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Atlanta FSC Members Earn 104 Medals



Atlanta FSC members captured over 100 medals at the 2011 Atlanta Open on June 16 - 18! Congratulations and woo-hoo to our 28 gold (below), 29 silver, 25 bronze, and 14 pewter medalists!

The Board of Directors thanks our officials, coaches, volunteers, and parents for your

GOLD MEDALISTS

Alexander Aiken	Helena Fisher (2)	Tatiana Kozmava	Aspen Ono
Olivia Barnes (2)	Jessica Gregory	Charles Liu	Rahly Osenbaugh
Stephanie Brimeyer	Wendi Hiller	Mingda Liu	Olivia Patrick
Drew Bryant	Sydney Jiang	Natalie Martin	Nancy Ellis Riggs
Ariel Collins (3)	Megan Joseph	Kayla Moradi	Jabe Roberts (2)
Katie Creecy	Jamie Kim	Maya Neel	Dezarae Vazquez
Kaia Culotta	Kamayla Ko (2)	Stephanie Niu	Catherine Yen



Hospitality Winners

The Atlanta FSC expresses our gratitude to ALL of the wonderful volunteers who provided food for Coaches Hospitality. Thanks to donations provided by our volunteers and local restaurants, we managed to feed 90 coaches for three days. A big thank you to **Karen Hiller** for serving as our liaison with the restaurants. Prizes were donated by **Skatergirl**, **Sk8Monkey**, and the Atlanta FSC.

The winners of our hospitality food contest, based on feedback from the coaches, were:

- * Grand Prize Winner - **Amanda Bao** (Atlanta Open and skater-themed cookies)
- * **Natalie Haar** - (Mandarin-Almond Spinach Salad)
- * **Vickie Joseph** (Rich Potato Soup)
- * **Dawn Kisella** (Beef Vegetable Tortellini)
- * **Susan Kuse** (Killer Chili)
- * **An Roberts** (Tangy Pasta Salad)
- * **Regina Brimeyer** (Pasta Salad with minced vegetables)

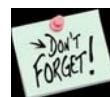


contributions to another successful competition. A special thank you to our chair of registration, **Jeannette Doney**, our chair of operations, **Dale Haar**, and the entire local organizing committee.

Results are provided on pages 2 - 4, and photos on pages 4 - 8.

Membership Renewals Reminder

Don't forget to renew your membership. Applications for the 2011-2012 season are now available on the club website. You must renew your membership in order to enter any U.S. Figure Skating-sanctioned competitions and remain in good standing.





