors, and guests.

This year's vendors are Straw Productions (photography and videography), skatergirl (event logo coordinates), Sk8 Monkey (skatewear and accessories), Trudi Designs (practice and competition dresses), and A' La Bing (embroidered accessories).

Area chairs will be contacting members this month to provide volunteer hours at the competition. We also need members to donate food for coaches' hospitality. Please be generous with your time and talent when the chairs below contact you!

Exhibitions will be held at The Cooler during Club Ice on February 24 and March 2. Please contact Leon Qiao at liangqiao8888@yahoo.com to secure a spot (first-come, first-served).

Questions should be directed to competitionchair@atlantafsc.org.

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Coaches' Hospitality	Haley Osenbaugh	Runners	Jan Brown
Food Donations	Peggy McCarthy	Set-Up/Break Down	Robert Osenbaugh
Goody Bags	Jan Brown	Volunteer Coordinator	Jan Brown

2012 U.S. Championships Junior Men's Silver Medalist

Dolensky Reaps A "Windfall;" Will Compete at World Juniors



Tim Dolensky delivered a personal best performance at the 2012 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in San Jose, CA on January 22 - 29 to earn the junior men silver medal among a field of the 12 top junior national skaters and to qualify for the ISU World Figure Skating Championships this month.

A talented musician who has studied piano since he was six, Tim composed and played his own original New Age music titled "Windfall" for his short program. Nailing a triple loop/triple toe combination for the first time plus a triple Lutz and double Axel garnered him first place, ahead of two-time U.S. novice champion, Nathan Chen.

His third place "Gypsy Kings" free skate performance included seven triple jumps, including a triple Lutz/double toe/double loop.

After a disappointing fifth place finish at last year's Eastern Sectionals that left him out of the national championships, Tim returned with a vengeance. "I'm so proud of myself," he said. "I have been waiting a whole year for this, and I was just so happy that I made it here, and I was able to do my best."

Last August he won bronze at the Junior Grand Prix Volvo Cup in Riga, Latvia and bronze at the 2010 U.S. Championships at the novice level. He will be traveling to Minsk, Belarus to compete at Junior Worlds on February 27 - March 4.

Congratulation to Tim, his coaches **Debbie Prachar**, **Brittney Bottoms**, and **Graham Payne** and his family!



Alexander Aiken Among Top 20 National Competitors

Although Senior Men competitor **Alexander Aiken** did not medal at the U.S. Championships, we are incredibly proud of his first national performance at the senior level in a deep field of experienced senior men competitors. Alex is the 2011 U.S. Junior Men's bronze medalist. Congratulations to his coach, Paul Wylie, and his supportive family!

Tim flanked by coaches Debbie Prachar and Brittney Bottoms.

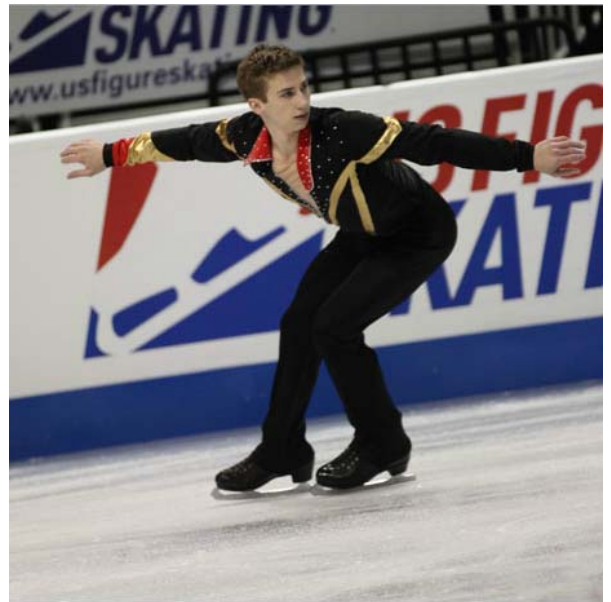


Medalist Tim Dolensky (left).





