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## Aiken, Dolensky, and Kim Advance to Eastern Sectionals

Delivering outstanding programs at the October regional championships in Wake Forest, NC, **Jamie Kim** (senior), **Alexander Aiken**, and **Tim Dolensky** (both junior) earned berths at the 2011 Eastern Sectional Championships in Aston, PA on November 9 -13.



In her sixth consecutive bid at Sectionals, Jamie duplicated her 4th place win at last year's regionals. Tim, the 2009 U.S. Championships novice men bronze medalist, landed 4th place, two weeks after his first successful JGP assignment. A four-time U.S. Championships competitor, Alex captured silver at this year's regionals.

Wish them luck at their exhibition during Club Ice on November 5.





Congratulations to our 25 club members who competed at the 2011 South Atlantic Regional Championships on October 8 - 10 and 15 - 19. Our competitors captured 10 gold, eight silver, and seven bronze medals. You rock! Member results and photos appear on pages 2 - 4.



#### **<u>GOLD MEDALISTS</u>**

Madeleine Brown (2) Helena Fisher Emily Haar Grace Liu Mingda Liu (2) Emily Stark Dezarae Vazquez (2)

#### SILVER MEDALISTS

Alexander Aiken Ally Chebuhar LeeAnne Duncan Emily Haar (2) Grace Liu (2) Mingda Liu

#### **BRONZE MEDALISTS**

Alexander Aiken Katelyn Champion Ally Chebuhar Helena Fisher Emily Haar Jamie Kim Grace Liu



### 2011 South Atlantic Regional Non-Qualifying Championships Results October 8 - 10 Triangle FSC, Wake Forest, NC

OPEN JUVENILE	
Free Skate Final	
Emily Haar	2nd/12
Grace Liu	4th/12
Dezarae Vazquez	5th/12
Free Skate, Grp. A	
Grace Liu	3rd/11
Dezarae Vazquez	4th/11
Hayley Nunnally	8th/11
Free Skate, Grp. B	
Emily Haar	6th/11
Tinsley Cohen	9th/11
Short Program	
Grace Liu	1st/9
Emily Haar	2nd/9
Dezarae Vazquez	4th/9
Hayley Nunnally	7th/9
Tinsley Cohen	8th/9
Jumps	011/3
Dezarae Vazquez	1st/3
Grace Liu	2nd/3
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Spins	1 ot/0
Dezarae Vazquez	1st/9
Grace Liu	2nd/9
Emily Haar	3rd/9
Hayley Nunnally	6th/9
PRE-JUVENILE	
Free Skate Final	
MacKenzie Kisella	9th/12
Helena Fisher	11th/12
Free Skate, Grp. B	
MacKenzie Kisella	4th/10
Helena Fisher	5th/10
Compulsory Moves, G	
Lily Xie	5th/8
Grace Rathbun	6th/8
Compulsory Moves, G Madeleine Brown	1st/9
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Jumps	1 ot/0
Helena Fisher	1st/9
Samantha Gutzky	4th/9
Sydnie Jiang	5th/9
MacKenzie Kisella	6th/9
Ally Chebuhar	7th/9
Grace Rathbun	8th/9
Lily Xie	9th/9

PRE-JUVENILE	
<u>Spins</u>	
Ally Chebuhar	3rd/12
Samantha Gutzky	6th/12
Helena Fisher	7th/12
Madeleine Brown	8th/12
Lily Xie	9th/12
Grace Rathbun	11th/12
PRELIMINARY	
Free Skate Final	
Madeleine Brown	5th/16
Ally Chebuhar	8th/16
Lily Xie	16th/16
Free Skate, Grp. A	1011/10
Lily Xie	4th/13
Sydnie Jiang	-th/13
Grace Rathbun	7th/13
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Free Skate, Grp. B	0 1/40
Ally Chebuhar	2nd/13
Emily Stark	7th/13
Free Skate, Grp. C	
Madeleine Brown	1st/14
Free Skate, Grp. D	
Samantha Gutzky	10th/14
Lily Nell Downing	13th/14
Compulsory Moves,	Grp. A
Lily Dwyer	5th/10
Cheyenne Conover	9th/10
Jumps	
Emily Stark	1st/7
Lily Nell Downing	5th/7
Spins, Grp. A	
Emily Stark	5th/7
Natalie Martin	7th/7
Spins, Grp. B	1 (10)
Cheyenne Conover	5th/7
Drew Bryant	7th/7
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PRE-PRELIMINARY	
Free Skate, Grp. A	5th (4.0
Lily Dwyer	5th/13
Free Skate, Grp. B	1011 (10
Katelyn Champion	12th/13
Free Skate, Grp. D	
Natalie Martin	7th/14
Drew Bryant	9th/14
Cheyenne Conover	14th/14