2011 Atlanta Open Member Results

SENIOR MEN

Short Program Alexander Aiken 1st/1

SENIOR LADIES

Short Program Jamie Kim 1st/3

JUNIOR LADIES

Free Skate Martine Szanto 2nd/3

Short Program Martine Szanto 2nd/4

NOVICE LADIES

Free Skate Taylor Johnson 9th/12

Parastoo Mashinchi 10th/12

Sydney Kosse 12th/12

Short Program Silva Stewart 6th/14

Christina Cole 7th/14

Parastoo Mashinchi 9th/14

Taylor Johnson 13th/14

Sydney Kosse 14th/14

INTERMEDIATE LADIES

Free Skate

Grp. A Wendi Hiller 6th/13

Aspen Ono 11th/13

Grace Liu 12th/13

Grp. B Alice Qiao 2nd/12

Maya Neel 6th/12

Dezarae Vazquez 9th/12

Grace Elowe 12th/12

Short Program

Grp. A Alice Qiao 3rd/11

MacKenzie Kisella 11th/11

Grp. B Wendi Hiller 2nd/10

Emily Haar 6th/10

Grace Liu 9th/10

Maya Neel 10th/10

Grp. C Dezarae Vazquez 7th/10

Aspen Ono 9th/10

Dezarae Vazquez 1st/3

Spins

Showcase -

Light Entertainment Aspen Ono 1st/3

Emily Haar 2nd/3

JUVENILE BOYS

Free Skate Jabe Roberts 1st/1

JUVENILE GIRLS

Free Skate Kamayla Ko 1st/13

Short Program Kayla Moradi 1st/7

Grace Rathbun 3rd/7

Maria Son 4th/7

Sydney Jiang 5th/7

Lily Xie 6th/7

Ally Chebuhar 7th/7

Compulsory Moves Jabe Roberts 1st/3

Kayla Moradi 2nd/3

Kamayla Ko 3rd/3

Showcase -

Light Entertainment Sydney Jiang 1st/2

Ally Chebuhar 2nd/2

OPEN JUVENILE GIRLS

Free Skate Helena Fisher 2nd/12

Stephanie Niu 4th/12

Madeleine Brown 7th/12

Teara Preston 8th/12

Short Program Helena Fisher 2nd/6

Teara Preston 4th/6

Madeleine Brown 5th/6

Stephanie Niu 6th/6

Ariel Collins 1st/2

Footwork

Showcase:

Light Entertainment Ariel Collins 1st/3

Helena Fisher 2nd/3

Teara Preston 3rd/3

Dramatic Helena Fisher 1st/3

Teara Preston 2nd/3

Ariel Collins 3rd/3

Duet Ariel Collins 1st/1

Megan Joseph 1st/1

JUVENILE/OPEN JUVENILE

Spins Kamayla Ko 1st/6

Kayla Moradi 3rd/6

Lily Xie 5th/6

Jumps Stephanie Niu 1st/3

Lily Xie 2nd/3

Jabe Roberts 3rd/3

PRE-JUVENILE GIRLS

<u>Free Skate</u>	Grace Rathbun	3rd/15
	Lily Xie	7th/15
	Alice Tang	8th/15
	Kayla Moradi	9th/15
	Sydney Jiang	10th/15
	Ally Chebuhar	11th/15
	Melody Wang	12th/15
	Maria Son	13th/15
	Olga Vacariuc	15th/15
<u>Compulsory Moves</u>	Alice Tang	2nd/8
	Katelyn Champion	6th/8
	Lily Nell Downing	7th/8
	Natalie Martin	8th/8
<u>Jumps</u>	Natalie Martin	3rd/4
	Katie Creecy	4th/4
<u>Spins</u>	Drew A. Bryant	1st/5
	Stephanie Niu	2nd/5
	Katelyn Champion	3rd/5
	Lily Nell Downing	4th/5 Tie
	Olga Vacariuc	4th/5 Tie

PRELIMINARY GIRLS

<u>Free Skate</u>		
<u>Grp. A</u>	Catherine Yen	3rd/8
	Mingda Liu	6th/8
	Anne Cole	8th/8
<u>Grp. B</u>	Naomi Shneibaum	2nd/9
	Katelyn Champion	3rd/9
	Natalie Martin	6th/9
	Renee Wang	8th/9
<u>Grp. C</u>	Katie Creecy	1st/9
	Megan Joseph	3rd/9
	Emily Brothman	7th/9
<u>Compulsory Moves</u>		
<u>Grp. A</u>	Rahly Osenbaugh	1st/8
	Kaia Culotta	3rd/8
	Elvira Junnila	6th/8
	Mingda Liu	8th/8
<u>Grp. B</u>	Catherine Yen	1st/10
	Renee Wang	4th/10
	Nile Ziegler	5th/10
	Anne Cole	6th/10
<u>Grp. C</u>	Christine Yen	3rd/10
	Julia Kornetzke	4th/10
	Drew A. Bryant	8th/10
	Katie Creecy	10th/10
	Natalie Martin	1st/4
<u>Footwork</u>		
<u>Jumps</u>		
<u>Grp. A</u>	Anne Cole	2nd/4
	Elvira Junnila	3rd/4
	Hannah Carleton	4th/4
<u>Grp. B</u>	Emily Brothman	2nd/6
	Drew A. Bryant	5th/6

PRELIMINARY GIRLS

<u>Spins</u>	<u>Grp. A</u>	Mingda Liu	1st/7
		Elvira Junnila	2nd/7
		Hannah Carleton	5th/7
	<u>Grp. B</u>	Rahly Osenbaugh	6th/7
		Andrea Carrasquilla	6th/6
<u>Showcase -</u>			
	<u>Light Entertainment</u>	Emily Brothman	2nd/2

