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# Freestyler

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## Let's Give Our Regards to Broadway!



Chair **Tami Mickle** is delighted to announce details of our annual spring show, "Blades on Broadway," scheduled for April 27 - 29 with special guest skater **Tim Dolensky**. Registration information, including criteria for solos and features, has been emailed to all members. The entry deadline is **March 12**.

The entry fee is \$70, which includes a costume for one group number, all Club Ice practice sessions, an on-ice dress rehearsal, and a cast party. Soloists may perform in a maximum of two group numbers in addition to the opening ensemble number, and group skaters may perform in a maximum of three numbers. All skaters will perform in the closing ensemble number.

Attendance at practice sessions during Club Ice is essential to the show's success, so please make every effort to attend on the dates listed below:

March 16	April 6
March 23	April 13
March 30	April 20

All club members may continue to participate in Club Ice during these practice sessions.

Mandatory dress rehearsals will be conducted on **Sunday, April 15** (photos for the program taken on this date) and **Sunday, April 22** (full cast dress rehearsal).

## 2018 - 2019 Board of Directors Elections

In accordance with our club by-laws, the Nominations Committee has been formed to recommend candidates for the 2018-2019 membership year. Joining Chair **John Millier** are **Jennifer Latham**, **Leon Qiao**, **John Richardson**, **Nancy Ellis Riggs**, and **Heather Stables**. The slate of candidates will be posted on the club bulletin board at The Cooler by March 15, and ballots will be emailed to all qualified adults on April 1.



The deadline to submit votes is **April 30**.

Board of Directors members whose terms are expiring are Francesca Sichenze-Bryant, Judith Flair, Sharon Hyre, Lori Malthaner, and Victoria Williams.



- March 16, St. Patrick's Day Club Ice Special Event, First Show Practice
- April 27 - 29, Spring Show, "Blades on Broadway"
- May 13, Test Session





Bella Kleinschmitt, Beginner, Claire Breland, High Beginner and Aryanna Pecqueur, Beginner



Asher Pecqueur, Mia Calabrese, Lily Shamis and Nathan Detwiler, all Pre-Preliminary Test Track



Heather Stables - Championship Silver FS - Adult Eastern Sectionals



# Good Luck!



Laken Andrzejewski	Mia Giordano	Katie Nix
Leia Beinenson	Ashley Glass	Clara Owen
Grace Bell	Josh Glass	Ruheh Patkar
Elisa Bode	Cristanne Goodwin	Aryanna Pecqueur
Ansley Bokath	Lilly Gorczyca	Asher Pecqueur
Claire Breland	Gia Gulati	Nancy Ellis Riggs
Stephanie Brimeyer	Katelyn Harkness	Chloe Ryan
Mia Calabrese	Paula Ibelings	Cathy Sabella
Claire Cameron	Sofia Izaguirre	Lily Shamis
Brynn Cartagena	Riya Kinnarkar	Grayson Snow
Madelaine Casey	Bella Kleinschmitt	Sam Standridge
Isabelle Chalker	Varnika Kosaraju	Alexandra Traber
Isabel Chen	Athena Landon	Katie Trizzino
Alexis Chiang	Ava Landon	Ashley Weller
Caroline Crooks	Audrey Latham	Berkeley Williams
Stella Deganello	Iris Liu	Regan Williams
Anna Detwiler	Chloe Malenfant	Ava Windley
Nathan Detwiler	Samantha McCafferty	Anna Windley
Abigail Doster	Marlowe McIntyre	Lilly Wood
Sona Durairaj	Anna McPeak	Hasita Yalamanchili
Katelyn Fuhr	Ella Mo	April Zhang
Isabella Giordano	Mia Montobbio	Hanna Zhu

# Olympic Opening Ceremony Family Celebration Club Ice Special Event

## February 9



More than 50 members and their families participated in this fun event!