PRE-PRELIMINARY	
Compulsory Moves. Grp. A	
Mingda Liu	1st/15
Katelyn Champion	3rd/15
Compulsory Moves. Grp. B	
Andrea Carrasquilla	11th/15
Jumps	
Drew Bryant	8th/9
Natalie Martin	9th/9
Spins, Grp. A	
Mingda Liu	1st/10
Rahly Osenbaugh	8th/10
Katelyn Champion	10th/10
Spins, Grp. B	
Ying Yip	8th/10
Andrea Carrasquilla	10th/10
NO TEST	
Free Skate Final	
Mingda Liu	13th/19
Free Skate, Grp. A	
Mingda Liu	2nd/12
Rahly Osenbaugh	9th/12
Free Skate, Grp. B	
Ansleigh Rainey	12th/13
Free Skate, Grp. C	
Ying Yip	9th/13
Free Skate, Grp. D	
Andrea Carrasquilla	6th/10
Compulsory Moves, Grp. A	
Rahly Osenbaugh	11th/12
Ansleigh Rainey	12th/12
Compulsory Moves, Grp. B	
Ying Yip	7th/12
Jumps	
Ansleigh Rainey	11th/12
BEGINNER	
Free Skate, Test Track	
LeeAnne Duncan	7th/11
Compulsory Moves, Test	
Track	
LeeAnne Duncan	2nd/6
SHOWCASE	
Level I	
Helena Fisher	3rd/7
Ally Chebuhar	5th/7
Sydnie Jiang	6th/7
Level J	
Emily Haar	1st/2



Front Row: Lily Xie, Grace Rathbun, Emily Haar. Back Row: MacKenzie Kisella, Helena Fisher, Sydnie Jiang, Ally Chebuhar.



Mingda Liu and Katelyn Champion.







L to R: Helena Fisher, Sydnie Jiang, Emily Haar, Annabelle Woodard (Georgia FSC), and Ally Chebuhar.



Thanks to Brittney Bottoms and Anna Marie Champion for the photos!



Emily Haar, Annabelle Woodard, and Helena Fisher.



### 2011 South Atlantic Regional Qualifying Championships Results

October 15 - 19 Triangle FSC, Wake Forest, NC

SENIOR LADIES	
<u>Final</u>	
Jamie Kim	4th/11
Free Skate	
Jamie Kim	5th/11
Short Program	
Jamie Kim	3rd/12
JUNIOR MEN	
<u>Final</u>	
Alexander Aiken	2nd/5
Tim Dolensky	4th/5
Free Skate	
Alexander Aiken	2nd/5
Tim Dolensky	4th/5
Short Program	
Alexander Aiken	3rd/5

Tim Dolensky

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NOVICE LADIES	
Free Skate QR, Grp. D	
Martine Szanto	10th/14
Breanna Voyce	14th/14

INTERMEDIATE LADIESFree Skate QR, Grp, BTaylor Johnson13th/16Free Skate QR, Grp, DMaya Neel11th/14

JUVENILE GIRLS Free Skate QR, Grp. D	
Alice Qiao	5th/15
Free Skate QR, Grp. F	
Amanda Bao	5th/17
Kamayla Ko	14th/17

JUVENILE BOYS Free Skate Jabe Roberts

7th/8



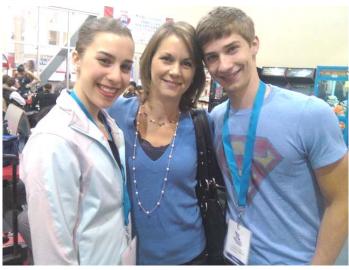
Martine Szanto and Jabe Roberts



Announcer John Richardson

Thanks to Louíse Szanto and Leí Bao for the photos!

