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2010 Atlanta Open to Host Skaters from 15 Clubs

Over 225 skaters from eight states and 15 U.S. Figure Skating club will compete at the 2010 Atlanta Open on June 17 - 19 at The Cooler. Please welcome our visiting officials, competitors, coaches, families, and vendors! Confirmation letters will be sent approximately two weeks prior to the competition. If you do not receive any notification, please contact Jane Jud as soon as possible.



Governing Council Changes

Important changes approved at the 2010 Governing Council will be implemented at the competition. These changes are posted at the rink and on the website (see page 2). Please check U.S. Figure Skating's website for PDF files published on May 13 for Singles Short Program Elements (Intermediate - Senior); Singles Free Skate Elements (Juvenile - Senior); and Singles Free Skate Elements (No-Test - Pre-Juvenile).

Credentials

This year, all coaches will be issued credentials that **must** be worn to gain access to the rinks and hospitality suites - no exceptions! A \$25.00 replacement fee will be assessed.

Volunteer Service

If you have not fulfilled your volunteer service hours, be sure to contact Volunteer Coordinators Peggy McCarthy or Louise Szanto. As a non-profit organization, the Atlanta FSC relies solely on the support of all of our members to manage our numerous activities. Join the team!

Ryan Bradley's Exhibition

Unfortunately, Ryan Bradley has withdrawn from the exhibition due to a medical emergency. As you know, he skated at the world championships with a broken foot and now requires immediate surgery that will entail three months for recuperation and physical therapy. We are disappointed, but wish Ryan a speedy recovery!

2010 ATLANTA OPEN LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (LOC)

Co-Chair/Operations Manager	Dale Haar	Officials' Hospitality	Sharon Hyre, Barry Johnson, Tony Maness
Co-Chair/Registrar	Jane Jud	Officials' Transportation	Peggy McCarthy
Announcing/Music	John Richardson	Online Registrar	Judith Flair
Awards	Peggy McCarthy	Practice Ice Monitors	Sharon Brothman, Louise Szanto
Coaches' Hospitality	Jan Brown, Anna Marie Champion, Louise Szanto	Program	Jane Jud
Competition Ice Monitors	Christi Fisher	Registration	Kim Leftwich
Donations	Anna Marie Champion	Runners	Tea Junnila
IJS Set-Up	Jeannette Doney, Leon Qiao	SetUp/ Breakdown	Dale Haar
Officials' Liaison	Gloria Lewis	Volunteer Coordinators	Peggy McCarthy, Louise Szanto

New Board of Directors Members Elected

Congratulations to the following newly-elected members who will serve two-year terms on the club Board of Directors: **Jeannette Doney, Judith Flair, Dale Haar, Gloria Lewis, and Louise Szanto.**



Jeannette Doney
Senior



Judith Flair
Senior



Dale Haar
Junior



Gloria Lewis
Senior



Louise Szanto
Junior

Remaining on the BOD are **Judith Flair** (re-elected), **John Millier, Kathy Shehee, and Terri Steiner** (all senior), **Leon Qiao** (junior) and appointed members **Kim Leftwich** (membership chair) and **Judy Williams** (test chair). **Sharon Hyre** has also been appointed to fulfill the remainder of Brittney Bottoms' term. Many thanks to departing Board members **Brittney Bottoms, Barry Johnson** (athlete representative), **Anya Martynenko, Tami Mickle**, and to all of the candidates.

Officers for the 2010-2011 club year will be elected by the new Board of Directors in June. Committee chairs and other appointed positions will also be announced in June.

2010 GOVERNING COUNCIL APPROVED REQUESTS FOR ACTION

The following changes will be implemented at the 2010 Atlanta Open. Additional approved requests for action are available on U.S. Figure Skating's website.



1. Amended Rule 2032 C and E:

Marking of Singles Short Program (6.0 system)

C. The execution of a non-prescribed element in place of a prescribed element must be considered as an omission; an additional deduction for an extra element should be taken in the mark for technical elements.