A huge thank you to Special Events Chair **Jennifer Latham** for organizing, recording the opening ceremonies for replay at the event, and taking photos/videos; to **Andrea Rafanelli**, **Pam Palmer**, and **Nikki Edwards** for the incredible Olympic decor and torch craft station; to **Tim Dolensky** for leading the local ceremony chanting "USA!;" to Andrea, Pam, Tim, and Nikki for setting up, serving and cleaning up; to **Christy Marsh** for the photos, and to **The Cooler** for donating skate rental!





# NATIONAL SKATING MONTH - BRING A FRIEND

## CLUB ICE SPECIAL EVENT JANUARY 26



More than 40 members and guests attended our National Skating Month/Bring A Friend special event.

Thank you to

- Our instructors Eric Bohnstedt and Tori Williams
- Coordinators Tami Mickle, Tea Junnila, and Gaia Shamis.
- The Cooler for donating skate rental





*We all fall. It's how we Get Up® that matters. Getting up is something you do in the rink and out in the world. Every time you go to practice. Every time you fight for something you believe in. Every time you stumble and find your balance you are reminded that life is slippery. But you Get Up®*



## AMELIA MARSH

My #GetUp story began in summer, 2016, when I attended the Los Angeles Toyota Sports Center Summer Camp of Excellence under coach Frank Carroll. It was the most intense week of skating of my life, but also rewarding as I came back in the best shape ever, looking forward to Regionals. About two weeks after camp, I was admitted at the hospital to treat an infection and stomach pain. I was weaker, but got back on the ice to prepare for a local ice competition. I skated through the pain that day, placing first, but got knocked back down with my condition only two weeks later. I was readmitted to the hospital for treatment of another infection and evaluation for continued stomach pain, resulting in missing my first week of school. After getting out of the hospital, only about 3 weeks until Regionals, I told my parents and coach that I wanted to go onto Regionals, because I had worked so hard over that summer. I skated my hardest, but did not

make it to finals.

From October, 2016 to April 2017, after many doctors visits, tests/procedures and medicine, I began to improve with the treatment for my condition, an autoimmune disease that attacks my good antibodies and causes my pain and other symptoms. I started working harder with all of my coaches in April and even went back to summer camp in July. By August, my program had gotten strong again, and I won a local competition. I didn't want anyone to know I still do hurt sometimes, but I think I have adjusted to my "new normal." At this past Regionals, I skated it like a fight, channeling my anger at this condition, kicking it through my jumps, punching it with my spins, and tackling it with my choreography. I won gold, advanced to finals, and won the silver medal overall.

When I am asked, how I #GetUp in life with skating?, I just try to lose myself on the ice or in my program and fight on the ice as it can help take your mind off bad things. I have learned to be tougher, and my new favorite quote is "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take." All of us have many types of challenges in skating and life, so don't be afraid to #GetUp, and keep on fighting. I know I still fight every day.

## GEORGIA BOLOCAN

I have been getting up for over nine years now. I passed my Senior Moves in the Field test at 10 years old and achieved the top U.S. Figure Skating S.T.A.R.S. combine score for an intermediate lady 11-14 years old nationwide at 13 years old. I have always worked hard at jumps, spins, interpretive skating, and off ice strength and conditioning.

I have had several falls over the years which required some extra recovery. I also have experienced a non-skating related knee condition which required me to sit out a season to heal. Throughout that experience I stayed consistent with my off ice training and so regained my skating level fairly quickly upon my return to the ice. In fact, I won the free skate in my group the first competition back at a level up (Intermediate) from where I had left (Juvenile).





# In Loving Memory

**Susan Anderson Johnson** died on January 17 after a long battle with lung disease. Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, she studied the violin for many years, was assistant editor of her high school's yearbook, and graduated third in a class of over 300 students.

