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Alysa Liu To Headline Cast of Spring Show - April 27 and 28



Alysa Liu

We are so excited to announce that 2019 U.S. Championships Ladies Gold Medalist **Alysa Liu** will headline the "**Rockin' Ice Radio - WICE**" cast, joined by special guests **Breelie Taylor/Tyler Vollmer** and **Davin Grindstaff** for our performances on April 27 and 28.



Alysa is the youngest skater to win the U.S. Championships and among only four U.S. women to successfully complete not one but three triple Axels in competition. She is also the 2018 U.S. Junior Ladies Champion and, in 2016, the youngest Intermediate Ladies champion.

In their second year as a Novice Dance team, **Breelie Taylor** and **Tyler Vollmer** competed at the 2019 U.S. Championships after qualifying at the Pacific Coast Sectionals with a 4th place standing. They were also awarded the bronze at the 2019 U.S. Figure Skating Novice and Junior Challenge Skate in Salt Lake City.



Breelie Taylor and Tyler Vollmer



Davin Grindstaff

Davin Grindstaff is a seven-time U.S. Adult Nationals Masters champion as well as a stage, film and television actor and author. He earned a PhD at Pennsylvania State University and is a Georgia State University Senior Lecturer and Director of the Basic Speech Course.

Performing solos will be **Madeline Freeman**, **Elvira Junnila**, **Audrey Latham**, **Soucci Taylor**, **Hasita Yalamanchili**, **Lily Xie**, and **Nile Ziegler**. Featured performers are **Violet Ee**, **Cristanne Goodwin**, **Amelia Marsh**, **Nastasia Rozenberg**, and **Jamie Traylor**.

Ticket information will be available soon.



- Spring Show, April 27 - 28
- S.T.A.R.S. Testing, May 1
- Test Session, May 5
- Awards Banquet, May 19
- Atlanta Open Exhibitions, May 24, 31, June 7
- Ice Dance Weekend, May 31 - June 2
- Atlanta Open, June 12 - 15

SPRING SHOW REMINDER!

SUNDAY, APRIL 14
9:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Dress Rehearsal and Photos

2019 - 2020 Board of Directors Election Candidates

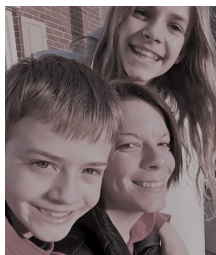
We are pleased to announce the candidates for the 2019-2020 Board of Directors. Ballots with biographies will be emailed to eligible members by April 1; the deadline to submit votes is **April 30**. Two Senior members must be elected in accordance with our bylaws, but you may vote for as many Senior member as you wish. The candidates are:

SENIOR

Kate Gorczyca Brittany Marshall
Tea Junnila Soucci Taylor
Amy Kilheffer

JUNIOR

Kim Detwiler
Byron Palmer



Kim



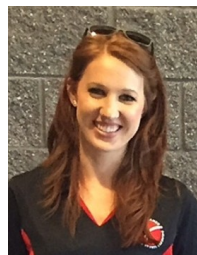
Kate



Tea



Amy



Brittany



Byron



Soucci

Don't Forget to Vote for the Silver Blade and Adult Skater Awards!

The Adult Skater Award is voted on by the adult skaters for the person who has shown the most improvement over the last year. A list of skater accomplishments will be emailed to all adult skaters.

The Silver Blade award is given to the skater who demonstrates a willingness to help others, thus promoting goodwill and love of the sport. This award is voted on by the skaters. Ballots will be available at Club Ice, and nominations will be accepted via email.














2019 Awards Banquet

Knock Music House
1052 Saint Charles Ave. NE
Atlanta, GA 30306

Sunday, May 19

2:00 - 5:00 pm

Tickets may be purchased online by using your [EntryEeze Account](#)
(click on MERCHANDISE)

Deadline: May 12; No Walk-ups!

Tickets.....\$25.00

Entertainment!

MEMBERS ONLY!

Dancing!

Food!