E. An element is omitted when it is not tried; the jump combination is omitted when neither one of the two jumps is attempted. Deductions must be made according to the following scale of values:

Singles	Failures	Omissions
Jump combinations, solo jumps, spins, flying spins and spin combinations	0.1 to 0.4	0.5
Step sequences and spiral step sequences	0.1 to 0.3	0.4
Extra or repeated elements	0.2	

2. Amended Rules 3672 - Intermediate Well Balanced Free Skate must contain:

Spins: Maximum of three spins of a different nature (one of which must be a flying spin, one a combination spin with at least one change of position, and **one a spin in one position with no change of foot and no flying entry.**

C. Spins: In the intermediate free skate, **only the flying spin and the combination spin may begin with a flying entry,** may change feet and may change position. The minimum number of revolutions for the flying spin in the intermediate free skate is five, two of which must be in the landing position. The combination spin must have a minimum of **8 revolutions total. The minimum number of revolutions in the solo spin is five with no change of foot and no flying entry.**

3. Amended Rule 3681 – Juvenile and Open Juvenile Well-

Balanced Free Skate must contain:

Spins: Maximum of three spins of a different nature (one of which must be a flying spin, one a combination spin with at least one change of position, **and one a spin with only one position with no change of foot and no flying entry.**

D. Spins: The minimum number of revolutions for the flying spin in the juvenile or open juvenile free skate is five, a minimum of two of which must be in the landing position. The minimum number of revolutions in the combination spin is eight total. The skater must change position at least once and may change feet. **The minimum number of revolutions in the solo spin is five with no change of foot and no flying entry.**

4. Amended Rule 3681 – Juvenile and Open Juvenile Well-

Balanced Free Skate must contain:

Jumps: Maximum of **five** jump elements (one of which must be an Axel-type jump).

5. Amended Rule 3671 – Intermediate Short Program

Technical elements are:

2. One double **or triple** jump immediately preceded by connecting steps and/or other free skate movements.

3. One jump combination consisting of a single jump and a double jump, two double jumps, **a triple jump and a single jump, or a triple jump and a double jump** (jump attempted in (1) and (2) may not be repeated in this combination).

Remarks: **When a triple jump is executed in (2), a triple jump cannot be included in the jump combination.**

6. Did **not** approve amendment of Rule 3502. Therefore, vocal music with lyrics will be permitted at all levels of adult competitions.

SPOTLIGHT SKATER



Sydney Kosse

What keeps you motivated to continue skating?

The feeling of perfecting a jump or spin, there is no other feeling like it!

What is your weekly training regimen?

I take from the amazing coach, Chuck Miller as well as choreography from Mindy Sellers. I skate four times a week for at least an hour and a half, and I do off ice training with Teresa Dale twice a week. In addition, I ride my bike, swim, run, do yoga with my grandmother, and have random workouts with my mom.

What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

My favorite would be my flying camel because once I got it, it was so easy and fun. My least favorite would be double loop because it has always been hard for me and when I fall on it, I practically kill my tailbone.

Competitive accomplishments; favorite music/program.

I received second at the 2009 Regional Championships at the Preliminary level and placed 12th in the final round. My favorite program is always the one I'm working on at that time because I'm always learning and growing as a skater so each program is better than the last.

Tell us about your school and extracurricular activities.

I have been home schooled all my life. I'm a sophomore this year, and my favorite subject would definitely have to be math.

I have been doing an internship with Trudi McClain the beloved dressmaker of the AFSC learning how to make dresses and use her amazing sergers and sewing machines. I have also been playing the piano for 5 years.

What is the most thrilling event of your skating career?

First time I landed my Axel was amazing. I had just fallen on a bunch during a lesson with my coach, he left to go teach on the other rink, I kept doing them and a few in I landed one perfectly. I ran over to the other rink and did two perfect ones for him. We celebrated with milk and cookies.

What are your future goals?

I hope to qualify at the 2011 South Atlantic Regionals as an Intermediate skater. Also I plan to eventually pass all my moves in the field and free skate tests. I have a few colleges on my mind and plan to do something involving art, focusing on fashion and photography. I hope to even one day own my own boutique where I make all the clothes myself. I plan to continue skating throughout college, but it depends on how far I've progressed by then on whether I skate recreationally or competitively.

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

My entire family is very active. My brother plays tennis and practices tae kwon do. My mom takes adult ballet classes and works out with me. My dad plays squash and swims. Even my grandmother plays tennis and does yoga every morning!

Whom do you admire most?

I admire my grandmother, Lala, because she is always positive about everything and she always has something nice to say about everyone. She is always there for me and anyone who needs her. I love her dearly.

Tell us about your family.

I have a little brother, Matthias, who is 10. I also have a dog-named Chux, and an evil cat who attacks everyone.

Extracurricular activities/hobbies?

I am an active member of the local Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) where I read advance copies of books, review them and vote on the top ten young adult books in America.

Best advice you have ever received?

Flaws aren't obstacles on the path to perfection, merely signs and guideposts to guide you in pursuit of it.

Who is your favorite skater?