Figure skating became Susan's primary interest at age 12. From 1950 through 1953, she skated summers in St. Paul and performed in the thrice-weekly Pops Concerts. In 1953, Susan enrolled at the University of Minnesota as a chemistry major. After her junior year, she spent six weeks studying the chemical industry in Greece and eight weeks traveling through Europe. Susan was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in her junior year of college and graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Minnesota in 1957. She attended graduate school at Northwestern University, and in August, 1960, she married Ronald Johnson, a fellow chemistry graduate student, a marriage that lasted 57 years until her death.

## Susan A. Johnson

January 2, 1937 - January 17, 2018

After completing their Ph.D. studies at Northwestern, Susan and Ron and moved to Atlanta in 1961 after Ron accepted a teaching position at Emory University. In 1961, Susan became the first woman to teach freshman chemistry at Georgia Tech and

continued teaching and performing postdoctoral research from 1961-1964. After daughters Erica and Laura were born, she embraced motherhood and stayed at home with her daughters.

Through education and motherhood, Susan never lost her passion for figure skating and had become a U.S. Figure Skating low test judge on her 18th birthday. She joined the Atlanta Figure Skating Club in 1961 and continued a judging career that spanned nearly 60 years, becoming a National Judge in 1977, an International Judge in 1984, and an ISU Championship (World) Judge in 1993. During her judging career, she judged numerous test sessions, about 185 non-qualifying competitions, 39 Regional Championships, 26 Sectional Championships, 14 National Championships, 28 International competitions, and 10 ISU Championships, including 3 World Championships and the 1998 Olympic Winter Games (ladies' event) in Nagano, Japan. Between skating and other travels, Susan visited all 50 states and 35 foreign countries.

Susan contributed to a half-dozen articles for **SKATING** magazine and held many positions within USFS, including Test Committee Chair and Judges Committee Chair, and served as the International Committee's monitor for Sarah Hughes for 2002, the year Hughes became the Olympic ladies champion. She also served on the Atlanta Figure Skating Club's Board of Directors for sixteen years: as Test Chair for nine years; as originator and editor of the Club's newsletter, the **Freestyler**, for three years; and as Club president for two years. She co-chaired the 1980 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Atlanta and also served as a member of the local organizing committee for the 2004 U.S. Figure Skating Championships also in Atlanta. She volunteered for ACOG leading up to the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and was an usher for gymnastics and basketball events during those games.

Susan held part-time jobs with Emory University's Chemistry Department over a period exceeding 25 years. She was a long-time member of Decatur Presbyterian Church. Her other interests included reading, sewing, foreign languages, tennis, duplicate bridge (achieving life-master status), and pet parenthood to miniature poodle Fitzgerald.

Susan is survived by husband Ron; daughters Erica and Laura; sisters Judy Hadler and Nancy Tykwinski; several nephews and a niece; and poodle Fitzgerald. In lieu of flowers, Susan requested that any donations in her honor be made to U.S. Figure Skating, the Atlanta Figure Skating Club, or a charity of your choice.

Rest in peace, dear friend.

Donations in memory of Susan may be made as follows:

US Figure Skating                      usfsa.org                      Memorial Fund  
Atlanta Figure Skating Club      Entryeeze (members only) or mail to P.O. Box 85, Roswell, GA 30077

# A Tribute to Susan Johnson by Fellow Judge Lee Schaffer



Lee Schaffer

This year our Atlanta club will celebrate its **SIXTIETH** year as a member club of our sport's governing body, US Figure Skating. After its founder Rud Ellis, Susan Johnson is perhaps the most important contributor to the success our Club enjoys today.

When Susan joined the Atlanta club in 1963, it was five years old, and the club was settling into the new 60 x 100' gloo on Roswell Road in Buckhead. The day Susan became a member was a lucky day indeed for figure skating in Atlanta. She brought us enthusiasm, vision, and experience. Along with her determination and vision, these became the impetus for virtually everything our club has accomplished on the USFS front since she became a member. Susan lost no time in helping the Atlanta club move along from youth to maturity. In her first year, she started the first club newsletter, the *Freestyler*, which she and I wrote and edited for 5 years and which still exists today. Soon, she encouraged us to organize our first competition. Next she served us as test chair, for nine years – most of them in a rink so small that we had to take our test sessions on the road when they included bronze dances!

