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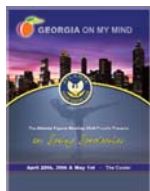
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"GEORGIA ON MY MIND "



~ Our Spring SPECTACULAR!

Hats off to our skaters for their **SENSATIONAL** performances at our first ice show in over 20 years! There are so many volunteers to thank - the show LOC, coaches, the Board of Directors, parents, spouses, and especially Chair **Anna Marie Champion** and Producer/Director **Tami Mickle**. A special thank you to **Eric McCarthy** for stepping in at the last minute to serve as announcer! Many thanks also to **Jeremy Abbott** and **Alexander Aiken** for co-hosting the brunch, attending our awards banquet, and signing numerous autographs along with our guest and featured soloists.



Not only did we break attendance records for the show, but we also recorded our largest Awards Banquet participation! Thank you, **Barry Johnson**, for chairing this event!



Board of Directors Elections

Congratulations to the following newly-elected members who will serve two-year terms on the club Board of Directors: **Sharon Hyre**, **John Millier**, **Kathy Shehee** (all senior), **Anna Marie Champion**, and **Leon Qiao** (both junior).

Remaining on the BOD are **Jeannette Doney**, **Gloria Lewis** (both senior) **Judith Flair**, **Dale Haar**, and **Louise Szanto** (all junior). Many thanks to departing Board members **Anya Martynenko** and **Terri Maurice** 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.

Registration Deadline - May 12!



Don't forget to register for the Atlanta Open on the club website. Please note the rules changes approved at Governing Council that will be effective for the competition (page 2).

Trial Judging

If you are interested in trial judging the Atlanta Open, please follow the application instructions in rule JR 16.10 in the 2011 Rulebook.

Registrar/Chair : Jeannette Doney
Operations/Chair: Dale Haar

U.S. FIGURE SKATING GOVERNING COUNCIL RULES CHANGES

The following rules changes approved at Governing Council, effective June 1, 2011, will be adopted at the 2011 Atlanta Open:

SINGLES COMMITTEE

- **Amended rule 3662, Novice Ladies Short Program (steps)**, (page 242, Rulebook) to replace the fixed Base Value spiral sequence with a leveled step sequence.
- **Amended rule 3663, Novice Well-Balanced Free Skate (steps)**, (pages 242-243, Rulebook) to replace the option of a fixed Base Value spiral or a fixed Base Value choreographed step sequence with a leveled step sequence.
- **Amended Intermediate Short Program, Intermediate Well-Balanced Free Skate and Juvenile/Open Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate** to replace the leveled step sequence with a fixed Base Value choreographed step sequence.
- **Amended rule 3661, Novice Men Short Program (spins)**, (page 241, Rulebook) to require a change of foot in the camel or sit spin.
- **Amended rule 3672, Intermediate Well-Balanced Free Skate (spins)**, (page 244, Rulebook) to limit the number of spins to two. One spin must be a combination spin with at least one change of position, and one spin must be a spin in one position with no change of foot. Both spins may have a flying entry.
- **Amended rule 3681, Juvenile/Open Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate (spins)**, (page 245, Rulebook) to limit the number of spins to two. One spin must be a combination spin with at least one change of position, and one spin must be a spin in one position with no change of foot. Both spins may have a flying entry.
- **Amended rule 3691, Pre-Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate (spins)**, (pages 245-246, Rulebook) to limit the number of spins to two. One spin must be a combination spin with at least one change of position (minimum six revolutions total), and one spin must be a spin in one position with no change of foot (minimum four revolutions). Both spins may have a flying entry.
- **Amended rule 3663, Novice Well-Balanced Free Skate (jump repetitions)**, (page 242, Rulebook) to allow one additional triple jump to be repeated for novice men and to limit each double (and triple) jump to appear no more than twice for novice men and novice ladies (i.e. can repeat as many doubles as they like, but each can appear no more than two times in a program).

(Singles Committee cont'd.)