Evan Lysacek because he's passionate about skating and he works hard to achieve his goals. His jumps are powerful, and the execution of his choreography is dynamic. When I watch him, my biggest desire is to dominate the ice (he's not bad looking either).

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

A dancer.

Favorite word: Bananas

Least favorite word: Hate

What turns me off: Gloating

Favorite quote: "First you must find... another shrubbery! Then, when you have found the shrubbery, you must place it here, beside this shrubbery, only slightly higher so you get a two layer effect with a little path running down the middle. ("A path! A path!") Then, you must cut down the mightiest tree in the forest... with... a herring!" – Monty Python and the Holy Grail

Favorite book: *The Hunger Games* – Suzanne Collins

Favorite song: Lovesick – "Never Shout Never"

Favorite movie: "Ferris Bueller's Day Off"

Sound I love: The sound your blade makes when you do a bracket just right.

Sound I dislike: Girls screaming for their favorite actor/musician.

I would never want to be: A butcher

Three words that best describe me: Upbeat, Kind, Determined

If I were stranded on a desert island, I would have to have: My books, my pillow, and an unlimited amount of ice tea.

P.S.

I have a strong passion for the environment and ending animal cruelty. I've been a vegetarian for three years and this year I plan on volunteering at the local recycling center.

SYDNEY





Pre-Preliminary: (L- R) Grace Rathbun, Maria Son, Katelyn Champion, Kayla Moradi. **Preliminary:** Madeleine Brown.



Juvenile Girls: Alice Qiao, Lillian Ko.



Open Juvenile: (L - R) Grace Liu, Maya Neel, Dezarae Vazquez, Emily Haar, Cheryl Khoo.

Atlanta Open Exhibitions

May 21 and 28



No Test: (L - R) Elvira Junnila, Ying Yip, Claire Sosnow, Noelle Link, Sofiya Varshavskaya.

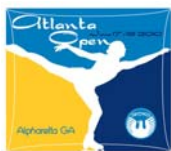
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L - R: Alyx McCarthy (Senior), Martine Szanto (Novice), Tim Dolensky (Junior), and Breanna Voyce (Novice).



L - R: Theresa Bauer (Intermediate), Amanda Bao, Kamayla Ko (Juvenile), and Wendi Hiller (Intermediate).



L - R: Olga Vacariuc (Preliminary), Mattea Gernentz (Pre-Preliminary), Anne Cole, Nicole Reed (No Test), Jabe Roberts (Preliminary), Alice Tang, Sydnie Jiang (Preliminary) and, Julia Gu (Pre-Preliminary).



Awards Banquet - May 16



*Outstanding Skater
Tim Dolensky*



*Bruce Stultz Silver Blade Award
Martine Szanto*



*Lewis Elkin Dance Award
Leigh Healey*



*Pinky Ager Coach Award
Debbie Prachar*



*Lucille Morgan Judges Award
Jeannette Doney*



*Joann Oehlert Spirit Award
Peggy McCarthey*



*Golden Boot Award
Dale Haar*



*Test Award
Emily Haar*



*Adult Skater of the Year
Nancy Ellis Riggs*



*President's Awards
Sharon Hyre & Terri Maurice*

*Academic Scholarship Recipients
Ariel Collins & Kristin Hiller
Not Pictured:
Samantha Reese & Wendy Wang*

Over 90 members and guests participated in the Awards Banquet at Brunswick Zone - Roswell on May 16. Congratulations to all of our award recipients, and many thanks to special events chair, **Tami Mickle**, and to her committee members:



