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2018 Atlanta Open To Host 300+ Competitors



More than 300 skaters from 39 clubs and 7 rinks will converge on The Cooler for the 2018 Atlanta Open on June 7 - 9.

The exhibitions for May 18 and 25 are full, but you can still be placed on a wait list. **You must download your music on the Atlanta Open EntryEeze site by May 15.** Please email Jennifer

Latham at mikejenlatham@comcast.net with questions.

As always, we will need many volunteers to ensure the success of the competition so please be generous with your time and talent. Even if you have already met your service hours minimum, please consider assisting with this event as well. Links to Signup Genius will be available soon. **This will be your last opportunity to fulfill your service hours requirement.**

Test Credit

If you are interested in using your competition IJS scores for test credit, please advise us in advance at registration so that we can provide you with the required documents. Eligible events are Juvenile - Senior and Adult Gold singles free skate, Juvenile - Senior Pairs free skate, and Juvenile - Senior Partnered free dance. Atlanta FSC members will be responsible for submission of forms and applicable test fees to Test Chair Tea Junnila.

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Announcing/Music	John Richardson	Locker Rooms	Victoria Williams
	Heather Stables	Officials Hospitality	Sharon Hyre
Awards	Heidi Calabrese		Janet Payne
Coaches Hospitality	Andrea Rafanelli		Kathy Shehee
	Jennifer Latham	LOC/Operations	Tea Junnila
	Pam Palmer	Program	Dana Forehand
Competitions Chair	Sharon Hyre	Registrar	Lori Malthaner
Cooler Liaison	Herbert Wiesinger	Registration	Sarah Bolocan
Officials Liaison	Lori Malthaner	Runners	Candace Goodwin
Ice Monitors	Gaia Shamis	Set Up/Break Down	Wade Williams
Competition, Practice		Volunteers	Heather Stables
IJS Set-Up	Sharon Hyre		

OFFICIALS

Steven Belanger	John Millier
Cathy Brinkman	Kimberley Moore
Lisa Boyer	Bobbie Parkinson
Greg Cannon	Daren Patterson
Calvin Carson	Rick Perez
Debbie Currie	Julie Pierce
Lori Dunn	Tracey Poletis
Michael Elmaleh	Julia Rey
Helena Fisher	John Richardson
Marc Galonsky	Michael Rowland
Beth Graham	Sara Stephens
Dana Graham	Breelie Taylor
Catherine Hackney	Soucci Taylor
Debbie Hagenauer	Tony Torres
Vicki Hildebrand	Christina Vandermissen
Nancy Hoblack	Ginger Whatley
Tea Junnila	Christy Williams
Gloria Lewis	Diana Wisner
Lori Malthaner	Carol Wooley
Terri Maurice	Brook Ziegler

What's Happening

- May 18 & 25 Atlanta Open Exhibitions
- May 25, Ice Dance Weekend Registration Deadline
- June 1 - 3, Ice Dance Weekend
- June 7 - 9, Atlanta Open

Registration for New Membership Season To Open in Mid-June

Registration for the 2018-2019 season will open in mid-June through the EntryEeze link on the club website at atlantafsc.org. EntryEeze includes links to our waivers, releases, consent for medical treatment, SafeSport pledges, and volunteer areas. Please read through these documents carefully as your processed application is your legal acceptance of these waivers and rules.

If you are competing or testing beginning at a U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event that begins on or after July 1, you must renew your membership prior to the application deadline. Please allow ample time for your membership to be processed.

If you have not fulfilled your service hours requirement for 2017-2018, you will be unable to register until you satisfy this obligation.

Please update your information in EntryEeze, including tests passed, address, email addresses for every member, and phone numbers.

Please contact Membership Chair Francesca Sichenze-Bryant with any questions.

2018 U.S.FS Governing Council Approves Changes to Qualifying Competition Structure



More than 70 rules changes and other action items were approved, including the Competition Task Force proposal, which will make significant changes to the qualifying competition structure beginning with the 2019-20 season. If you are not familiar with the proposal, a Power Point presentation is available at

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/content/Competitions%20Task%20Force%20-%20PP%0Presentation.pdf>.

2018 - 2019 Board of Directors Elections Results

Congratulations to the newly-elected members of the 2018-2019 Board of Directors! Re-elected were **Francesca Sichenze-Bryant** (Junior) and **Judith Flair** (Senior); joining them are **Candace Goodwin** (Junior), **Sharon Hyre** and **Lori Malthaner** (both Senior). A big thank you to candidates Andrea Rafanelli and Gaia Shamis.

Remaining on the Board for another year are **Jennifer Latham**, **Tami Mickle**, **John Millier**, **Kathy Shehee**, and **Heather Stables**. Officers and appointed positions will be announced when the new Board assumes office on July 1.