- **Amended the following levels** to limit the number of jump combinations or jump sequences to a maximum of two: **Juvenile/Open Juvenile through No Test Free Skate.**

PAIRS COMMITTEE

- **Amended rule 4061, Novice Pairs Short Program**, (page 281, Rulebook) to alternate between the solo spin and the pair spin each season. The requirement for 2011-12 will be the pair spin.
- **Amended rule 4061, Novice Pairs Short Program**, (page 281, Rulebook), such that one step sequence will be required each year, and the spiral sequence will no longer be required in any season. (Currently the step sequence and spiral sequence alternate each year.)
- **Amended rule 4062, Novice Pairs Well-Balanced Free Skate**, (pages 282-283, Rulebook), such that one spiral sequence will be required each year, and the step sequence will no longer be a requirement in any season. (Currently the step sequence and spiral sequence alternate each year.)
- **Amended rule 4071, Intermediate Pairs Well-Balanced Free Skate**, (pages 283-284, Rulebook) to allow a pivot figure as an option for the death spiral element.

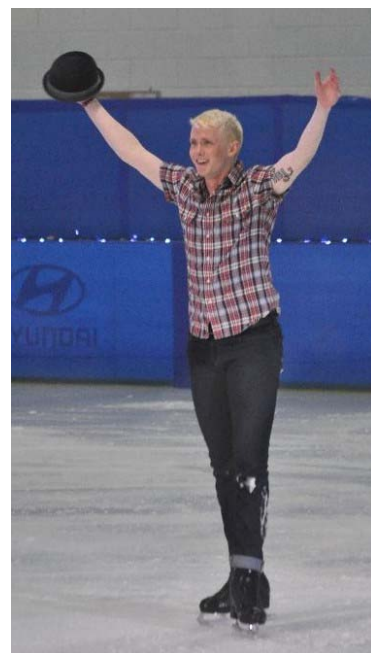
ADULT SKATING COMMITTEE

- **Amended Rule 3781** (page 255, Rulebook) to reduce the maximum number of jump elements allowed in the **Championship Adult Gold and Adult Gold** well-balanced free skate events from six to five.
- **Amended the Championship Adult Pairs, Adult Masters Pairs and Adult Gold Pairs** to allow the option of a choreographed step sequence or a choreographed spiral sequence.
- **Revised the names, levels and requirements for Adult Interpretive events.** New rules 3810 – 3851 replace rules 3810 – 3821. Refer to new rules for test requirements.
 - **Dramatic Skate and Light Entertainment Skate**

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"GEORGIA ON MY MIND" CAST



May, 2011

Atlanta Traffic



The Varsity vs Chick-fil-A



Atlanta Botanical Gardens





Celebrity Sightings



"I had such a GREAT TIME with the show!"



Elton John Concert in the Park



Part of Your World

Thank you to Lei Bao, Denise Carleton, Martine Szanto, and Georgene Troseth for the photos!



Globetrotters



Krispy Kreme



"We had a great time! When Jamie Kim came out my son said, 'She's beautiful!!!' Then he said, 'She spins just like you Mommy!' Not really, but I'll take it."



Georgia Sports



Soloists





Centennial Olympic Park



"It was such a wonderful show, and such a wonderful experience for all of the skaters. This was a great way for the kids to connect with their friends and be part of a team."



Men and Women in Black



Atlanta Hockey

Chattahoochee Line Dance





Soloists



Chair
Anna Marie Champion



Producer/Director
Tami Mickle



Awards Banquet - May 1



*Outstanding Skater
Alexander Aiken*



*Bruce Stultz Silver Blade Award
Timothy Dolensky*



*Lewis Elkin Dance Award
Tatiana Kozmava*



*Pinky Ager Coach Award
Graham Payne*



*Lucille Morgan Judges Award
Dana Graham*



*Joann Oehlert Spirit Award
Karen Hiller*



*Golden Boot Award
Christi Fisher*



*Judy Williams Test Award
Wendi Hiller*



*Adult Skater of the Year
Tea Junnila*



*President's Award
Tamí Mickle*

Gold Medalists*



Alexandra McCarthy

Wendy Wang

*Passed senior free skate test



Kristie Chepaitis

Breanna Voyce



Helena Fisher, Jabe Roberts, Alexander Aiken, Emily Haar, Jeremy Abbott, Kamayla Ko, Alice Qiao.

BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS!

Eight club members participated in the "Breakfast of Champions" brunch with Jeremy Abbott and Alexander Aiken at Killer Creek on May 1. Net proceeds will be donated to the U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund.



Christi Fisher, Barry Johnson, Alex, Jeremy, Natalie Haar.



First Row: Korina Shapiro, Olivia Shapiro, Belen Bricchi, Juliana Holland. **Second Row:** Katelyn Champion, Madeleine Brown.

"Georgia On My Mind" Ticket Sales Contest

1st Place: **Madeleine Brown** 2011-2012 Atlanta FSC Membership

2nd Place: **Juliana Holland** \$150 Everything Ice Gift Certificate

3rd Place: **Katelyn Champion** 10 Cooler Freestyle Stickers

Honorable Mention:

Belen Bricchi
Korina Shapiro
Olivia Shapiro

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Awards Ceremony

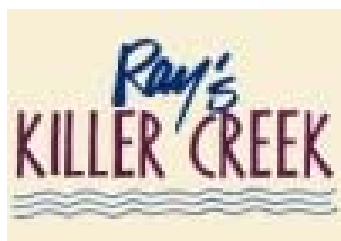
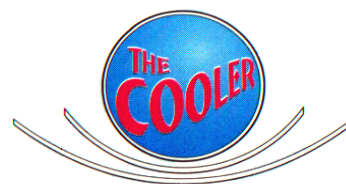


Awards Banquet





*Many Thanks to Our "Georgia On My Mind" Sponsors
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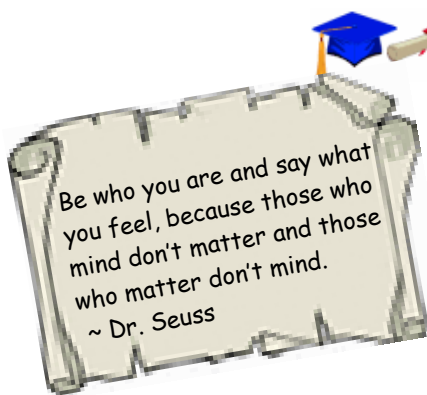


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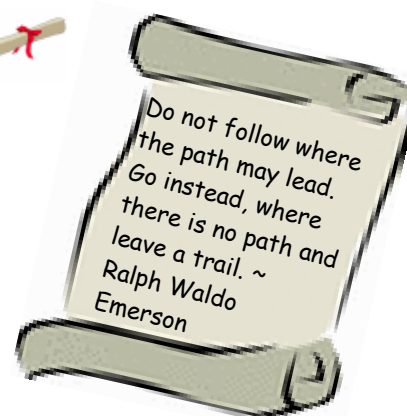
**"GEORGIA ON MY MIND" SPRING SHOW
LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

Chair	Anna Marie Champion	Group Coordinator (Chaperones)	Leon Qiao
Producer/Director	Tami Mickle	Hospitality	Peggy McCarthy
Backstage Director	Janet Payne	Lighting & Equipment	Dale Haar
Business Manager	Jane Jud	Music Coordinator	Jeannette Doney
Announcer	Eric McCarthy	Program	Jane Jud
Choreographers:		Publicity	Anna Marie Champion Marybeth Rathbun
Eric Bohnstedt	Graham Payne	Script	Nancy Riggs
Brittney Bottoms	Debbie Prachar		Jeannette Doney
Teresa Dale	Vladimir Raschetnov		Tami Mickle
Chrissy Imperiale	Peggy Rydberg	Sets/Props	John Richardson
Barbara Landon	Cindie Snow		Barbara Wagner
Anya Martynenko	Randy Trabing	Crew	Mike Aiken
Tami Mickle	Laurie Vieth		Sharon Hyre
Sheryl Nolan	Barbara Wagner		Chuck Miller
			John Miller
Cast Party/Awards Banquet	Barry Johnson		Sally Nicholson
			Bob Osenbaugh
Costumes	Tea Junnila		Kathy Shehee
Crew	Jan Brown	Sponsorships/Advertising	Laurie Vieth
	Rosemary Cole	Ticket Sales	Jan Brown
	Joyce Jiang	Ushers	Christi Fisher
	Erika Ono	Volunteer Coordinator	Peggy McCarthy
	Claudia Sosnow		



Congratulations, Class of 2011!