Jeannette Doney
Sharon Hyre

Barry Johnson
Kathy Shehee

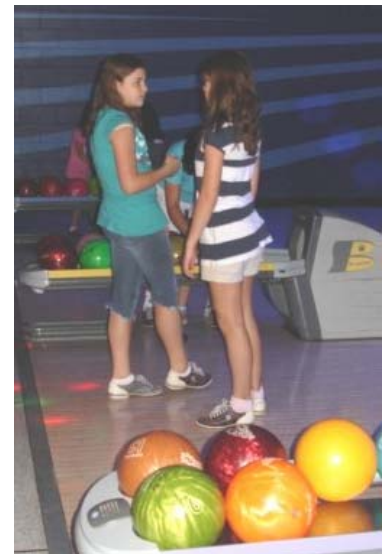


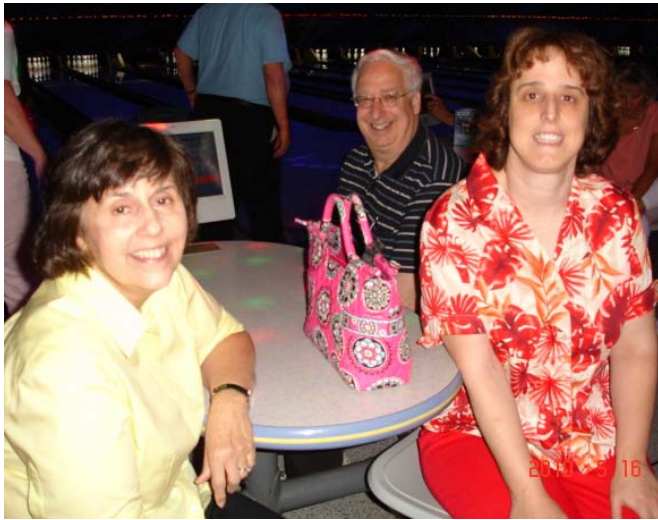
Awards Banquet Member Attendees

Amanda & Lei Bao & Katherine Zhang
Theresa Bauer
Zoe, Celest, & Robert Benn
Lydia, Stella & Susan Choe
Sarah Coleman
Ariel Collins
Tim and Susan Dolensky
Jeannette Doney
Grace & Wayne Elowe
Helena & Christi Fisher
Judith & Harry Flair
Emily, Natalie & Dale Haar
Leigh, Lois and William Healey
Sierra Henry
Kristin, Wendi, & Karen Hiller
Sharon Hyre
Sydney & Joyce Jiang
Barry Johnson & Tony Maness
Kamayla Ko
Rachel & Karen Korn
Julia, Cynthia & Scott Kornetzke

Casey Mallory
Anya Martynenko
Alyx & Peggy McCarthy
Tami & David Mickle
Natalie, Chao Rong, & Scott Muell
Maya & Alexis Neel & Marie Kuhn
Emily Nolan
Olivia Patrick & George Emmert
Shaylyn Pergola
Debbie Prachar
Alice & Leon Qiao & Ling Xu
Grace & Marybeth Rathbun
Kristen, Rose, & Bob Rausch
Kathy Shehee
Martine, Louise, & Terry Szanto
Alice and Chao Tang
Sofiya Varshavskaya
Olga & Vladimir Vacuriuc & Elena
Dezarae & Angela Vazquez
Caryn Voiles
Barbara Wagner

AWARDS BANQUET - May 16







Skate Nashville

Nashville FSC, Franklin, TN

April 23 - 25

Atlanta FSC Wins the Trophy!

INTERMEDIATE LADIES

Free Skate, Grp. A

Taylor Johnson 7th/12

Free Skate, Grp. B

Theresa Bauer 7th/10

Short Program, Grp. A

Theresa Bauer 4th/11

Taylor Johnson 9th/11

Short Program, Grp. B

Alice Qiao 2nd/10

Kristen Lyon 8th/10

Spins

Kristen Lyon 1st/5

JUVENILE/INTERMEDIATE

Showcase

Maya Neel 1st/2

JUVENILE GIRLS

Free Skate

Alice Qiao 1st/8

Amanda Bao 2nd/8

Kamayla Ko 4th/8

Short Program

Amanda Bao 1st/4

Kamayla Ko 2nd/4

OPEN JUVENILE

Free Skate

Maya Neel 1st/9

Grace Liu 4th/9

Short Program

Grace Liu 1st/4

Maya Neel 2nd/4

Dezarae Vazquez 4th/4

Jumps

Maya Neel 2nd/4

Grace Liu 4th/4

Spins

Grace Liu 1st/5

Maya Neel 2nd/5

PRE-JUVENILE/JUVENILE

Interpretive

Dezarae Vazquez 2nd/3

Maya Neel 3rd/3

PRE-JUVENILE

Free Skate, Grp. B

Dezarae Vazquez 3rd/6

PRE-JUVENILE (Cont'd)

