









## U.S. Adult Championships Marlborough, MASS

April 10 - 14

### NANCY ELLIS RIGGS

#### ADULT SILVER III

Free Skate, Final Round	10th/12
Free Skate, Grp. 2	5th/12
Dramatic Entertainment	8th/14
Light Entertainment	2nd/8



### HEATHER STABLES

#### ADULT SILVER I

Free Skate	9th/18
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#### ADULT PRE-SILVER SOLO DANCE

1st Dance	1st/10
2nd Dance	1st/10

#### BRONZE SOLO DANCE

Free Dance	2nd/17
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Congratulations to **John Richardson** for his first U.S. Figure Skating national appointment as Chief Announcer for this competition and to **Heather Stables** for training with John!



## U.S. Intercollegiate Skating Championships

Denver, CO, March 13 - 15

### HELENA FISHER

Gold Solo Dance, Grp. A	2nd/10
Senior Free Skate, Grp. A	6th/8
International Solo Dance	12th/12
Miami University	4th/12

Congratulations to Helena on her election as co-president of the Miami University of Ohio skating team club for 2018-2019!

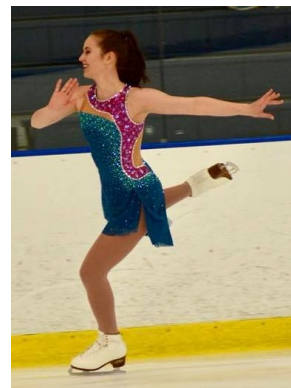


Strongsville SC,  
Strongsville, OH  
April 28 - 29

#### SOLO COMBINED DANCE

##### Senior

Final	3rd/7
Short Dance	2nd/7
Free Dance	3rd/7



## Skate Nashville

April 20 - 22

Nashville FSC, Nashville, TN

### JUVENILE

#### Free Skate

Katie Palmer	5th/5
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#### Short Program

Katie Palmer	3rd/4
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### PRE-JUVENILE

#### Free Skate, Grp. A

Mia Rafanelli	2nd/4
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### PRE-PRELIMINARY

Madelaine Casey

#### Jumps

1st/3

### NO TEST

#### Free Skate, Grp. A

Madelaine Casey	1st/7
Chloe Malenfant	6th/7

#### Compulsory Moves

Chloe Malenfant	5th/5
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### HIGH BEGINNER

#### Free Skate, Grp. A

Katelyn Harkness	3rd/5
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### BASIC 3

#### Basic Program

Alisha Harkness	3rd/3
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# SPOTLIGHT SKATER

Melanie Schael

## What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

Footwork because it feels like the most fun. I also like jumping because I like the challenge.

## Favorite program

My current free skate to "Mirage." It's really fun to skate to, and I am connected to the ice and music.

## Competitive accomplishments

I am very proud of placing 4th in the NQ South Atlantic Championships in 2015 and 7th in 2017.

## Best advice you have ever received

"It doesn't matter how many sessions you skate but how well you skate them." ~ Dad

## Who is your favorite skater?

Julia Lipnitskaya. I love her style of skating and how smooth she looks on the ice.

## I most admire

My mom. She is always doing everything for us (my brother and me), like driving me to skating, taking my brother to his therapy, waking up earlier than me to make our food, helping me with homework, and so much more. She is the best mom ever.

## Tell us about your school and extracurricular activities.

I am in 7th grade at Hopewell Middle School. My favorite subjects are math and science. I am in Junior Beta and also help out in a school special needs program. I have been on honor roll for the past two years.

I also help with the Sparks ice hockey team at The Cooler and at the risen and start hall at my school.

And I love to bake!

## Tell us about your family.

I have a younger brother, 10, and a half brother, 18, who lives in Utah. I have a pet guinea pig named Spikey Jr.

## My family is most like the TV show...

"The Incredibles" because we are always all over the place, on an adventure, doing two things at once.

## What are your future goals?

To land a double Axel.

I plan to attend college to become a doctor, and I will continue to skate.

## My three favorite things are

Food, books, and talking

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

A gymnast

## Most memorable event of your skating career?

When I was around nine at a competition, I had fake hair extensions. In my last spin, it flew off my head.