Wherever you go,
go with all your
heart.
~ Confucius



Kristie Chepaitis

St. Pius X Catholic High School
University of South Carolina
Chemistry (Pre-Pharmacy) or
Physiology



Megan Floyd

Pensacola Christian College
Home School Program
North Georgia College & State
University
Business Marketing



Breanna Voyce

Chattahoochee High School
Kennesaw State University
Nursing

(Governing Council Changes, cont'd
from page 2)

ADULT SKATING COMMITTEE

- Program requirements for **Masters and Gold** state "all single jumps, including the Axel may be included, but no double jumps or higher are allowed."
- Program requirements for **Bronze and Silver** state "no Axels or multi-revolution jumps."

DANCE COMMITTEE

- **Amended rule 4412** (page 313, Rulebook) to adjust the way **Novice** pattern dances are judged to mirror the judging of the pattern dance elements in the junior and senior short dance.

- **Changed the lift requirements for the Novice Free Dance** and novice free dance test to: "one short lift and one long lift or three short lifts." If three short lifts are used, only one type of lift may be repeated.



Congratulations to USFS Governing Council Honorees!

Marie Pearce

Judge 40 Years

**Catherine Hackney
Fran Jesel**

Judge 25 Years

Susan Johnson

Olympic Judge (1998,
Nagano, Japan) - Pin

2011 - 2012 Membership Renewals

Membership renewal forms will be available on the club website at atlantafsc.org by the end of the month.

Please remember that you must renew your membership in advance of any competitions that you plan to enter that will be held beginning July 1, 2011.



SPOTLIGHT SKATER

Where were you born and how long have you lived here?

I was born in Princeton, NJ and moved here last August after living in Madison, WI for 10 years.

Why did you start skating and what keeps you motivated to continue?

I couldn't do a two-foot spin, so I took my first private lesson and loved it! What don't I love about skating is the better question! I love the way I feel after doing it, the challenges.

What is your weekly training regimen?

I try to skate five days/week for 1-1/2 hours each day. I also do off-ice a couple of days/week.

What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

Axels and double flips are my favorite jumps; I like the speed of the sit spin; layback spin because I had to work so hard to get one! My least favorites are Lutzes and camels - yuck!

Competitive accomplishments and favorite program?

My favorite accomplishment is placing 2nd in Upper Great Lakes Regionals. My favorite program was my Pre-Juvenile program to Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium soundtrack.

What is the most memorable event of your skating career?

My most embarrassing moment was splitting my eyebrow open on the ice when I was eight while attempting to do what I thought was a flip but was actually a bunny hop. My most thrilling event was landing my Axel five years ago.

Tell us about your school and extracurricular activities.

I am a freshman at Centennial High School and am on the honor roll. My favorite subject is French. My extracurricular activities are skating, skiing, and soccer (not recently), keeping in touch with my friends in Wisconsin, and traveling.

Community service?

This winter I volunteered at the Special Olympics. Before moving here, I also volunteered with Learn To Skate and participated in service projects through my church youth group.

Who is your favorite skater?

Evan Lysacek because he is so focused and intense and Michelle Kwan because she is so consistent and graceful.

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

A skier, soccer player, or professional cliff diver (just kidding).

Best advice you have ever received?

Do something you love and you will never work a day in your life.

Whom do you admire most?

I admire Apolo Anton Ohno. He's an amazing athlete and competitor and a cool person.

Tell us about your family.