Atlanta Open Registration to Open on April 1 (no fooling!)



Registration for the 2019 Atlanta Open will open via EMS on **April 1**. Skaters who wish to participate in the NQS must first register with U.S. Figure Skating, via EMS, by **May 28** and pay an administrative entry fee of \$25.00. Entries will close on **May 8**. The registration deadline for the National Solo Dance Series is **April 1**. The announcement is posted on the club website at atlantafsc.com.



EXHIBITIONS

Please contact Jennifer Latham at mikejenlatham@comcast.net to sign up for exhibitions on May 24, May 31, and June 7 by **May 17**.



2019 U.S. Figure Skating National Qualifying Series Competitions: Singles Deadline to enter the overall NQS with U.S. Figure Skating - May 28, 2019

All athletes then choose any competitions they want to enter, and enter them directly. There is no minimum and maximum number of competitions skaters must enter, and no restrictions on location. Only the skater's highest Total Score counts towards sectional and national ranking. Also Note: All athletes must still enter the qualifying system by 9/1 to continue through to the Regional Singles Challenge / Sectional Singles Final.

Competition Name	Host Club	Section	Region	StartDate	EndDate	Discipline
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NQS EVENTS FOR EASTERN AND MIDWESTERN SECTIONS

2019 Atlanta Open	Atlanta FSC	Eastern	South Atlantic	6/12	6/15	Singles
2019 Lake Placid Figure Skating Championships	The SC of Lake Placid	Eastern	North Atlantic	6/27	6/30	Singles
Orange Blossom Open	Tampa Bay SC	Eastern	South Atlantic	7/5	7/6	Singles
Dogwood Open	Triangle FSC	Eastern	South Atlantic	7/12	7/15	Singles
Skate Wilmington 2019	The SC of Wilmington, Inc	Eastern	South Atlantic	7/17	7/21	Singles
Philadelphia Summer Championships	IceWorks SC	Eastern	South Atlantic	7/30	8/3	Singles
2019 Cranberry Open	Yarmouth Ice Club, Inc.	Eastern	New England	8/7	8/10	Singles
2019 Hershey Open	Hershey FSC	Eastern	South Atlantic	8/7	8/11	Singles
Potomac Open	Washington FSC	Eastern	South Atlantic	8/16	8/18	Singles
2019 Moran Memorial Championships	Ice House Of New Jersey FSC	Eastern	North Atlantic	8/23	8/25	Singles
Providence Open and Little New England Champions	Pawtucket & Providence FSC	Eastern	New England	9/5	9/8	Singles
The 94th Annual Middle Atlantic Championships	The SC of New York, Inc.	Eastern	North Atlantic	9/5	9/8	Singles
2019 Southwest Florida Fall Classic	Southwest Florida FSC	Eastern	South Atlantic	9/12	9/15	Singles
Skate Austin Bluebonnet Open	Austin FSC	Midwestern	Southwestern	6/6	6/9	Singles
2019 Traverse City Cherry Classic	Traverse City FSC	Midwestern	Eastern Great Lakes	6/7	6/8	Singles
Heart of America	Silver Blades FSC Inc. of Greater KC	Midwestern	Southwestern	6/7	6/9	Singles
2019 Southport Summer Classic	Southport SC	Midwestern	Upper Great Lakes	6/12	6/15	Singles
2019 Braemar Competition	Braemar-City of Lakes FSC	Midwestern	Upper Great Lakes	6/21	6/22	Singles
2019 Broadmoor Open	Broadmoor SC, Inc.	Midwestern	Southwestern	6/25	6/29	Singles
Vail Invitational	SC Of Vail, Inc.	Midwestern	Southwestern	7/10	7/14	Singles
Skate Milwaukee	Wisconsin FSC, Inc.	Midwestern	Upper Great Lakes	7/10	7/14	Singles
44th Annual Kathy Slack Troy Summer Competition	Troy SC	Midwestern	Eastern Great Lakes	7/11	7/14	Singles
Cannon Texas Open 2019	Lone Star FSC	Midwestern	Southwestern	7/11	7/14	Singles
Skate St. Paul	St. Paul FSC, Inc	Midwestern	Upper Great Lakes	7/18	7/22	Singles
2019 Skate Detroit	Detroit SC, Inc.	Midwestern	Eastern Great Lakes	7/23	7/27	Singles
Magic City Ice Classic	Birmingham FSC, Inc.	Midwestern	Eastern Great Lakes	7/26	7/28	Singles
2019 Scott Hamilton Invitational	Scott Hamilton SC	Midwestern	Eastern Great Lakes	8/2	8/4	Singles
2019 DuPage Open	DuPage FSC	Midwestern	Upper Great Lakes	8/3	8/5	Singles
Cup of Colorado	Colorado SC	Midwestern	Southwestern	8/9	8/11	Singles
Oklahoma Open	Oklahoma City FSC, Inc.	Midwestern	Southwestern	8/23	8/25	Singles
Skate Houston 2019	Texas Gulf Coast FSC	Midwestern	Southwestern	8/31	9/2	Singles
Greater Chicagoland Fall Invitational	Wagon Wheel FSC	Midwestern	Upper Great Lakes	9/5	9/8	Singles
Skate Cleveland	Winterhurst FSC	Midwestern	Eastern Great Lakes	9/6	9/8	Singles

