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Congrats to our 2020 South Atlantic/East Coast/Eastern Challenge Competitors!



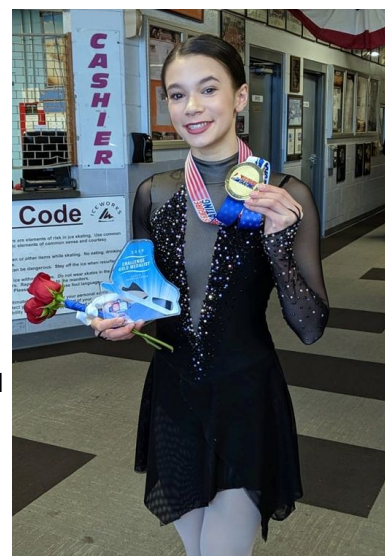
Congratulations to all of our 2020 South Atlantic Regional Challenge competitors! We are especially proud of our Intermediate Ladies gold medalist, **Georgia Bolocan**, who topped the field of 87 skaters.

Kaitlyn McGarigle, in her first year at this level, advanced to the final round after a first place finish in her qualifying round. **Katia Kochengina** (Juvenile Girls) also advanced to the final round after a silver placement in her qualifying round.

In the non-qualifying competition, **Emily Brown** (Pre-Juvenile Girls) captured pewter in the final round after a first place victory in her qualifying round. **Rachel Cho** (Preliminary Girls) won bronze in the final round following a silver placement in her qualifying round. No Test competitor **Leia Beinenson** advanced to the final round after a pewter finish in her qualifying round.

The newly-formed Intermediate ice dance team of **Audrey Kate Johnson** and **Lucas Appel** won 3rd place in the 2020 Eastern Ice Dance and Pairs Sectional Challenge with a silver for their free dance and a pewter for their pattern dances.

Georgia and Audrey Kate will advance to the Eastern Sectional Singles Final and U.S. Dance Final in Hyannis, MA on November 12 - 16.



Georgia, Intermediate Ladies Gold medalist



Kaitlyn and Coach Debbie



Coach Eric, Katia, Coach Anya



Audrey Kate and Lucas



2020 South Atlantic Regional Singles Challenge (Qualifying) Eastern Sectional Ice Dance and Pairs Challenge IceWorks SC, Aston, PA October 2 - 6

INTERMEDIATE LADIES

Final

Georgia Bolocan	1st/28
Kaitlyn McGarigle	19th/28

Free Skate

Georgia Bolocan	1st/28
Kaitlyn McGarigle	24th/28

Short Program

Georgia Bolocan	2nd/28
Kaitlyn McGarigle	16th/28

Free Skate, QR

Grp. B

Georgia Bolocan	1st/15
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Grp. F

Kaitlyn McGarigle	1st/15
Sarah Cairo	6th/15
Avery Wilkinson	8th/15

JUVENILE GIRLS

Free Skate Final Rd.

Katia Kochengina	6th/20
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Free Skate, QR, Grp. D

Katia Kochengina	2nd/17
Audrey Latham	6th/17

EASTERN SECTIONAL ICE DANCE AND PAIRS CHALLENGE

Intermediate Combined Dance

Audrey Kate Johnson/

Lucas Appel

<u>Final</u>	3rd/9
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<u>Free Dance</u>	2nd/9
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<u>Pattern Dance</u>	4th/9
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American Waltz	6th/9
Foxtrot	3rd/9

2020 South Atlantic Regional Singles Challenge (Non-Qualifying)

JUVENILE GIRLS (NQ)

Jumps

Emily McDaniel	2nd/2
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Spins

Emily McDaniel	1st/2
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OPEN JUVENILE

Jumps

Emily Brown	1st/1
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PRE-JUVENILE GIRLS

Free Skate, FR

Emily Brown	4th/8
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Free Skate, Grp. A QR

Emily McDaniel	6th/16
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Hasita Yalamanchili	13th/16
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Free Skate, Grp. B QR

Emily Brown	1st/18
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PRE-JUVENILE GIRLS

Compulsory Moves

Hasita Yalamanchili	1st/2
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Spins

Emily Brown	2nd/2
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PRELIMINARY GIRLS

Free Skate, FR

Rachel Cho	3rd/12
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Free Skate, Grp. A QR

Amelia Marsh	12th/14
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Free Skate, Grp. C QR

Rachel Cho	2nd/15
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Light Entertainment

Emily Brown	1st/3
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PRE-PRELIMINARY GIRLS

Free Skate, Grp. C QE

Annie Ahlin	6th/13
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NO TEST GIRLS

Free Skate, FR

Leia Beinenson	8th/8
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Free Skate, Grp. B, QR

Leia Beinenson	4th/10
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ADULT PRE-BRONZE

Free Skate

Cathy Sabella	1st/1
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2020 South Atlantic Regional Singles Challenge Exhibitions

September 20 and 27



Kaity (Intermediate)



Audrey, Katia, Kaity, Amelia



Audrey (Juvenile)



Katia (Juvenile)

Thank you to **Kate Gorczyca** for managing the exhibitions and pizza party and taking photos!