PRE-PRELIMINARY

<u>Girls Free Skate A</u>			
	<u>Grp. A</u>	Tiffany Hatzikoutelis	5th/9
	<u>Grp. B</u>	Emily Nolan	3rd/10
		Andrea Carrasquilla	4th/10
		Sofya Varshavskaya	5th/10
		Alyssa Levitt	9th/10
		Gabrielle Kuse	10th/10
<u>Boys Free Skate A</u>		Charles Liu	1st/1
<u>Girls Free Skate B</u>			
	<u>Grp. A</u>	Kaia Culotta	2nd/11
		Elvira Junnila	5th/11
		Nile Ziegler	6th/11
		Olivia Barnes	8th/11
		Alexa Davila	9th/11
		Rahly Osenbaugh	10th/11
	<u>Grp. B</u>	Ying Yip	3rd/9
		Hannah Carleton	7th/9
	<u>Grp. C</u>	Julia Kornetzke	5th/10
<u>Spins</u>			
	<u>Grp. A</u>	Kaia Culotta	1st/5
	<u>Grp. B</u>	Olivia Barnes	2nd/5
		Ying Yip	3rd/6
		Gabrielle Kuse	5th/6
<u>Compulsory Moves</u>			
	<u>Grp. A</u>	Olivia Barnes	1st/8
	<u>Grp. B</u>	Ying Yip	2nd/8
		Claire Sosnow	5th/8
		Charles Liu	7th/8
	<u>Grp. C</u>	Emily Nolan	4th/7
		Sofya Varshavskaya	7th/7
<u>Jumps</u>			
	<u>Grp. A</u>	Olivia Barnes	1st/5
		Charles Liu	4th/5
	<u>Grp. B</u>	Ashley Catanzarite	3rd/5
<u>Showcase:</u>			
<u>Light Entertainment</u>			
		Tiffany Hatzikoutelis	2nd/6
		Gabrielle Kuse	3rd/6
		Alyssa Levitt	6th/6

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Girls Free Skate A

<u>Grp. A</u>	Olivia Patrick	3rd/8
<u>Grp. B</u>	Jessica Gregory	1st/6
	Stephanie Brimeyer	2nd/6
	Nicole Reed	4th/6

Girls Free Skate B

<u>Grp. A</u>	Madeline Green	7th/10
<u>Grp. B</u>	Claire Sosnow	5th/10
<u>Grp. C</u>	Ashley Catanzarite	2nd/11
	Morgan Sliker	9th/11
	Kasey Rodgers	10th/11

Compulsory Moves

<u>Grp. A</u>	Olivia Patrick	1st/8
<u>Grp. B</u>	Morgan Sliker	7th/9
	Stephanie Brimeyer	8th/9
	Nicole Reed	9th/9
<u>Spins</u>	Nicole Reed	5th/8
<u>Jumps</u>	Morgan Sliker	3rd/3

Showcase -

<u>Light Entertainment</u>	Olivia Patrick	4th/6
	Jessica Gregory	6th/6

ADULT SILVER

<u>Compulsory Moves</u>	Nancy Ellis Riggs	2nd/2
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ADULT BRONZE LADIES

<u>Dramatic Showcase</u>	Nancy Ellis Riggs	1st/2
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SOLO DANCE

<u>Pre-Gold</u>	Tatiana Kozmava	1st/2
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<u>Silver</u>	Helena Fisher	1st/1
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<u>Pre-Silver</u>	Maya Neel	1st/3
	Emily Haar	2nd/3
	Olga Vacariuc	3rd/3

<u>Bronze</u>	Wendi Hiller	1st/3
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<u>Pre-Bronze</u>	Ariel Collins	2nd/2
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<u>Preliminary</u>	Stephanie Brimeyer	1st/3
	Kamayla Ko	2nd/3
	Madeline Green	3rd/3