2019 Ice Dance Weekend



The Atlanta FSC and IDW Chair **Laurie Sanii** are pleased to host the 13th annual Ice Dance Weekend at The Cooler on **May 31 - June 2**. The weekend is designed to promote ice dancing, provide quality instruction, and **have fun!** We will have **MODERN MUSIC** and **ALL AGES AND LEVELS ARE WELCOME!**

This year, the Friday night theme will be **ROARING 20'S!** Costumes are encouraged, but wear whatever is most comfortable. Click on the link below for details.



atlantaicedanceweekend.com

MOVE LIKE A _____
CHAMPION PERFORM LIKE A
STAR

Standardized Testing of Athleticism to Recognize Skaters (S.T.A.R.S.)
evaluates your athleticism in areas important to skating performance and helps identify areas needing improvement. The S.T.A.R.S. combine includes a

- Dynamic Warm-Up Class
- Sports Science Seminar
- Detailed Athlete Report

High Performance Movement Screen (HPMS)
evaluates your ability to move your body in ways fundamental to skating technique, and measures your mobility, stability, symmetry and balance. Participants receive a

- Detailed Athlete Report
- Video-based feedback for corrective exercises

S.T.A.R.S. is open to U.S. Figure Skating athletes ages 6 and up who have passed pre-preliminary moves.
HPMS is open to U.S. Figure Skating athletes who have passed juvenile moves in the field, and to adult skaters.

Registration opens March 1st.
To register visit: **STARScombine.org**

MAY 4, THE COOLER

WHAT

S.T.A.R.S. (Standardized Testing of Athleticism to Recognize Skaters) is a one-day event consisting of 15 off-ice tests meant to evaluate developing athletes in three areas:

- Agility, balance and coordination
- Strength and power
- Flexibility

ELIGIBILITY

- Minimum age: six years at the date of the combine; current USFS member
- Passed Pre-Preliminary MITF for S.T.A.R.S. portion and Juvenile MITF for the High Performance Movement Screen; adult skaters who have passed Pre-Bronze MITF for HPMS



2019 MAGNOLIA OPEN MEMBER RESULTS

Many thanks to our Competitions Co-Chairs **Sharon Hyre** and **Tea Junnila**, Registrar **Lori Malthaner**, our wonderful officials and volunteers, and our hard-working Area Chairs, **Heidi** and **Dave Calabrese**, **Paul Detwiler**, **Candace Goodwin**, **Jennifer Latham**, **Pam Palmer**, **Andrea Rafanelli**, **Todd Pettigrew**, **Gaia Shamis**, **Kathy Shehee**, and **Heather Stables**.