Our club grew, and our skaters advanced. In 1971, Susan suggested that the club consider Outstanding Skater Awards, to honor skaters whose achievements surpass those of all others in a skating year. She became one of the four original donors, and I know she's been pleased that the award continues today.

In 1974, after 20 years on miniature ice, the club moved to Cobb County to a full-sized surface at Parkaire Mall. That fall, Susan chaired the first judges' school to be held in the South and later served on the faculty of more than a dozen Atlanta schools. The list of firsts continued when Susan served two busy terms as club president. Not only did she create the first Southern interclub association -- in 1975, when Atlanta had ice surfaces in seven buildings -- but she also encouraged us to bid on a USFS competition. The result was the 1976 South Atlantic, the first qualifying competition held south of Washington, D.C. With countless more competitions to our credit, we can look back at a strong record of success, with Susan gently keeping us on track.

As a figure skating official, Susan has led the Atlanta FSC at each level. She became its first competition judge in 1970, and seven years later, the South's first National judge. Soon after that, she judged a Nationals on her home ice, when Atlanta was awarded the 1980 U.S. Figure Skating Championships for which she served as co-chair.

Keeping pace with Atlanta's crop of international competitors in the 80s and 90s, Susan next earned judging appointments from the International Skating Union (ISU). First she became an ISU International judge, then she learned Italian, and at last, in 1993, she became an ISU World judge. Both appointments were the first to be earned by a judge representing a club in the southern U.S. She judged her first World Championships in Edmonton, Canada in 1996 and had since judged some forty international competitions, including the 1998 Olympic Games in Nagano and the 2007 World Championships in Tokyo.

In 2004, the Atlanta FSC hosted its second successful U.S. Championships. And again, Susan's presence and persistence, this time as our LOC vice-president, kept us on top of our game. In 2006, the Atlanta club finally played host to our first Eastern Sectional championships.

Through the years, Susan's official skating duties spiraled her from ice to podium. She was a World judge for singles and pairs and for synchronized team skating as well as a Silver Dance judge. Also on ice, she was a Sectional Referee and a Regional IJS Technical Controller.

Perhaps most important to the future of the sport, Susan served as a JET, which she claimed to be one of the most difficult of her official duties. A JET is a member of the Judges Education and Training Subcommittee, who serves as mentor and instructor for very nervous trial judges, typically at the national championships. She encouraged and prepared them, judged along with them, and then conducted debriefing sessions with them after the event. To these duties, Susan added her own personal touch. Each year, when the ISU selected the American judges to sit for its International Judges' Exam at Oberstdorf, she sent four-leafed clovers to wish them luck as they test.

Besides her judging, Susan served the USFS as long-time board member and as chair of several of its premier committees. Continuing to share her knowledge and encourage discussion at home, she served the Atlanta FSC both as director and as delegate to most annual Governing Council meetings.

In March, 2007, the International Skating Union marked the occasion of Susan's final international assignment by honoring her at a reception in Tokyo during the World Figure Skating Championships.

Susan was never too busy to share her knowledge and experience, borne out by memorial tributes now coming in from judging colleagues around the world. Her dedication to the sport of figure skating was unshakable. From the very beginning, she made use of her experience in the national and international skating communities. With passion, but with her characteristic modesty and tact, she shared ideas with our club and our city.

Then, with confidence that the Atlanta club could carry out these ideas, she convinced our club, our city, and the skating nation that Atlanta could do them, and under her quiet leadership, we did! Decades of hard work by energetic member families have propelled the Atlanta club to where we are now. But we might never have reached this pinnacle, without inspiration and encouragement from devoted skaters like Rud Ellis and Susan.