Francesca



Candace



Judith



Sharon



Lori

SALUTING OUR 2018 GRADUATES



Alice Qiao

High School Activities, Clubs, Honors

I am currently a senior at Chattahoochee High School. I was recently selected as a National Merit Finalist. In my junior year, I was selected as a Georgia Governor's Honors Program Finalist for science, and I attended the four week program over the summer of 2017. I also compete in Science Olympiad and am the co-president of Biology Olympiad at Chattahoochee. In my senior year, I interned at the Georgia State University Viral Immunology lab where I learned about viruses and basic lab techniques such as cell culture. I have also been a part of Beta Club, volunteering in events in our school and community.

Future Plans (college, including major, skating, other)

For my college plans, I am deciding between attending either Vanderbilt or Duke as a biology major. In either college, I plan on joining their skating club and hope to continue for as long as possible.

Skating Career Highlights (competitions, testing, etc.)

I am a Double Gold Medalist, a member of the 2018 US Scholastic Honors Team, and a 2016 Youth Olympic Alternate. I also competed at the 2014 and 2015 US Challenge Skate, where I placed 15th and 10th respectively.

Extracurricular Activities

I am currently a trial judge and help with Learn To Skate. Aside from skating, I have also played piano and danced for 12 years.

Chloe Ryan

High School Activities, Clubs, Honors

I went to high school at Blessed Trinity and was a member of Habitat for Humanity, Environmental Club, and Red Cross Club.

Future Plans (college, including major, skating, other)

My future plans include attending Miami University of Ohio and running track and participating in club skating.

Skating Career Highlights (competitions, testing, etc.)

My skating highlights include testing through the Intermediate level. Skating has shaped my life outlook because it has instilled perseverance and the value of hard work. I will face future challenges with confidence and the understanding that success does not come easy.

Extracurricular Activities

I am Varsity Allstate for track and Varsity for cross country.



Congratulations also to graduates **Abby Gomez,**
Keelie Taylor, and **Jennifer Wilson!**



2018 Awards Banquet/Cast Party



Outstanding Skater - Senior

Alice Qiao



Outstanding Skater - Junior

Madeline Freeman



Outstanding Skater - Freshman

Elisa Bode



Lewis Elkin Dance Award

Breele Taylor



Judy Williams Test Award

Lily Xie



Lucille Morgan Judges Award

Lori Malthaner



Golden Boot Award

Pam Palmer and Andrea Rafanelli



Joann Oehlert Spirit Award

Laurie Sanii



Rud Ellis President's Award

Tea Junnila



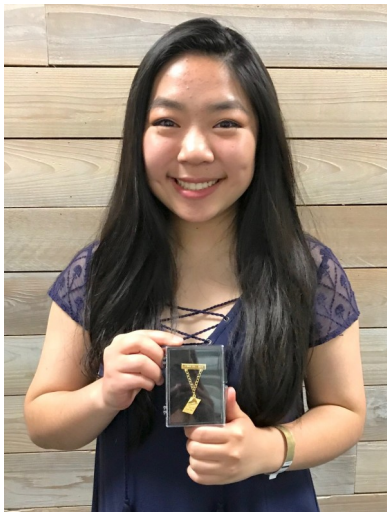
Adult Skater of the Year
Gaia Shamis



Pinky Ager Coach Award
Anya Martynenko



Bruce Stultz Silver Blade Award
Lily Xie



USFS Double Gold Medalists

Alice Qiao, Lily Xie, Nile Ziegler Not Pictured: Mingda Liu & Grace Rathbun



USFS GetUp Medalists
Georgia Bolocan and Amelia Marsh

Judges **Dana Graham**, celebrating her 25th anniversary as a judge, and **Sharon Hyre** presented **Lee Schaffer** with a plaque from U.S. Figure Skating commemorating her 50th year as a judge.

Congratulations on your Golden Jubilee, Lee!





2018 Awards Banquet/Cast Party

More than 100 members attended the annual Awards Banquet on April 29 at Finley's Bar & Grill. Kudos to Co-Chairs Jennifer Latham, Pam Palmer, and Andrea Rafanelli! Thank you, Denise Freeman,, for the great photos!





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AWARDS BANQUET / CAST PARTY



Awards Banquet/Cast Party





Soloists



Georgia Bolocan



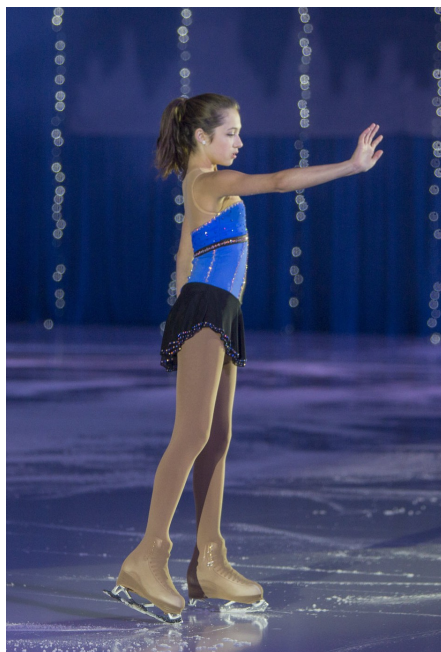
Madeline Freeman



Audrey Kate Johnson



Elvira Junnila



Kaitlyn McCarigle



Alice Qiao