JUNIOR

Step Sequences

Jamie Traylor 1st/1

Jumps

Elvira Junnila 1st/1

NOVICE

Jumps

Elizabeth Douglas 1st/1

TEEN

Dramatic Entertainment

Athena Landon 1st/2

JUVENILE

Free Skate

Audrey Latham 2nd/3

Short Program

Kata Kochengina 1st/7

Chloe Rutter 3rd/7

Emily McDaniel 5th/7

JUVENILE/OPEN JUVENILE

Free Skate

Sinyee de Cleir 1st/1

Jumps

Emily McDaniel 1st/1

PRE-JUVENILE

Free Skate

Emily McDaniel 1st/8

Elisa Bode 2nd/8

Cristanne Goodwin 5th/8

Anna McPeak 8th/8

Compulsory Moves

Elisa Bode 1st/2

Spins

Violet Ee 2nd/3

Jumps

Violet Ee 1st/4

Elisa Bode 4th/4

PRELIMINARY

Free Skate

Hanna Zhu 2nd/4

Kendra Wang 4th/4

Compulsory Moves

Hanna Zhu 1st/2

Light Entertainment

Ava Landon 2nd/2

PRE-PRELIMINARY

Free Skate, Grp. A

Lily Shamis 3rd/5

Aryanna Pecqueur 4th/5

Isabel Chen 5th/5

Free Skate, Grp. B

Amelia Marsh 1st/5

Serena Shang 2nd/5

AnneMarie Ahlin 3rd/5

Marlowe McIntyre 5th/5

Compulsory Moves

Iris Liu 1st/4

Aryanna Pecqueur 2nd/4

Serena Shang 3rd/4

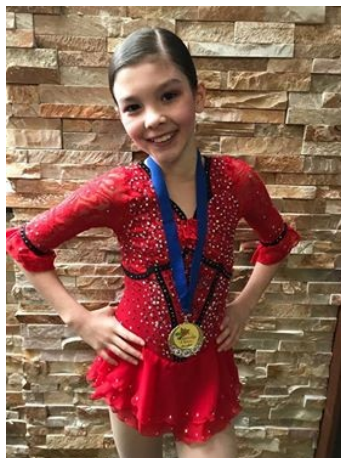
Spins

Serena Shang 1st/3

Iris Liu 2nd/3

Interpretive

Lily Shamis 1st/1



Emily

NO TEST BOYS

Free Skate

Nathan Detwiler 1st/1

NO TEST

Free Skate, Grp. A

Anna Detwiler 2nd/5

Grace Xie 3rd/5

Chloe Malenfant 4th/5

Brynn Cartagena 5th/5

Free Skate, Grp. B

Iris Liu 1st/5

Leia Beinenson 2nd/5

Mia Calabrese 5th/5

Interpretive

Berkeley Williams 2nd/2

Light Entertainment

Rachel Normand 1st/1

Compulsory Moves

Daniel Huang 2nd/3

Brynn Cartagena 3rd/3



Audrey

HIGH BEGINNER

Spins

Leanna Jones 1st/1

BEGINNER

Jumps

Lilly Gorczyca 2nd/2

BEGINNER/HIGH BEGINNER

Lt. Entertainment

Marika Mathers 1st/2

Showcase, Duets

Lizette Hernandez/ 1st/1

Rachel Normand



Amelia

EXCEL

JUNIOR

Free Skate

Natalie Martin 1st/1

NOVICE

Free Skate

Katie Palmer 1st/1

PRE-JUVENILE

Free Skate

Ruhee Patkar 1st/1

PRELIMINARY PLUS

Free Skate

Madelaine Casey 1st/1

PRE-PRELIMINARY

Free Skate