I have a brother, Sage, 12, who swims for Dynamo Swim Club.

What are your future goals?

I would like to attend college and work in the sports medicine field while continuing to skate. I want to remain competitive, go to Regionals this fall, and coach LTS when I'm old enough.

Tell us something that no one knows.

I know how to surf and have been cliff diving before.

My three favorite things are

Skating, food, music, skiing, and Facebook. That's five, but oh well.

Aspen Ono

Favorite word: Adventure

Least favorite word: Ointment

What turns me off: *I have a fear of people throwing up (sorry, that's gross, I know).*

Favorite quote: *"Life is not measured by the number of breaths you take...but by the number of moments that take your breath away." ~Anonymous*

Favorite book: *Elsewhere* by Gabrielle Charbonnet

Favorite movie: *"Mean Girls"*

TV Show: *"That 70s Show"*

Sound I love: *Any music*

Sound I dislike: *Filing of fingernails.*

I would never want to be: *Plumber, middle school teacher, custodian*

Three words that best describe me: *Loud, funny, adventurous*

If I were stranded on a desert island, I would have to have: *On a warm island: a stocked plane with gas, a bikini, driver's manual. On a cold island: a stocked plane with gas, a heater, and driver's manual.*

I would like to meet: *Russell Brand because he is so funny, and British accents make things sound very important.*

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



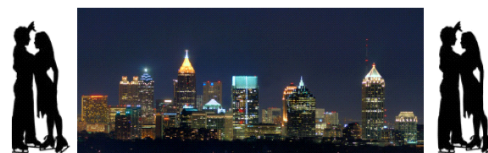
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Brabara Wagner	5	Tom Swendiman	17
Lois Healey		Marc Galonsky	18
Cindy Patrick	6	Mathilda Zimmerman	
Haibo Jiang		Megan Floyd	19
Anne Cole	7	Katherine Zhang	20
Madeleine Brown		Breanna Voyce	23
Sofiya Varshavskaya		Heather Heydet	
Tony Maness	8	Bjorn Johansson	24
Emily Nolan	9	Juliana Holland	
Kirsten Svenson		Ansleigh Rainey	25
Jeannette Doney	10	Kimberly Rutter	26
Elaine Bialczak	11	Brenda Sliker	27
Barbara Reese	13	Debbie Labuz-Miller	
Naomi Shneibaum	15	Karen Hiller	

Tests Passed

April

Emily Brothman	Preliminary Free Skate
Rachel Korn	Preliminary Free Skate
Kayla Massie	Junior Moves
Grace Rathbun	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Melody Wang	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Renee Wang	Preliminary Free Skate

Ice Dance Weekend Registration Deadline - May 15



The registration deadline is **May 15** for the Atlanta FSC's 4th annual Ice Dance Weekend on June 3 - 5 at The Cooler. The application is posted online.

For more information, contact Laurie Sanii at laurie.sanii@gmail.com or 404-987-2123.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



George Emmert	1	Brittney Bottoms	17
Haritha Pavuluri		Robert Osenbaugh	
Marcia Skinner-Williams		Lynn Floyd	18
Vickie Joseph		Elvira Junnila	20
Leigh Healey	3	Lei Bao	
Natalie Dubose	4	Robert Abernathy	
Tatiana Kozmava		Alexa Phillips	21
Annika Carter	6	Aspen Ono	
Chen Hu	8	Lillian Ko	
Emily Moosbrugger		Chris Reese	22
Peggy Rydberg	9	Allison Wang	23
Charles Sliker	11	Chuck Miller	
Jerry Chepaitis		Jamie Kim	
Lindsay Green	12	Susan Dolensky	24
Stephanie Amodeo	13	Sandy Levitt	25
Stephanie Brimeyer		Alexander Aiken	26
Keith Isom	14	Mindy Sellers	28
Ilysa Shneibaum	15	Jan Brown	30
Pei Hsuan Lee	16	Maggie Chiles	



Kaitlyn Plaziak Melanie Schael
Taylor Titus

USFS Adds Two New Tests

U.S. Figure Skating has added two new tests: Intermediate and Senior supplemental Moves in the Field, which are the new moves requirements implemented in September.