Jumps

Dezarae Vazquez 1st/5

Spins

Dezarae Vazquez 1st/7

PRELIMINARY BOYS

Free Skate B

Jabe Roberts 1st/4

PRELIMINARY

Free Skate B

Olga Vacariuc 7th/9

Jumps

Jabe Roberts 1st/5

Spins, Grp. A

Jabe Roberts 1st/6

Spins, Grp. B

Olga Vacariuc 5th/9

Compulsory Moves

Jabe Roberts 1st/9

Grace Rathbun 3rd/9

PRE-PRELIMINARY

Free Skate A, Grp. B

Grace Rathbun 2nd/6

PRE-PRELIMINARY/

PRELIMINARY

Interpretive, Grp. B

Grace Rathbun 1st/7

BEGINNER/PRE-

PRELIMINARY

Showcase, Grp. A

Louise Sides 1st/6

BEGINNER 2

Free Skate, Grp. B

Louise Sides 6th/7

Compulsory Moves

Louise Sides 2nd/6

Spins

Louise Sides 1st/3

BEGINNER 1

Free Skate, Grp. B

Abigail Dickinson 4th/6

Free Skate, Grp. D

Emily Nolan 2nd/6

Compulsory Moves,

Grp. A

Abigail Dickinson 5th/6

Compulsory Moves,

Grp. B

Emily Nolan 2nd/5

BEGINNER

Jumps, Grp. A

Louise Sides 1st/7

Abigail Dickinson 7th/7

Jumps, Grp. B

Emily Nolan 5th/6



POTPOURRI

Tests Passed

2010 Technical Panel Continuing Education School To Be Offered at 2010 Atlanta Open

U.S. Figure Skating will be offer a Technical Panel Continuing Education School at the 2010 Atlanta Open. **The registration deadline is June 6.** The school will provide continuing education for current technical controllers and technical specialists and initial education for potential technical controllers and technical specialists.

Participants will be credited with technical panel official activity, which will be taken into consideration by the Technical Panel Committee for future advancement. In addition, those officials who already hold at least a non-qualifying appointment who have been approved by their sectional vice chair on the Technical Panel Committee to test for can take their test for advancement at one of the schools.

Schools will be conducted under the direction of the Technical Panel Committee and will include trial calling during actual competition events followed by event debriefings.

Registration fee:

- \$25 to attend for education and activity only
- \$50 to attend and test for advancement as a controller
- \$75 to attend and test for advancement as a specialist

To register, please visit:

https://fs12.formsite.com/USFSAIT/2010TPSchools/secure_index.html?1274219302341.



Test Sessions Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Application Due Date</u>
July 2	Friday	June 11
August 1	Sunday	July 11
August 29	Sunday	August 8

The new Moves in the Field test requirements will become

Dolensky Named to U.S. Figure Skating Team

Tim Dolensky, the 2009 U.S. Novice Men's bronze medalist was selected by U.S. Figure Skating as a member of Team C - Tier Two for the 2010-11 season.

The envelope level is primarily determined by the athlete's performance in international and U.S. Figure Skating competitions during the previous season, and is used to determine funding levels.



<u>May 2</u>	
Stephanie Niu	Preliminary Free Skate Juvenile Moves
Haritha Pavuluri	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Emily Stark	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Pre-Juvenile Moves
Silva Stewart	Junior Moves
Caryn Voiles	Fourteenstep
Christine Yen	Preliminary Free Skate
Grace Ying	Preliminary Free Skate



New Members

Cheryl Khoo Elena Vagner

2010-2011 Membership Renewal

Applications for the 2010-2011 season (July 1 - June 30) will be available on the club website on June 1. Once again, we urge all parents, guardians, spouses and partners of full members to rejoin (it's free!). Competition applications will not be signed until membership dues are paid, so if you plan to enter any competitions held in July and beyond, your membership must be current for the 2010-2011 season.

Don't forget to complete the volunteer form and return it with your application. Membership applications will not be processed without this form.

If you have any questions, please contact Membership Chair, Kim Leftwich at jml2002@windstream.net.

CONGRATS!

Congratulations to Atlanta FSC coach **Brittney Bottoms** who was re-elected to serve as Group Coordinator of Athlete Services on the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors.



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Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SPONSOR/LOCATION/WEBSITE</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
Azalea Classic	June 4 - 6	Triangle FSC, Wake Forest, NC	
ATLANTA OPEN	June 17 - 19	Atlanta FSC	
Summer Chiller	June 25 - 27	City of Palms FSC, Ft. Myers, FL	May 26
Liberty Summer Competition	July 13 - 17	Liberty FSC, Aston, PA	May 29
ICE DANCE WEEKEND	July 16 - 18	Atlanta FSC	July 1
Lake Placid Ice Dance Championships	August 4 - 7	SC of Lake Placid, Lake Placid, NY	June 14
National Showcase 2010	August 5 - 7	The Bourne SC, Cape Cod, MA	July 10
Charleston Open	August 6 - 8	FSC of Charleston, N. Charleston, SC	June 25
U.S. Collegiate FS Championships	August 12 - 15	Lansing SC, E. Lansing, MI	June 15
Rocket City Classic	August 19 - 20	SC of Huntsville, Huntsville, AL	July 23