**SO, TO SUSAN: we honor you. But most of all, we thank you – for your years of sharing with us your devotion to our favorite sport.**

# Our Skaters in the Media!



Atlanta Parent magazine



FIGURE SKATING

What makes Olympics figure skating so exciting – aside from amazing jumps and twirls – is the unexpected: Flawless skaters can make mistakes, lesser known skaters sometimes outperform them.

When men's figure skating gets under way, the competitor to watch is the USA's Nathan Chen, 18, the only unbeaten men's figure skater in the world. His closest competition is expected to be Olympics champion Yuzuru Hanyu of Japan. Adam Rippon and Vincent Zhou also will represent the USA.

Canada's Kaetlyn Osmond, 22, a silver Olympics medalist four years ago, is a favorite in the women's competition, though USA's women's team, Bradie Tennelkl, Mirai Nagasu and Karen Chen are excellent skaters.

## Want to Learn to Skate?

Atlanta has five indoor ice rinks open year-round where kids and parents can learn moves on the ice; skate as a family during open skate times, or enroll the kids in hockey or figure skating lessons. Some outdoor ice rinks are open through mid-February. For a list of ice rinks, hours and contact information, see [atlantaparent.com](http://atlantaparent.com) (search ice skating).

Meet three young figure skaters who dream of winning accolades for their jumps and twists.



## Madeline Freeman

Age 13; Milton

Competitive Figure Skater, Atlanta Figure Skating Club (coach Graham Payne)

Madeline loved watching figure skating on TV, even in cartoons, and began skating at age 5. Freeman attends school three days per week at Rivers Academy Private School as part of a program to allow for six days of figure skating and traveling to competitions. "The most challenging thing is mental determination," she says. "Sometimes not getting a certain element can be really discouraging, but you always have to remember nothing in figure skating is easy." She recently began skating with a partner once per week and enjoys the new challenge. Freeman hopes to one day coach and compete in the Olympics.

**Olympic Watch List:** "All the figure skating: pairs, ice dance, etc. My favorite part is the opening ceremony and seeing competitors holding flags and being so proud of their countries."

**Admired Athletes:** "Nathan Chen. He is so graceful and his jumps are amazing. My favorite ice dancers are the Shibutani brother and sister team, they have amazing twizzles and they seem to always have so much joy when they are performing."

## Kaitlyn McGarigle

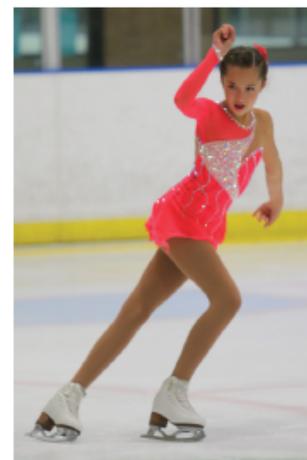
Age 12; Marietta

Competitive Figure Skater, Atlanta Figure Skating Club (coach Debbie Prachar)

Kaitlyn began skating at age 4 after seeing figure skaters jump and spin on the ice during her older brother's hockey practice. She practices four to five hours per day, six days a week. "The most challenging thing about skating is balancing being a kid and putting in the time to train to be the best I can be," she says. Kaitlyn hopes to make it to Nationals one day. "Skating teaches you that in life there will be challenges, but you have to get back up and keep working hard at it," she says.

**Olympic Watch List:** "I will be watching the men's figure skating event to see how far they will go to win the gold."

**Admired Athletes:** "Nathan Chen and Karen Chen. Nathan is the first male to land five quadruple jumps in competition. Karen Chen was successful early on and was national champion last year."



## Jeslyn Choi

Age 12; Johns Creek

Competitive Figure Skater, Atlanta Figure Skating Club, (coach Debbie Prachar)

Jeslyn started skating at age 3½ and has been skating ever since. "I loved the breeze coming off the ice – it was breathtaking and I immediately loved it," she says. Jeslyn is homeschooled through Georgia Connections Academy; she skates in the morning and again in the afternoon. She holds a second-degree black belt in Taekwondo, which she says help with flexibility and off-ice training for her main focus, figure skating. She feels lucky to have found her passion. "I really want to compete at the Olympics one day, and I want to do this as my job," she says.