Katherine Warren 2nd/6

Ava Landon 3rd/6

Sona Durairaj 5th/6



Anna and Nathan

EXCEL

PRE-PRELIMINARY

Compulsory Moves

Grace Xie 1st/1

HIGH BEGINNER

Free Skate, Grp. A

Sophie Gao 1st/5

Ella Mo 2nd/5

Marika Mathers 3rd/5

Kristen Berner 4th/5

Abigail Dale 5th/5

Free Skate, Grp. B

Katie Trizzino 1st/6

Grayson Snow 5th/6

Free Skate, Grp. C

Leanna Jones 1st/6

Veronica Sand 3rd/6

Lizette Hernandez 5th/6

Compulsory Moves

Kristen Berner 1st/1

BEGINNER

Free Skate, Grp. A

Lilly Gorczyca 3rd/5

Ava Derouin 5th/5

Free Skate, Grp. B

Gia Gulati 1st/6

Caroline Crooks 2nd/6

Lyla Gorman 5th/6

Hayden Whalen 6th/6



Gia



Lily



Cristanne



Kendra, Madeline

ADULT PRE-BRONZE

Free Skate

Cathy Sabella 2nd/2

BRONZE

Free Skate

Nikki Belmonte 1st/2

SILVER

Free Skate

Nancy Ellis Riggs 2nd/2

Interpretive

Nancy Ellis Riggs 1st/1



BASIC SKILLS

PRE FREESKATE

Program with Music, Grp. B

Lyllian Lu 1st/4

Laken Andrzejewski 2nd/4

Gracie Dong 3rd/4

FREESKATE 1

Program with Music, Grp. A

Abigail Mutch 2nd/3

FREESKATE 1 BOYS

Program with Music

Andrew Yang 1st/1

BASIC 6

Program with Music

Mia Giordano 4th/4

Elements

Mia Giordano 2nd/2

BASIC 5

Program with Music

Luke Dong 1st/1

BASIC 4

Program with Music

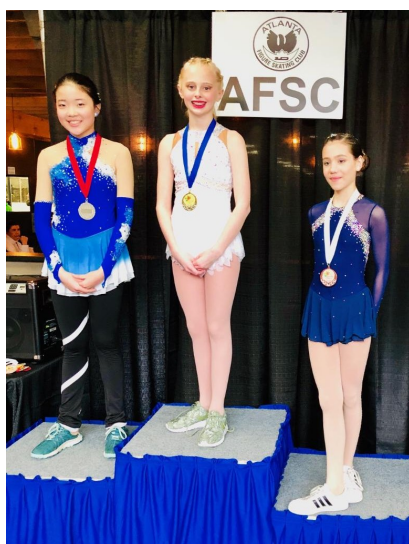
Isabelle Kelso 2nd/3



Coach Eric and Cathy



Berkeley and Ava



Serena, Amelia, Annie



Elvira



Elisa and Emily



Katie

Hello Spring!

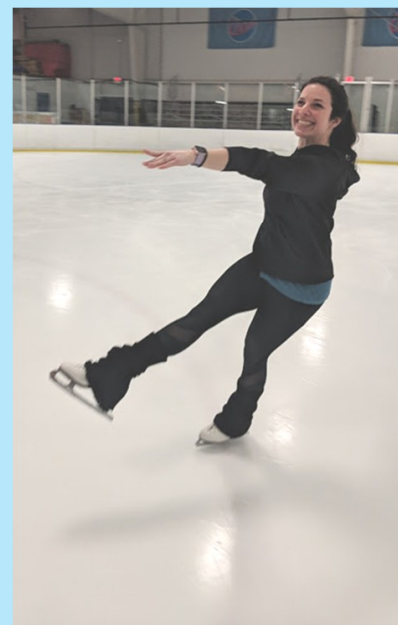
Adults Only Club Ice

March 2

Goodbye Winter!
(We hope!)

What a lovely evening with 23 skaters from three rinks and all levels who converged at The Cooler for our second Adults Only Club Ice! Skaters competing at Adult Easterns and Midwesterns and the Magnolia Open performed exhibitions, and our fantastic dance coach, Graham Payne, provided a 20-minute basic dance skills class. Snacks and beverages were offered in a party room.

Thanks to Amy Kilheffer and Heather Stables for the photos!