"Windfall" short program

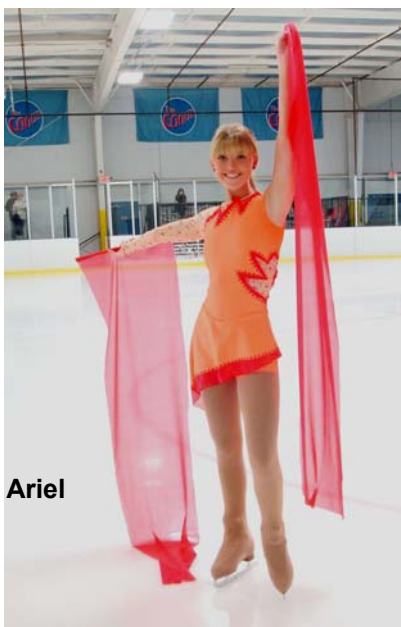


"Gypsy Kings" free skate

SENIOR MEN	
Alexander Aiken	
Final	19th/20
Free Skate	18th/20
Short Program	18th/20
JUNIOR MEN	
Tim Dolensky	
Final	2nd/12
Free Skate	3rd/12
Short Program	1st/12



Alexander Aiken and his family.



Ariel

National Showcase Competitors Exhibition

Since the U.S. Figure Skating National Showcase event occurred prior to the season return of Club Ice, qualifiers **Ariel Collins** and **Gabrielle Kuse** graciously entertained the crowd during Club Ice on January 13.

Great job, ladies!



Gabrielle

Social Media Guidelines

With the increased use of social media, the Professional Skaters Association has adopted guidelines to protect their members and leverage the positive benefits that these websites can offer. U.S. Figure Skating is also in the process of crafting guidelines and has suggested that members be vigilant in the use of social media.



Many coaches no longer "friend" minors, and USFS has requested that all officials, including club boards, follow suit. Use common sense: treat others as you would like to be treated - with respect, kindness, and courtesy. Use good judgment by restricting profile and privacy settings to "only friends" or "friends of friends."

Board of Directors Elections

The 2012 Nominating Committee, chaired by Barry Johnson, will post a slate of candidates to fulfill expiring terms of current Board of Directors members **Jeannette Doney, Judith Flair, Dale Haar, Gloria Lewis** and **Louise Szanto** by March 15.



Ballots will be available for all eligible members by April 1 and must be returned by April 30.

If you meet the qualifications in our bylaws and wish to run for election, please complete the form online and mail to Barry Johnson by March 1 (postmark).

Test Applications Update

Please make sure to mail all test applications to the club mailbox. Several older versions of these applications list an outdated address.



Congratulations to our officials who will be honored at Governing Council for their years of service.

Marie Pearce	40 Years
Catherine Hackney	25 Years
Fran Jesel	25 Years

Attention Graduating Seniors!



2012 Club Academic Scholarship Application

The 2012 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 is posted online, and the deadline is **April 13**.

USFS Graduating Seniors Program

The USFS 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**.



Kristin Adams	Olivia Garrett
Anna Bowden	Christina Garrett
Michelle Bowden	Jason Garrett
Robert Bowden	Rylee Manning
Chloe Briscoe	Catherine Manning
Violet Burkus	Tom Manning
Kasey Anne Deloia	Emy Palermo
Emily Flair	Milica Palermo
Shaina Flair	Melanie Schael
Madeline Freeman	Julia Wittosch
Denise Freeman	Campbell Young
Doug Freeman	Kimberly Young
	Robert Young



SPOTLIGHT SKATER

Kayla Massie

What do you love most about skating?

I love skating to music and the feeling of being on the ice. Its just so much fun! My friends and family also keep me motivated. They always encourage me to do my best.

What is your weekly training regimen?

I skate at least 3 times a week, and I go to the gym at least 4 times a week. Sometimes I go running and do some yoga.

What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

My favorite jump is a double loop, and I love doing footwork. Footwork is probably my favorite thing to do because it's fun moving quickly to the music! My least favorite jump is probably a double Salchow, because it is the hardest for me.

Favorite competition?