Broadmoor Open
June 22 - 25

Tim Dolensky

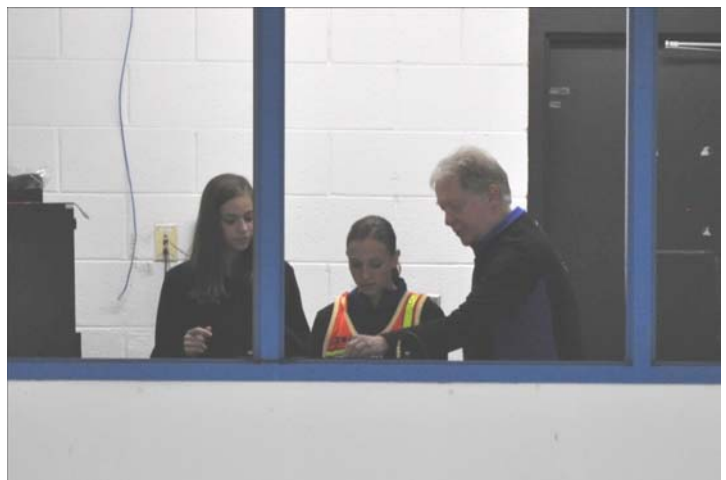
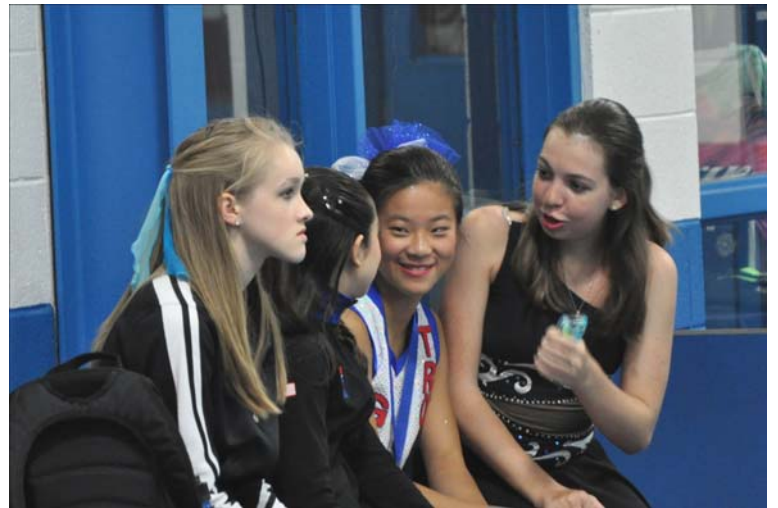
Junior Men Free Skate	3rd/7
Junior Men Short Program	1st/7





Thanks to Leon Qiao, Lei Bao, and Tami Mickle for the photos!









SPOTLIGHT SKATER

What keeps you motivated to continue skating?

I love how it teaches me discipline and many other life skills.

What is your weekly training regimen?

I skate about five days a week, about 2 hours a day. I go to conditioning training for an hour twice a week, and I workout off ice personally five to six times a week.

What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

My favorite element is the Axel because I like the nice, floating feeling of it. My least favorite element is the donut spin because I look so awkward when I do it.

Favorite music/program.

My favorite program is my current Intermediate short program. I really like the music because it is so pretty and musical. The footwork is my favorite part of that program.

What is the most memorable event of your skating career?

The time I lost all of my music the day before competition.

Tell us about your school and extra-curricular activities.

I'll be attending Pope High School this fall as a freshman. My favorite subjects really depend on how much I like the teacher. I play violin, draw, and paint. I have graduated Chinese school. I've been recognized for my achievement in visual arts by the Atlanta High Museum of Art and won 3rd in state for the National Reflections Contest. I participated in the District XII Honor Chorus in 2007. I was awarded as best student at the Wushu Classes of the Tai Chi Academy of Wushu Acupressure in 2008. I've made Honor Roll all three years of middle school and got Presidential Honor Roll in 8th grade. I was awarded Best All Around Student in 7th and 8th grade.

Who is your favorite skater?

Kim Yuna, because she is so graceful and has very dramatic facial expressions.

Whom do you admire most?

My mom and my coach.

Best advice you have ever received?

Let go of the things that don't matter and concentrate on the things that do.

Tell us about your family.

I have two brothers. James is turning 17 this July, and Charlie is 9 and also skates.

What are your future skating and educational goals?

In skating, I hope to at least become a Novice. Educationally, I hope to go into the field of design, not sure about the specifics. Yes, I certainly plan to go to college. I don't think so, but I hope that in some way I will still contribute to figure skating.