4th/5



Martine, Debbie Prachar and Tim Dolensky



Amanda Bao, Anya Martynenko and Kamayla Ko



## jeb RAND

The entire Rand family - Dr. Howard, Nanci, Darren, Jolie, and **Jeb** - were members of the Atlanta FSC from the mid 1970s through the late 1980s. All three children skated, and Nanci served as club president in 1980 - 1981. Jeb competed in pairs with his partner (and now wife) Jennifer at the U.S. Championships from 1986 to 1988 at the junior and senior levels. After turning professional in 1990, they enjoyed success for several years in principal roles in Ice Capades and Disney on Ice and eventually landed a lead role at Radio City Music Hall's **Christmas Spectacular - Starring the Radio City Rockettes** 



**Radio City Music Hall** 



While continuing to

(1998 - 2005).

perform, Jeb launched a new career in 2000 producing television shows with co-producer JoJo Starbuck in addition to theme park, theater and corporate events starring world and Olympic skaters. Jeb and Jennifer - with their two amazing daughters, Hayden (2-1/2) and Mackenzie (6 months) - returned to the Atlanta area last year and recently rejoined the club. Don't miss Jeb's latest production, **Holiday Ice Spectacular**, at the Cobb Performing Arts Centre!

## danielle LOGANO

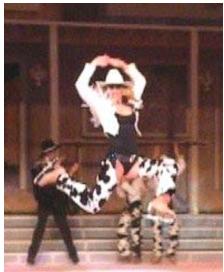
After training for six years at The Cooler in the late 1990s and early



2001 South Atlantic

2000s and passing senior moves and free skate and gold dance tests, **Danielle Logano** and her family moved to North Carolina when her brother, Joey, was signed as a developmental driver by Joe Gibbs Racing. The family subsequently opened Extreme Ice Center in 2006, where Danielle is now the figure skating director and a coach.

She also began performing in professional ice shows at the age of 18, including "Holiday on ice" at Tampa's Busch Gardens



**The Holiday Spectacular** 

(2007), "Endless Summer On Ice" at Carowinds Theme Park (2007 and 2009), "The Holiday Spectacular" in Reno, and "Snoopy Rocks" at Carowinds (2010). Danielle is now rehearsing for a new ice show, "Christmas On Ice" in Myrtle Beach, SC that will open in November and continue through January 1.

Incidentally, Joey is now a phenomenal, record-breaking championship NASCAR driver nicknamed "Sliced Bread" (as in the best thing since). The Loganos are truly living their dreams!



SPOTLIGHT SKATER

## Where were you born? How long have you lived in the Atlanta area?

I was born in California and moved to Atlanta 15 years ago.

## What made you decide to start skating?

I started skating 12 years ago to get exercise while in physical therapy for a broken foot. I was a runner at that time, and running was forbidden for the next several weeks. I asked if I could skate instead and got hooked on it. I've been on the ice ever since.

## What keeps you motivated to continue skating?

I love skating because there's always something new to learn and perfect.

#### What is your weekly training regimen?

*I try to skate 2-3 times per week. For off ice, I generally walk or run 5 times a week and take an occasional exercise class.* 

## What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

*My* favorite elements are the double loop and the inside Axel because they're fun. My least favorite element is the Axel because it just keeps disappearing.

## Competitive accomplishments; favorite music/program.

My most memorable competitive accomplishment was placing first in Adult Bronze at South Atlantics when it was held at The Cooler. It was beyond my expectations. My favorite program and music is my current one to "Beetlejuice." I first heard the music while at a training camp in Lake Arrowhead about a decade ago and have always wanted to skate to it.

## What is the most memorable, thrilling and/or embarrassing event of your skating career?

One of the most memorable events was skating at Adult Nationals when it was held in Lake Placid. Skating in the same arena that hosted the 1980 Olympics was magical.

#### Who is your favorite skater?

I really enjoy watching Evan Lysacek as well as Meryl Davis and Charlie White skate. The passion that they bring to their programs is inspiring and thrilling to watch.

## Best advice you have ever received?

"Take responsibility for your actions" is the best lesson that I have learned over the years.

#### Whom do you admire most?

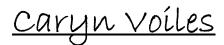
One person that I have always admired is Thomas Jefferson. His words helped forge a new nation.

#### Tell us about your family.

I have one brother who lives here in Atlanta with his wife and two sons. My parents reside in Arizona.

## Tell us about your education and extracurricular activities.

I have a bachelor's degree in economics from Claremont McKenna College and an MBA from Duke. I am currently an analyst at Mirant Corp., a merchant energy company. Outside of skating, I spend my free time reading and playing the piano.