My favorite competition is probably my very first one. I won a gold medal, and I was very pleased with myself. I was 6 years old at the time.

What is the most memorable event of your skating career?

My most memorable time would have to be when I landed my Axel. I remember how hard I tried to get it. It was difficult, but it was worth all the work!

Whom do you admire most?

I admire my uncle and my grandmother, because they are always there for me when I need them. They also encourage me to do my best all the time! I also admire my coach Ms. Barbara Wagner, because she always keeps me motivated and always pushes me to do my very best.

Who is your favorite skater?

Mao Asada because she inspires me a lot. I love the way she skates to all her programs. She performs so gracefully and smoothly.

Tell us about your school and extracurricular activities.

I go to Lassiter High School, and I am in 11th grade. My favorite subject is probably history. I also play the violin. My most recent award was for having the highest grade in my English class. About every other Thursday I go to an elementary school to help younger kids with their homework and reading. Sometime I help out at my church too.

Tell us about your family.

I am a single child. My mother and I sometimes take care of other people's pets for them. I love to read and hangout with my friends! I also love to workout and dance!

What are your future skating and educational goals?

I would like to start coaching soon and pass my senior moves. I would like to be a physical therapist when I am older, and attend Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah. I would also like to coach when I am in Savannah.

I would like to meet ...

Blake Lively, because I think she is an amazing actress!

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

Probably a dancer or a soccer player .

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

Most of my family members live in Japan. My mother and I go to visit them as much as possible. My uncle lives in Florida. I don't get to see him as much as I would like to but we always keep in touch no matter what. The one thing that most people don't know about me is that I hate spiders. They creep me out!

My three favorite things are

Music, animals, and pasta.

Best advice you have ever received?

Don't judge people, because you never know what they're going through. ~ My uncle

Favorite word: Smile!

Least favorite word: Squeaky

Favorite quote: "You never know what you're capable of until you try it." ~ My uncle

What turns me off: Mean people

Favorite book: The Hunger Games

Favorite movie: "Soul Surfer"

Favorite song: I have too many!

Favorite TV show: "Modern Family"

Sound I love: Waterfalls and rain

Sound I dislike: Nails on a chalkboard

I would never want to be: A surgeon or a high school teacher

Three words that best describe me:

Cheerful, friendly, caring

If I were stranded on a desert island, I

would have to have: My iPod, books, and a ton of yogurt

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VOLUNTEER Movers & Shakers

Elaine Bialczak - Our Own Legal Eagle!

When did you join the Atlanta FSC, and how did you first become involved as a volunteer?

I am what I call an Atlanta FSC "retread," that is, I have been a member at two different times. The first time was 1979 through 1984, when I left Atlanta for career reasons. After I returned to Atlanta, I rejoined the club for the 1993 membership season, so I have been a member for a total of 26 membership years, but this is my twentieth consecutive year of membership. My first volunteer experience was during my first membership period, when I was involved in the club ice show every year.

Describe your past and current positions as well as any other contributions to the club.

I have served as the Athletes' Representative on the Atlanta FSC Board of Directors and as an elected member of the board. During my elected term, I served as chair of the Procedures Committee; in this position, I updated the club constitution and bylaws. I also served as first vice president, and as acting president for five months. I have assisted with music and served as awards announcer at the Magnolia and the Atlanta Open competitions. Now, I assist the club president with projects whenever she requests.



Please describe your accomplishments as a skater or your participation in other sports.

I was a member of the adult synchronized team, and we won a silver medal at the Dallas ISIA competition. At one time, I had a dance partner, and we participated in local competitions; we won a silver medal at one of them. I have passed my Silver Dances and am working on my Pre-Gold dances, which I find a challenge, and which Graham finds a challenge teaching me.

Why do you stay involved as a volunteer with the Atlanta FSC?

I want to contribute to the club's continued success to ensure that others will enjoy a sport I have loved for many years, and because I respect the club president and understand the stress the position brings.

Tell us a little about your background, profession, hobbies, and family.