My three favorite things are

Oreos, Kpop, and my friends.

I would like to meet ...

Taemin from a Korean boy band called Shinee. I want to be friends with him.

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

Probably a swimmer, since that is what I did before skating.

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

I like figuring out how things work, especially electronics.

Grace Liu

Favorite word: *Banana*

What turns me off: *Annoying people*

Favorite quote: "Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow."
~Albert Einstein

Favorite book: Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

Favorite movie: "The Shawshank Redemption"

Favorite song: "Why Did I Fall in Love With You?" by DBSK

Sound I love: Soft rumbling of thunder

Sound I dislike: The sound that my refrigerator makes when I leave it open

I would never want to be: Trash collector

Three words that best describe me: Artistic, hardworking, and independent

If I were stranded on a desert island, I would have to have: Life-time supply of clean drinking water, a knife, and life-time supply of sunscreen

P.S. I can juggle and used to be in my elementary school juggling team.

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VOLUNTEER Movers & Shakers

Dale Haar Dedicated Dad and Heavy Lifter

Literally and figuratively, Dale Haar is a heavy lifter for the Atlanta FSC. In 2010 he received the club's Golden Boot Award (Volunteer of the Year) and for good reason. His involvement in logistics and heavy set up for each of the club's major events over the past three years has been nothing less than extraordinary. For example, during the spring ice show, Dale, along with George Emmert, saved the club hundreds of dollars by physically moving and setting up the heavy scaffolding required for spotlights. He desires the best possible experience for our skaters and thus ALWAYS pitches in whenever needed. In recognition of his tireless and dedicated service, the Atlanta FSC gratefully acknowledges Dale as our feature volunteer for July!

~ Peggy McCarthey



Emily and Dale Haar

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

Our family is starting its fourth year with the Atlanta FSC. Like most families, we joined the Club because of our daughter, Emily. I think I first called about being a volunteer because I saw a sign up sheet at the MIC. I was originally assigned to the Set Up and Take Down team where I still volunteer to this day. Like so many parents new to figure skating, I didn't know anything about hosting a competition. I do remember trying to help wherever they needed me and that there was quite a lot to do and learn. It is always fun and challenging to start a new activity in life.

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

I have been a member of the LOC the past two years for both the Magnolia and Atlanta Opens where I have served as Chair of Operations and chairs of Set Up and Take Down, Vendors and Lodging. I hope during my time with the Atlanta FSC we can win a bid to host either Regionals, Sectionals or Nationals. That would be another wonderful feather in our Club's hat! I was also the chair of Lighting and Set Up and Take Down for our "Georgia On My Mind" spring show. The show was so challenging because I knew nothing about lighting or wireless communications! Tami Mickle was such an inspiration during the show, and I thank her for all of her technical knowledge, enthusiasm and support. Everybody loved the Spring Show! I was also elected to the Board of Directors in 2010 where I have served as Secretary and will be the First Vice President for the current year. It is very interesting to see and be a part of the future of the Club.

Please describe your accomplishments and goals as a skater.

I am a member of the Club because of my daughter. I am not a skater. There, I confess it! The few times I have skated were not very pretty. The boards were my best friend! However, I have always loved figure skating. As a child during the 60's and 70's, I was glued to the TV set during the Winter Olympics. It was about the only time we really got to see any coverage of the sport, unlike today. As beautiful as the programs were, I will always remember the judges getting down and observing the marks on the ice.

My father was a swimming and diving coach so I spent most of my time growing up at the pool. I swam competitively for years, played water polo and was a life guard. What a contrast between figure skating and swimming. In one sport you have a whole sheet of ice, music and choreography. In the other, you go up and down the pool in one lane and repeat thousands of times.

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

The biggest reason I stay involved with the Atlanta FSC is to support the young skaters, the club and the sport. Figure skating teaches our children so many important life lessons about inner discipline, sportsmanship, positive outlook, strength, beauty and grace. How can anybody not want to be a part of that? Along the way, I have met so many interesting people and made some wonderful friends. And we have traveled to skating camps and competitions in Lake Placid, New York and Sun Valley, Idaho! I must confess that even if Emily didn't skate, I would love going to these destinations. In fact, I am on the road to Sun Valley now!