**Olympic Watch List:** "I love how ancient the Olympics are, and how people are gathered there to show what they have. I am most excited to watch the figure skaters."

**Admired Athlete:** "Mirai Nagasu because she does the hardest elements in her programs, and has worked so hard to get to the Olympics."

## Ice Dancing Has a Problem: Not Enough Men



*Because skating in the U.S. attracts far more women than men, ice dancers are reformulating classic dances - for one.*

By: Betsy McKay. Excerpt from *The Wall Street Journal*, February 2, 2018



**Helena Fisher**, an ice dancer, is working up a new program. It features twizzles, Latin rhythms, and, she hopes, a peacock blue dress. One element it doesn't have: a man. "It's extremely hard to find a partner," says the 19-year-old from Marietta, Ga., who trains for competitions.

Ice dance is best known as a sport involving male-female pairs who infuse the athleticism of figure skating into artistic ballroom-dance routines. But for many females, finding a male partner is an Olympic feat. Skating in the U.S. attracts far more women than men.

So Ms. Fisher and hundreds of other skaters of all ages—mostly women—go solo, performing the same waltzes and other routines as dancing duos, minus one.

U.S. Figure Skating, the sport's national governing body, agrees it doesn't necessarily take two to tango. It runs solo ice dance competitions, and includes solo dance in a national championship for adult figure skaters.

"It gives them an opportunity to have a goal to work toward," says Mary-Elizabeth Wightman, vice chair for U.S. Figure Skating's solo dance series. Solo dance doesn't cut the ice as a sport at the Olympics or in international competition, according to the International Skating Union. Interest isn't strong in other countries, the ISU says.

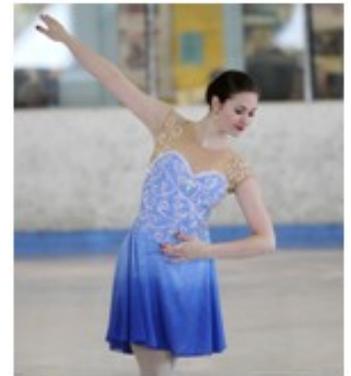
Ice dance differs from other figure skating disciplines partly because it doesn't include the jumps singles and pairs are known for. Solo dancers often perform pieces originally choreographed for two, devising positions for their arms when they would otherwise be holding or be held by a partner.

At one point in her new program, "I put my right hand on my hip to mimic a guy's hand being there," says Ms. Fisher.

Ice dance was once overshadowed in the U.S. by singles and pair figure skating, which captivate audiences with jaw-dropping jumps and intense rivalries (notably the 1994 Tonya Harding-Nancy Kerrigan showdown, revisited in the recent movie "I, Tonya").

But ice dance has risen in popularity since Americans started winning Olympic medals: Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto with a silver in 2006, followed by Meryl Davis and Charlie White, who won silver in 2010 and gold in 2014.

Two U.S. ice dancers who will be competing in this year's Olympics, Alex and Maia Shibutani, had no problem forming their team: They're brother and sister, known as the "ShibSibs."



Today, the sport attracts skaters who love the artistry or want a discipline easier on their joints. Some women, and a few men, go solo when they can't find partners—even after trying on [icepartnersearch.com](http://icepartnersearch.com), where ice dancers post photos, names, ages and other details. "It's kind of like a dating website," says Ms. Fisher, who posted a profile a few years ago in search of a partner. None panned out.

Logan Giulietti-Schmitt, a coach in Dallas, travels to rinks across the U.S. to break the ice with solo skaters, accompanying them as they practice for and then take their tests. His wife "thinks it's kind of funny what I do," says Mr. Giulietti-Schmitt, 32, who placed fourth with his ice dance partner in the 2012 U.S. Figure Skating Championships. But, he says, "There's a need for it." Learning to skate with another person is an important skill, he says.