I was born in Oak Hill, West Virginia. I am the proud daughter of a father who served in the Polish and U.S. Armies during World War II, worked in the West Virginia coal mines, and then in the defense industry, and a mother who devoted her life to assisting her husband and raising three children to become responsible and contributing citizens. I am a middle child with two brothers.

I was educated in Columbus, Ohio, where I attended primary and secondary Catholic schools, earned a B.A. in History from The Ohio State University, and a J.D. from The Ohio State University College of Law. I have worked for the Regional Counsel's Office of the Internal Revenue Service, served as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Ohio, as the State and Local Tax Counsel for the Coca-Cola Company, and as an attorney with the AT&T Law Department. More recently, I have been a consultant employed by private consulting firms.

Skating is my main hobby because the activity feels great after spending my work day at a desk before a computer. I engage in other boring, but necessary, exercises: running and walking, working out with hand weights, and flexibility training. I also enjoy reading history (mostly American) and adventure and spy novels.

POTPOURRI Tests Passed

November

Stephanie Brimeyer	Dutch Waltz Canasta Tango Rhythm and Blues Preliminary Dance Test
Carolyn Catanzarite	Dutch Waltz Canasta Tango Rhythm and Blues Preliminary Dance Test
Nile Ziegler	Preliminary Free Skate Preliminary Moves

December

Jessica Gregory	Pre-Preliminary Moves
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January

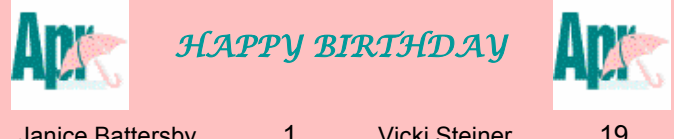
Amanda Bao	Junior Moves
Olivia Barnes	Preliminary Free Skate

January

Ashley Catanzarite	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Pre-Preliminary Moves
Alexa Davila	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Rachel Korn	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Natalie Martin	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Kayla Moradi	Juvenile Free Skate
Stephanie Niu	Juvenile Free Skate
Risako Nonaka	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Emily Stark	Intermediate Moves
Olivia Wang	Novice Moves
Lily Xie	Juvenile Free Skate Intermediate Moves



Ellen Poulsen	4	Elizabeth Wright-Johnson	20
Thomas Kosse	5	Ken Ono	
Naoko Yoshioka	6	Susan Kuse	
Madeline Freeman	9	Inez McDaniel	21
Joseph Dolensky	11	Leah Schultz	23
Stephen Zimmerman		Olga Vacariuc	
Kaia Culotta	13	Chrissy Imperiale	26
Yip Mow		Helena Fisher	27
Martine Szanto	14	Laurie Vieth	
Jeanelle Choi	19	Kayla Massie	30
Carrilynn Corbin	20		



Janice Battersby	1	Vicki Steiner	19
Katie Creecy	4	Rylee Manning	22
Fran Jesel		Xu Ling	
Lily Dwyer		Mingda Liu	23
Anna Bowden	5	Amy Moosbrugger	27
Elizabeth Wells		Anya Martynenko	
Sharon Brothman	8	Grace Rathbun	
Karen Korn	9	Jean Sohn	
Katelyn Champion		Alexa Davila	28
Teresa Dale		Natalie Martin	30
Margarita Varshavskaya	15	Ying Xie	
Svetlana Strain			

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Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SPONSOR/LOCATION</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
Blades in Bama	February 25	Birmingham FSC, Birmingham. AL	
ISU World Junior FS Championships	February 27 - March 4	Minsk, Belarus	
MAGNOLIA OPEN	March 9 - 11	Atlanta FSC	February 10
Eastern Adult Sectional Championships	March 9 - 11	Rockville, MD	
TEST SESSION	March 18	Atlanta FSC	February 26
U.S. Adult FS Championships	April 10 - 14	Bensenville, IL	
Florida Open	April 13 - 15	Central Florida FSC, Orlando, FL	
TEST SESSION	April 15	Atlanta FSC	March 25
Skate Nashville	April 27 - 29	Nashville FSC, Franklin, TN	March 15
Governing Council	May 2 - 6	U.S. Figure Skating, Myrtle Beach, SC	