These tests may be taken by those who have passed these previous moves tests.



2011 Florida Open
 April 8 - 10
 Central Florida FSC, Orlando, FL

NOVICE LADIES

Martine Szanto

Free Skate	3rd/11
Short Program	9th/14

INTERMEDIATE LADIES

Alice Qiao

Free Skate, Final Round	9th/11
Free Skate, Grp. A	4th/11
Short Program, Grp. C	2nd/13

JUVENILE

Kamayla Ko

Free Skate, Final Round	8th/12
Free Skate, Grp. B	4th/10
Compulsory Moves	1st/5
Spins	1st/3

PRE-JUVENILE

Lily Xie

Free Skate, Grp. A	6th/9
Spins	1st/5
Jumps, Grp. A	1st/4

PRELIMINARY

Test Track Free Skate

Alyssa Levitt	7th/9
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Compulsory Moves, Grp A

Elvira Junnila	5th/7
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Jumps, Grp. A

Elvira Junnila	3rd/4
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Top: Emily Nolan; 2nd Row: Alice Qiao and Hannah Carleton; Bottom Row: Kamayla Ko and Lily Xie

PRE-PRELIMINARY

Compulsory Moves

Grp. B

Hannah Carleton	3rd/8
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Grp. D

Emily Nolan	3rd/7
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Spins

Grp. A

Elvira Junnila	2nd/5
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Spins, Grp. B

Hannah Carleton	5th/5
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Jumps, Grp. A

Hannah Carleton	2nd/5
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NO TEST

Emily Nolan

Free Skate, Grp. C	3rd/5
Jumps, Grp. B	1st/5



Coach Barbara Wagner, Hannah Carleton, Alice Qiao, Lily Xie

PRE-PRELIMINARY

Free Skate

Grp. A

Elvira Junnila	5th/6
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Grp. C

Hannah Carleton	8th/8
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2011 Cherry Blossom Invitational

Capital Regional Council
 Alexandria, VA, April 15 - 17

CHRISTINA COLE

Novice Ladies Free Skate	10th/11
Novice Ladies Short Program	9th/13

CASEY MALLORY

Bronze Solo Dance	2nd/4
Pre-Preliminary Free Skate, Grp. C	9th/10
Pre-Preliminary Compulsory Moves	2nd/3
Preliminary Spins	4th/4



Martine Szanto



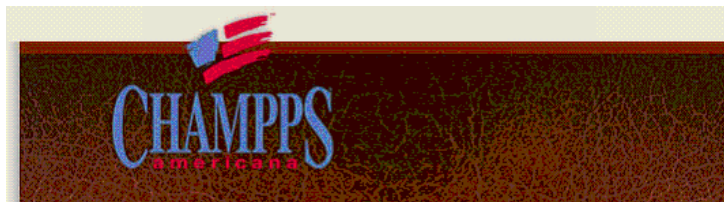
Lily Xie, Alice Qiao, Hannah Carleton, Elvira Junnila, Kamayla Ko.

Many thanks to our sponsors who donated food for the Magnolia Open!



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Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SPONSOR/LOCATION</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
Greenville Open	May 13 - 15	Greenville FSC, Taylors, SC	
Test Session	May 15	Atlanta FSC	
ICE DANCE WEEKEND	June 3 - 5	Atlanta FSC	
ATLANTA OPEN	June 16 - 18	Atlanta FSC	
Test Session	June 26	Atlanta FSC	June 5
Liberty Summer Competition	July 12 - 16	IceWorks SC, Aston, PA	May 31
US Collegiate FS Championships	July 21 - 24	Sun Valley FSC, Sun Valley, ID	
Lake Placid Ice Dance Championships	July 27 - 30	SC of Lake Placid, Lake Placid, NY	June 6
USFS National Showcase	August 3 - 6	Greater Cleveland Council of FS Clubs, Mentor, OH	July 1