"It's definitely easier for guys to find a partner because the ratio is just so lopsided," he says. "If you're a male figure skater, you are popular," says **Laurie Sanii**, director of the Skating Academy at the Atlanta IceForum in Duluth, Ga., who is trying to boost interest with lessons and an "ice dance weekend" to draw more people to the sport.

# 2018 ATLANTA OPEN

## June 7 - 9



**Location:** The Cooler, Alpharetta, GA  
**Levels:** Beginner - Senior; Adult Beginner - Gold  
**Disciplines:** Singles, Pairs, Dance  
**Entry Deadline:** April 28

**The Atlanta Open is a participating competition within the 2018 Solo Dance Series.**

### Judging Systems

- IJS** No Test - Senior and Adult Pre-Bronze -Masters Free Skate, Juvenile - Senior Short Programs, Couples Dance and Pairs, and Solo Dance events.
- 6.0** Beginner - High Beginner and Test Track Free Skate, Compulsory Moves, Spins, Jumps, Step Sequences, Moves in the Field, and Showcase events.

### EVENTS

- Free Skate
- Test Track Free Skate
- Short Program
- Pairs Free Skate and Short Program
- Moves
- Spins
- Jumps
- Step Sequence
- Couples Pattern Dance, Short Dance, Free Dance
- Solo Pattern Dance, Combined Dance, Shadow Dance
- Showcase Dramatic and Light Entertainment, Duets

**CHIEF REFEREE**  
Richard Perez

**DANCE REFEREE**  
John Millier

**CHIEF ACCOUNTANT**  
Kimberley Moore



**COMPETITION CO-CHAIRS**  
Sharon Hyre and Lori Malthaner  
**REGISTRAR**  
Lori Malthaner





# SPOTLIGHT SKATER

## Georgia Bolocan

### What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

*My favorite jump is triple Salchow because its really fun and I like the backward takeoff.*

### Favorite program

*I like to mix it up with my programs....I have done everything from Gershwin to Swing to Zorro to 80's Techno to Japanese movie music.*

### Competitive accomplishments

*In the last two Regionals I attended I made the final round and had a season's best this past year. I also work hard at off ice and this year made the highest S.T.A.R.S. score for an Intermediate lady.*

### Best advice you have ever received

*The best advice I have received from Aren Nielsen is to just focus on making corrections. My spins coach Sherry Hewitt always tells me to consolidate. I try to remember both things every day.*

### Who is your favorite skater?

*Nathan Chen is my favorite skater because of cool choreography and quads*

### I most admire

*I admire my entire family for supporting me through this long skating journey.*

### Tell us about your school and extracurricular activities.

*I homeschool, am in 8th Grade, and I enjoy math the most.*

### Tell us about your family.

*I have a brother named Charles who is 15.*

### What famous person would you most like to meet?

*Mirai Nagasu because she worked so hard to get back to an Olympics.*

### What are your future skating goals?

*My goals this year are to skate very well in the qualifying competitions and land triple doubles and double Axels.*

### My three favorite things are

*My stuffed anteater, lip balm and a good mascara*

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

*A dancer*

### Three words that best describe me:

*Strong, resilient and sassy*

### Most memorable event of your skating career?

*The first time I landed a triple toe*

**Favorite word:** *Literally*

**Least favorite word:** *Moist*

**Favorite Food:** *Cheeseburgers and french fries and also enjoy sweet tarts/candy hearts*

**Favorite Book:** *Grimms Fairy Tales*

**Favorite Song:** *"No Roots" by Alice Merton*

**Favorite Color:** *Mint Green*

**Sound I love:** *Blades gripping the ice*

**Sound I dislike:** *Nails scratching*

**Pet Peeve:** *My waistband on my skating pants not being tight enough*

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

*I used to have a tank full of hermit crabs that I named after all my coaches. The crab named after Sherry (who actually gave her to me) had the most beautiful shell and ran around the most. I also had crabs named Aren and also Brittney, who helped me with choreography at the time.*