## Tell us something about yourself that no one knows.

I am actually very shy, and I love being around nature.

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

Lindsey Stirling

## Favorite word: Faith

## Least favorite word: Can't

## Favorite Food: Pasta, ravioli

## Least Favorite Food: Pickles

## What Turns Me Off: Being hungry

## Favorite Books: Harry Potter

## Favorite Color: Blue, especially turquoise

## Favorite Vacation: I LOVED New York

## Sound I love: Nature sounds: birds chirping, gentle flowing water, wind blowing leaves

## Sound I dislike: Nails on a chalk board

## Pet Peeve: Bullies

## I would never want to be: An office worker

## If you were stranded on a desert island, you would absolutely have to have...

Food, books, and my pet Spikey

## Three words that best describe me:

Adventurous, happy, perseverant

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**May****HAPPY BIRTHDAY****May**

Mengsi Chen	2	Iris Liu	21
Sarah Cairo	5	Mia Montobbio	
Katelyn Harkness	7	Asher Pecqueur	23
Madeleine Brown		Hyemin Kim	24
Tom Swendiman		Kim Rutter	26
Nina Palermo	8	Aryanna Pecqueur	27
Tony Maness		Debbie Labuz-Miller	
Elaine Bialczak	11	Karen Crossen	
Victoria Williams		Linda Brown	28
Ava Derouin	13	Abby Gomez	30
Ansley Bokath	15	Brynn Cartagena	
Denise Snead		Craig May	
Doug Freeman		Kara Yao	
Ingie Derouin	16	Tori Williams	
Marc Galonsky	18	Zoë Silvia	31
Gwenn LaBert	19		

**Jun****HAPPY BIRTHDAY****Jun**

Wendy Dutch	3	Elvira Junnila	20
Tom Bode	5	Alexa Phillips	21
Amy Trizzino	7	Aspen Ono	
Chen Hu	8	Brandon Kozlowski	
Emily Moosbrugger		Leanna Jones	22
Todd Pettigrew		Sidney Parker	
David Bolocan	10	Val Kochengina	
Lori Douglas	12	Chuck Miller	23
Stephanie Brimeyer	13	Kim McCafferty	27
Ruhee Patkar	15	Sherry Hewitt	
Brittney Bottoms	17	Mindy Sellers	28
Danette Ahlin		Kostas Hatzikoutelis	29
Rebeca Ibelings		Laken Andrzejewski	30
Ashley Glass	18	Lisa Middlekauff	

**U.S. Figure Skating Governing Council**

Thank you to our delegates who attended the 2018 Governing Council on May 2 - 5 in Orlando, FL: Dana Graham, Sharon Hyre, Tea Junnila, and Lori Malthaner.

A Report of Action will be published on the U.S. Figure Skating website no later

than May 18.



Gloria Lewis

Silver Dance Test Judge

appointment

**VOLUNTEER Movers & Shakers****PAM PALMER**

I am a mom volunteer who became active in the club when my daughter, Katie, started skating. At our "home rink," The Ice in Cumming, I volunteered for shows and competitions. I recently started helping with the Club Ice special events.

Skating is such an individual sport, and I want the girls to experience a little solidarity. The club events are a good social opportunity, and I want them to be as enjoyable as possible.

My family and I enjoy traveling, especially Wildlife adventure tours. We recently returned from the Galapagos and are planning a trip to the Arctic.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Pam was the recipient of this year's Golden Boot Award along with Andrea Rafanelli. Both of these ladies provided decorating inspiration, treats, and prizes for Club Ice special events and both co-chaired the Awards Banquet/Cast Party with Jennifer Latham. Great Job!



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# Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SPONSOR/LOCATION</u>
May Day Open	May 10 - 12	Gardens FSC, Laurel, MD
Test Session	May 13	Atlanta FSC
Central Carolina Classic	May 18 - 20	Central Carolina SC, Hillsborough, NC
<b>Ice Dance Weekend</b>	<b>June 1 - 3</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>
<b>Atlanta Open</b>	<b>June 7 - 9</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>
Skate Detroit	July 17 - 21	Detroit SC, Bloomfield Hills, MI