Axel Club



2018-2019 Current Members

Annie Ahlin
Elisa Bode
Georgia Bolocan
Madeleine Brown
Sarah Cairo
Isabel Chen
Tim Dolensky
Elizabeth Douglas
Violet Ee
Helena Fisher
Triniti Fong
Madeline Freeman
Cristanne Goodwin
Kate Gorczyca
Tiffany Hatzikoutelis
Wendi Hiller
Emily Hwang
Audrey Kate Johnson
Elvira Junnila
Olivia Kim
MacKenzie Kisella

Katia Kochengina
Julia Kornetzke
Gabrielle Kuse
Athena Landon
Audrey Latham
Mingda Liu
Ariel Lutz
Amelia Marsh
Natalie Martin
Emily McDaniel
Kaitlyn McGarigle
Anna McPeak
Emily Moosbrugger
Katie Palmer
Aryanna Pecqueur
Asher Pecqueur
Alice Qiao
Mia Rafanelli
Nastasia Rozenberg
Laurie Sanii

Melanie Schael
Isabel Schaum
Lily Shamis
Zoë Silvia
Morgan Sliker
Angela Smith
Bailey Snead
Maria Son
Heather Stables
Breelie Taylor
Soucci Taylor
Frances Umezaki-Oba
Kendra Wang
PJ Whalen
Avery Wilkinson
Ava Williams
Tori Williams
Anna Windley
Hasita Yalamanchili
Nile Ziegler



May 1 - 4
Colorado Springs, CO

Atlanta FSC delegates to the 2019 U.S. Figure Skating Governing Council will be Dana Graham, Sharon Hyre, Tea Junnila, Lori Mathaner, John Millier, and Kathy Shehee.



SPOTLIGHT SKATER

Nastasia Rozenberg

What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

My favorite element is a layback because it looks so pretty and has different variations. My least favorite is most of the twizzles because they're so difficult to do correctly and are terrifying to mess up.

Favorite program?

My biggest accomplishment was qualifying for Showcase Nationals this past summer. That was also my favorite program because I loved the music- "Heal" by Tom Odell- and the choreography.

Who is your favorite skater?

Adam Rippon because he's so artistic and graceful and knows how to put out a good performance.

What is the most memorable event of your skating career?

My most memorable moment as a skater was going to the 2012 South Atlantic Regionals. That was one of my favorite competitions, and I still remember a lot of that weekend to this day.

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

My family is most like the television show

"Full House" because we have so many people living in our house and everyone has to find ways to take care of each other even when things are really stressful.

Tell us about your school and extra-curricular activities.

I'm a senior at Milton High School. My favorite subject is art, and I'm in the National Art Honor Society. I also teach in the cirque fundamentals program.

I've been helping with Learn to Skate since I was 15, and I also volunteer for National Art Honor Society and the International Thespian Society.

Best advice I ever received

The best advice I've ever received was from my best friend, and it's to do things for myself and my own satisfaction and to not let other people affect my dreams or my choices.

What famous person would you most like to meet?

I'd want to meet the two members of Odesza because they're my favorite musical artists, and I want to design an album cover for them.

Tell us about your family, other hobbies, pets.

I have a six year old sister named Polina.

Who would you choose to play you in the movie of your life?

Rachel Weisz

What are your future skating and educational goals?

I'm going to keep skating in college and try to start coaching, and then we'll see where I go from there! I want to be a creative director for Cirque du Soleil. I'll be double majoring in graphic design and English with a focus in creative writing at Columbus State University.

My favorite things are

Pink drinks, really good black pens, and going to/directing rehearsals for shows.

Whom do you most admire?

I admire my coach, Tami, because she knows what she wants and she makes it happen. She's very organized and on top of everything, and she knows how to work with others without completely compromising her vision. I aspire to be like that in my career, so she's a great mentor and role model for me.

If I were stranded on a desert island, I would have to have:

A journal, a pen, and my phone.