#### Favorite word: Syzygy

Least favorite word: Can't

What turns me off: Rudeness

**Favorite quote**: "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." ~Eleanor Roosevelt

Favorite book: <u>Pride and Prejudice</u> by Jane Austen

Favorite movie: "Casablanca"

**Favorite song:** "Bohemian Rhapsody" by Queen

Favorite TV show: NC/S

Sound I love: The ocean

Sound I dislike: Loud noises

I would never want to be: Doctor

Three words that best describe me: Loyal, determined, analytical

If I were stranded on a desert island, I would have to have: A trunk full of books, a deck of cards, and a portable radio





**VOLUNTER Movers & Shakers** 

### Barry Johnson - Atlanta FSC's Host with the Most!

By: Peggy McCarthey

Ask any judge why they like to officiate at the Atlanta Open or Magnolia Open and they will universally tell you about the great hospitality. Over the past several years, Barry Johnson has been the main volunteer behind those fabulous spreads in Officials' Hospitality. Judges don't have time to leave the premises during a competition, so keeping them fed and happy is a big responsibility. Atlanta FSC President, Kathy Shehee, offered this reflection about Barry's contributions:

Barry was my friend first. In time, I have discovered what a true friend he is to all things skating. Several years ago I was in near panic mode as I attempted to organize the food and hospitality for our Ice Dance Weekend. I approached Barry for a possible food contribution. He sensed, I am sure, that I was somewhat desperate and said, "I 'II do it." I was thinking egg casseroles, but Barry had just agreed to take on the job of Hospitality Chair for the IDW! Need I say more...! I can't begin to estimate all of Barry's work and time given to volunteering, but, to me, the manner of his giving is truly worth more than the gift.

For Barry's continued dedication and service across several areas, the Atlanta FSC gratefully acknowledges him as our feature volunteer for November.

When did you join the Atlanta FSC, and how did you first become involved as a volunteer? While I've only been a member for three years, my first time to volunteer was when the club hosted Regionals in 1999.

#### Describe your past and current positions, as well as any other

**contributions to the club.** My first time to volunteer was as an ice monitor during Regionals in 1999. I picked a big one as my first experience! After that, Tony Maness and I co-chaired hospitality when the club hosted Nationals in 2004. We were in charge of hospitality at the Gwinnett Center Arena, and it was an experience I shall never forget.

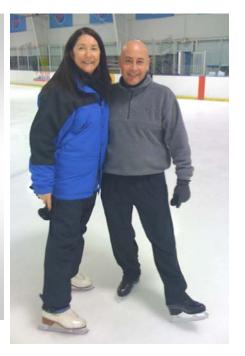
After that I helped with officials' hospitality during Sectionals, Magnolia and Atlanta Opens. In 2009 and 2010 I chaired officials' hospitality for the Magnolia and Atlanta Opens. I also co-chaired the club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Georgia Aquarium.

I currently serve on the Board of Directors as athlete representative. I am also on the Board's special events and communications committees.

**Describe your accomplishments and goals as a skater.** I started skating in 1999 with the Basic Skills program. Fortunately, Tami Mickle agreed to take me on as a student, and she has been an inspiration to me in so many ways. Although I no longer compete, I did so for several years at the Peach Classic where I once finished 1<sup>st</sup> in Men's No Test and Pre-Bronze. My current goal is to take the Adult Pre-Bronze MIF test. I have been working on it for years, but I am not giving up!

**Why do you stay involved as a volunteer with the Atlanta FSC?** How can you not stay involved with a great club like ours? We have enthusiastic, figure skate loving members whom I enjoy being around. Additionally, I have learned more about U.S. Figure Skating and skating itself.

**Tell us a little about your background, education, profession, hobbies, and/or family.** *I grew up in Memphis TN, the only son of an only son. After completing my education, I pursued a career as a jeweler but my love of travel drew me to the travel industry where I met my partner Tony. We left Memphis in 1994 for a brief stop in Atlanta before moving to the Gulf Coast for several years. Twelve years ago we settled back in Atlanta where I discovered the Atlanta FSC and eventually my love of motoring and MINI Coopers. My days are filled caring for our boys Maxx and Louie (Shih Tzus), making a home for my family, and loving figure skating and the Atlanta FSC.* 



Barry Johnson with coach Tami

Mickle

#### The Men of the Atlanta Figure Skating Club (or We've Got Male!)

Although a decidedly female presence exists within the volunteer ranks of the Atlanta FSC, men play a significant role in operations, contributing to every area of need, such as competitions, test sessions, club ice, and special events. Some even dare to cook for hospitality!