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

I graduated from the University of Kansas with a degree in geology in 1982. I have worked as an oil and natural gas exploration geologist and as a consultant on environmental remediation projects. For the past ten years, I have been employed as a stay at home dad. Still waiting on that first paycheck! I enjoy flyfishing, bird and dragonfly watching, kayaking and camping -- pretty much anything in the natural world. Natalie and I have been married for twenty-two years. We are also the proud parents of a long-haired, miniature Dachshund named Biscuit.

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Tests Passed



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Rosemary Cole	2	Ariel Collins	19
Donna Hatzikoutelis	3	Sue Harmon	21
Barry Johnson		Renee Wang	22
Susan Pittman		Macon Chiles	23
Gabrielle Kuse	4	Cherie Chepaitis	25
Athena Landon	5	Grace Elowe	
Christina Cole	6	Kayo Massie	
Lane Pease		Sheryl Nolan	
Storm Roberts	7	Caryn Voiles	
Jonet Choe	8	Carson Oakes	26
Kuodu Ko		Miho Yoshioka	
Trey Chiles	9	Mike Aiken	26
Julia Janas		Sara Stephens	
Joseph Schultz		Terry Szanto	27
John Stark		Brandy Preston	28
Chao Rong Mueller	10	Barbara Allbritten	29
Julia Gu	12	Amanda Bao	
Christopher Reed		Christi Fisher	
Michael Shneibaum	13	Scott Kornetzke	31
Tea Junnila	15	Michael Marcanio	
Francesca Bryant	17	Dezarae Vazquez	
Anna Marie Champion		Ginger Whatley	
Rachel Korn	18		

June

Madeleine Brown	Juvenile Free Skate Juvenile Moves
Andrea Carrasquilla	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Katelyn Champion	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Elise Heydet	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Wendi Hiller	Ten Fox
Tea Junnila	Adult Bronze Moves
Rachel Korn	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Mingda Liu	Preliminary Free Skate Pre-Juvenile Moves
Kaitlyn Plaziak	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Ansleigh Rainey	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Nicole Reed	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Katie Sanyal	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Claire Sosnow	Preliminary Moves

Nolan To Join Disney On Ice European Tour

Former Atlanta FSC member **Christopher Nolan** will perform in Feld Entertainment's Disney on Ice "World of Fantasy" tour from October, 2011 - April, 2012. The variety show, celebrating four Disney movies - "Cars," "Little Mermaid," "Tinkerbell," and "Toy Story 3," will travel to 30 cities and nine countries in Europe.



Christopher, who graduated in May from the University of Delaware with a BS degree in Finance, is a former singles and pairs competitor. With partner Marissa Spector, he competed at the 2010 and 2009 U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the 2010 Eastern Sectional Championships (novice bronze), the 2009 Pacific Coast Sectional Championships (novice bronze), and the 2007 U.S. Junior Championships with former intermediate pairs partner Megan Leftwich.

Christopher's proud mom is coach **Sheryl Nolan**.

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Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SPONSOR/LOCATION</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
US Collegiate FS Championships	July 21 - 24	Sun Valley FSC, Sun Valley, ID	
Test Session	July 24	Atlanta FSC	July 3
Lake Placid Ice Dance Championships	July 27 - 30	SC of Lake Placid, Lake Placid, NY	June 6
Charleston Open	July 30 -31	FSC of Charleston, Charleston, SC	July 5
Pink Ribbon Invitational	July 31	Silver Star FSC, Pineville, NC	
USFS National Showcase	August 3 - 6	Greater Cleveland Council of FS Clubs, Mentor, OH	
Orange Blossom	August 4 - 6	Tampa Bay SC, Oldsmar, FL	July 1
Dogwood Open	August 12 - 14	SC of North Carolina, Raleigh, NC	June 30
Rocket City Classic	August 19 - 20	SC of Huntsville, Huntsville, AL	July 8
Potomac Open	August 19 - 21	Washington FSC, Ashburn, VA	July 19
Peach Open & Classic	September 3 - 4	Georgia FSC, Duluth, GA	July 17