Favorite word: Mellow

Least favorite word: Bus

What turns me off: *People assuming things about me, quick tempers, and someone talking trash about literally everyone around them.*

Favorite food: Pad Thai

Least favorite food: Pizza

Favorite book: The Color Purple by Alice Walker

Favorite movie: "La La Land"

Favorite Song: "We Move Like the Ocean" by Bad Suns

Favorite TV show: "The Chilling Adventures of Sabrina"

Favorite color: Lavender

I would never want to be: Law or anything related to math

Pet peeve: People who are constantly flaky

Favorite Vacation: Our family vacation to Cancun in July has been my favorite so far

What three words best describe or characterize you?

Passionate, artistic, and hard-working

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Tests Passed

MARCH

Sarah Cairo	Novice Moves
Jamie Traylor	Novice Solo Free Dance
Elvira Junnila	Starlight Waltz
Zoë Silvia	European Waltz
	Fourteenstep
Amy Kilheffer	Adult European Waltz
Audrey Kate Johnson	European Waltz
Chloe Rutter	Rocker Foxtrot
Katia Kochengina	Hickory Hoedown
	Willow Waltz
Katie Palmer	Hickory Hoedown
	Willow Waltz
Lilly Wood	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Vanessa Solorzano	Pre-Preliminary Moves

FEBRUARY

Iris Liu	Juvenile Moves
Kayla Redburn	Juvenile Moves



Congratulations to

HELENA FISHER

Silver Dance Test Judge Appointment

MARC GALONSKY

Gold Dance Test Judge Appointment



Eastern Adult Sectional Championships Havertown, PA March 8 - 10

SILVER LADIES

Championship Free Skate

Heather Stables 3rd/17

Free Skate I, II

Heather Stables 1st/6

BEGINNER LADIES

Free Skate

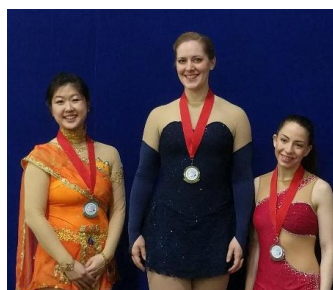
May Chen 1st/3

Josie Castracane 3rd/3

Compulsory Moves

May Chen 1st/2

Josie Castracane 2nd/2



Heather earned first place in the Silver Free Skate I, II



Heather (left), Josie (top left), and May (top right) with Center Ice competitors Paulina (bottom) and Ava (top center).

May

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May

May Chen	2	Ilona Gavryliv	18
Sarah Cairo	5	Marc Galonsky	
Shuka Mathers	6	Lizette Hernandez	19
Katelyn Harkness	7	Iris Liu	21
Madeleine Brown		Mia Montobbio	
Tom Swendiman		Asher Pecqueur	23
Nina Palermo	8	Hyemin Kim	24
Rachel Normand		Belinda Maaskant	26
Tony Maness		Kim Rutter	
Elaine Bialczak	11	Aryanna Pecqueur	27
Victoria Williams		Deb Miller	
Ava Derouin	13	Linda Brown	28
Denise Snead	15	Hayden Whalen	29
Doug Freeman		Abby Gomez	30
Kyle Homan		Brynn Cartagena	
Luke Dong		Tori Williams	
Ingie Derouin	16	Zoë Silvia	31
Daniel Huang	17		

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Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SPONSOR/LOCATION</u>
Atlanta FSC Board of Directors Election	April 1 - 30	Atlanta FSC
Spring Show	April 27 and 28	Atlanta FSC
S.T.A.R.S. Testing	May 1	USFS (The Cooler)
Test Session	May 5	Atlanta FSC
Atlanta Open Entry Deadline	May 8	Atlanta FSC
Awards Banquet	May 19	Atlanta FSC
Atlanta Open Exhibitions	May 24, 31, June 7	Atlanta FSC
Ice Dance Weekend	May 31 - June 2	Atlanta FSC
Test Session (Dance Only)	June 12	Atlanta FSC
Atlanta Open	June 12 - 15	Atlanta FSC