#### dynamite DADS

What do a software engineer, geologist, Air Force colonel, and business executive have in common? They are all volunteer dads for the Atlanta FSC! Two of our dynamite dads, Leon Qiao and Dale Haar, even serve as officers on the Board of Directors. Others, such as Terry Szanto, Lei Bao, and Alexis Neel, step up at competitions and help wherever needed. Our dedicated team of dads has helped build or purchase equipment, transport judges to the airport, serve as ice monitors, announce events, man the registration desk, and move countless tables and chairs. To all these dynamite dads, the Atlanta FSC sends a hearty thank you!



Leon Qiao and Dale Haar

#### awesome ADULTS

Not to be outdone by the dads, adult skating members contribute heavily each year to our competitions and special events. Dubbed "the voice of the Atlanta FSC," John Richardson has been a fixture at our competitions for years, serving as Chair of Music and Announcing for our competitions, exhibitions, and other special events. He also was instrumental in the creation of our Ice Dance Weekend seminar that he chaired for three years. John has previously served on our Board of Directors and is a U.S. Figure Skating-appointed regional announcer. Barry Johnson, another adult skater, is featured this month as our volunteer "Mover and Shaker" for his ongoing contributions as Athlete Representative on the Board of Directors and hospitality for Special Events.

#### outstanding OFFICIALS

Our club is extremely fortunate to have two outstanding male judges within our member ranks, **John Millier** and **Marc Galonsky**. Both volunteer their time for club test sessions and competitions, as well as volunteer for the larger skating community with U.S. Figure Skating. For example, John has served extensively as an ISU (World) judge in Ice Dancing, a Team Leader at Grand Prix events and World Championships, and is actively involved at the national level with judges education and training.



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John Millier

#### committed COACHES

Several male coaches routinely donate their time and talents to our special events. Ice dance coach Graham Payne lends his expertise at club ice socials and the annual Ice Dance Weekend. One of our newer coaches, Eric Bohnstedt, is spending extra hours to help produce the upcoming spring ice show, "Georgia on My Mind" and is volunteering his time conducting power stroking classes during Club Ice.

Graham Payne

The Atlanta FSC welcomes all men to be a part of our pool of valuable volunteers. Even busy guys who can only fit in a few hours periodically can be accommodated. Please contact Peggy McCarthey at <u>p.mccarthey@yahoo.com</u> for further information about how to get involved.



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Angela Vazquez	3	Olivia Patrick	21
Dennis Brimeyer	6	Judy Williams	22
Jennifer Allgood	7	Alexandra McCarthey	24
Mitch Moosbrugger	8	Bob Rathbun	25
Tracey Ray-Johnso	n	Jabe Roberts	27
Karin Voyce	9	Rob Brown	
Grace Liu	11	Gloria Lewis	28
Keok Yip	14	Kayla Moradi	
Lydia Choe	16	Selma Belkasim	
Karen Reed	17	Marie Murdaugh	29
Christine Yen	19	Laurie Sanii	30
Alex McDaniel	20	Nancy Riggs	
Dan Eifert	21	Taylor Johnson	



#### **Power Stroking Drills**

Many thanks to Eric Bohnstedt and Anya Martynenko for



conducting power stroking drills that began on October 29. Additional classes on November 5, 12, and 19 will be offered at the beginning of Club Ice for all full skating members.

Stephens to Judge Major Synchro Events

**C**ongratulations to **Sara Stephens**, who has been selected to judge at the Foot of the Lake Synchronized Skating Classic in Fond du Lac, WI on January 7 - 9. This competition is the junior world qualifying event.. She is also judging Eastern Sectional Synchronized Skating Championships in February and the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships in March.



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Effective immediately, all e-mails to the full membership must be approved by the club president, Kathy Shehee, and mailed only by communications chair, Jane Jud.



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# **Upcoming Events**

EVENT	DATES	SPONSOR/LOCATION
2011 Eastern Sectional Championships	November 9 - 13	IceWorks SC, Aston, PA
POTLUCK DINNER	November 19	Atlanta FSC
2011 U.S. Junior FS Championships	December 14 -18	Salt Lake FSC, Salt Lake City, UT
Holiday Ice Spectacular	December 18	Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre
Nationals Road Trip	January 29	Atlanta FSC
2011 U.S. FS Championships	January 22 - 30	Greensboro FSC. Greensboro, NC
2011 Eastern Adult Sectional Championships	February 25 - 27	Pittsburgh FSC, Pittsburgh, PA
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