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# Tests Passed

## February

Bailey Snead	Novice Moves
	Juvenile Free Skate
Isabelle Chalker	Juvenile Free Skate
Mia Rafanelli	Juvenile Moves
Audrey Latham	Juvenile Moves
	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Anna McPeak	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Risako Nonaka	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Isabel Schaum	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Madigan Edwards	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Lily Shamis	Pre-Preliminary Moves

## January

Elvira Junnila	Fourteenstep
Chloe Rutter	Fourteenstep
Madeline Freeman	European Waltz
	Foxtrot
Kaitlyn Plaziak	European Waltz

## November

Morgan Sliker	Junior Moves
Ava Williams	Junior Moves
Triniti Fong	Intermediate Free Skate
Grace Bell	Preliminary Moves
Sidney Parker	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Todd Pettigrew	Adult Viennese Waltz



Stella Deganello	Julie Kleinschmit
Jenny Deganello	Paige Roberts
Bella Kleinschmit	Vanessa Roberts

## Attention Seniors!

Applications for the club-sponsored college scholarship are due on **April 21**. Forms are available on the club website at [atlantafsc.org](http://atlantafsc.org).



## SEND YOUR PHOTOS!

To Jane Jud at [Jjudalex@aol.com](mailto:Jjudalex@aol.com). We prefer group photos to recognize as many skaters as possible.. Please identify the skaters, too.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Janice Battersby	1	Lynn Thompson	13
Mia Giordano		Mei Li	
Charles Bolocan	2	Keelee Taylor	15
Jennifer Parker		April Zhang	20
Nathan Detwiler		Astère Rolley	22
Jennifer Troncalli	4	XU Ling	
Xuan Kou		Mingda Liu	23
Sherri Barnes	5	Isabelle Chalker	24
Clara Owen	6	Daniel LaBert	25
Hasita Yalamanchili	6	Raj Kosaraju	
Adeline Wieler	8	Xing Liu	
D'Arcy Robb		Anya Martynenko	27
Alexandrina Hosonitz	9	Grace Rathbun	
Doreen Kuehn		Jean Sohn	
Victoria Betolatti		Mark Riley	
Byron Palmer	10	Sofia Izaguirre	29
Vanessa Roberts		Natalie Martin	30

## No July Test Session

Please note that the Atlanta FSC will **NOT** conduct a test session in July due to the unavailability of ice at The Cooler from July 7 – 30.

The Georgia FSC is hosting a test session in Duluth on July 22, and the Birmingham FSC will host a session during the Magic City Classic from July 27 – 29.

## Sign Up for Synchro Skills Classes

More than 30 skaters have signed up for the Friday Synchro Skills classes at 5:00 - 5:45 PM The Cooler.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Kathy Shehee at [Kshehee@bellsouth.net](mailto:Kshehee@bellsouth.net).

Class dates are as follows:

March 16	May 4
March 23	May 11
April 13	May 18
April 20	May 25



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# Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SPONSOR/LOCATION</u>
<b>St. Patrick's Day Club Ice Special Event</b>	<b>March 16</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>
Blades in Bama	April 7	Birmingham FSC, Pelham, AL
U.S. Adult FS Championships	April 10 - 14	Marlborough, MA
Florida Open	April 11 - 15	Central Florida FSC, Maitland, FL
Blades in Decatur	April 20 - 21	Point Mallard FSC, Decatur, AL
Skate Nashville	April 20 - 22	Nashville FSC, Nashville, TN
<b>Spring Show, "Blades on Broadway"</b>	<b>April 27 - 29</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>
<b>Board of Directors Election Ballots Due</b>	<b>April 30</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>
May Day Open	May 10 - 12	Gardens FSC, Laurel, MD
<b>Test Session</b>	<b>May 13</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>