Hasita and Amelia modeling their club backpacks



Amelia (Preliminary)



Annie (Pre-Preliminary)



Leia, Annie, Emily M, Cathy, Rachel, Emily B



Emily M (Pre-Juvenile)



Leia (No Test)



Cathy (Adult Pre-Bronze)



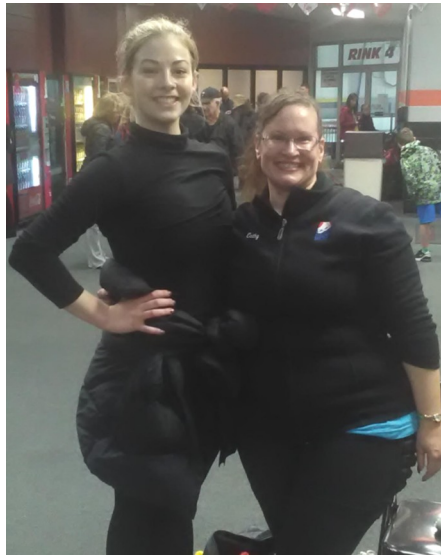
Emily B (Pre-Juvenile)



Rachel (Preliminary)



Audrey, Coach Pam



Gracie Gold, Cathy



Amelia, Coach Pam, Hasita



Coach Aren, Georgia



Coach Anya, Emily M



Coach Alina, Emily B



Annie, Leia, Amelia, Audrey, Emily M





Audrey Kate and Lucas (center)



Kaity (center)



Emily M., Hasita



Coach Pam, Amelia



Rachel (center)



REVISED DATES!



Atlanta Figure Skating Club

Club Ice

2019	
August	16, 23, 30
September	6, 13, 20, 27
October	4, 11, 18, 25
November	1, 8, 15, 22
December	6, 13, 20
2020	
January	3, 10, 17, 24, 31
February	7, 14, 21, 28
March	13, 20, 27
April	3, 10, 17, 24
May	1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Club Ice is offered to all full skating members who have passed Pre-Preliminary Moves or have been readiness tested by our Test Committee coaches and to bridge members who have been readiness tested. Club Ice is available on Fridays at The Cooler on the BLUE rink from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.



Atlanta Figure Skating Club

2019 - 2020 TEST DATES

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Application Due Date</u> (Online)
2019		
October 18	Friday	September 27
November 15	Friday	October 25
2020		
February 7	Friday	January 17
March 5*	Thursday	February 13
May 3	Sunday	April 12
June 17*	Wednesday	May 27
July 19	Sunday	June 28
August 23	Sunday	August 2

*Dance Only

All test sessions will be conducted at The Cooler. Please arrive one hour prior to your test time.

EASTERN SECTION EXCEL SERIES COMPETITIONS

Skaters must register for the Excel Series by **March 1, 2020, or prior to their first Series competition**, whichever is first. The 2020 Excel National Festival is currently planned for **June 19-21, 2020**.

Date	Competition	Location	Club
12/6 - 12/8	29th Annual Skaneateles Invitational	Skaneateles, NY	Skaneateles FSC
3/6 - 3/8	2020 Magnolia Open	Alpharetta, GA	Atlanta FSC
3/14	SCNY Excel	Monsey, NY	The SC of New York
3/13 - 3/15	16th Annual South Florida Challenge	Coral Springs, FL	Panthers FSC, Inc.
3/27 - 3/29	2020 Morris Open	Morristown, NJ	SC of Morris, NJ
3/27 - 3/29	Niagara Invitational	Lockport, NY	Buffalo SC
4/2 - 4/5	Florida Open Championships	Maitland (Orlando), FL	Central Florida FSC
4/3 - 4/4	Westchester Excel Classic	Rye, NY	Rye FSC
4/3 - 4/5	North Star Open	Westborough, MA	North Star FSC
4/17 - 4/19	2020 Southern Connecticut Open	Darien, CT	SC of Southern Connecticut
4/18 - 4/19	Cardinal Classic	Woodbridge, VA	SC of Northern Virginia
4/25 - 4/26	Skate Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, PA	Pittsburgh FSC
5/7 - 5/9	May Day Open	Laurel, MD	Gardens FSC
5/8 - 5/10	Saugerties Open	Saugerties, NY	SC of Saugerties
5/9 - 5/10	Three Rivers Spring Skate	Pittsburgh, PA	SC of Mt. Lebanon
5/14 - 5/17	North Shore Open	Reading, MA	North Shore FSC
5/15 - 5/17	Central Carolina Skating Classic	Hillsborough, NC	Central Carolina SC
5/15 - 5/17	Nassau County Figure Skating Championships	Hicksville, NY	Cantiague FSC



2019 NOVICE AND JUNIOR CHALLENGE SKATE

Salt Lake City, UT,
September 19 - 22

JUNIOR COMBINED DANCE

Breelie Taylor and Tyler Vollmer

Final	4th/4
Free Dance	4th/4
Rhythm Dance	3rd/5



Middle Atlantic FS Championships

SC of New York, New York, NY,
September 5 - 8

JUVENILE GIRLS

Free Skate

Audrey Latham 9th/15

PRELIMINARY GIRLS

Free Skate, Grp. B

Amelia Marsh 7th/10

NO TEST GIRLS

Free Skate, Grp. C

Kristen Berner 5th/5



Orange Blossom Open

Tampa Bay SC, Oldsmar, FL
July 5 - 7

SENIOR COMBINED SOLO DANCE

Soucci Taylor

Final	2nd/8
Rhythm Dance	4th/8
Free Dance	1st/8

Coach Alina and Rachel



John Smith Memorial
Carolinas FSC, Indian Trail, NC
September 13 - 15



NOVICE LADIES

Short Program

Elvira Junnila 2nd/3

INTERMEDIATE LADIES

Free Skate

Georgia Bolocan 1st/10

Sarah Cairo 6th/10

Short Program

Georgia Bolocan 1st/10

Sarah Cairo 6th/10

PRE-JUVENILE GIRLS

Free Skate

Emily Brown 3rd/9

PRELIMINARY GIRLS

Free Skate

Rachel Cho 1st/17

PRE-PRELIMINARY GIRLS

Free Skate

Anna Thach 6th/12

Free Skate, Excel

Gwyn Parker 8th/12

NO TEST GIRLS

Free Skate

Chloe Malenfant 10th/15

Coach Alina and Emily



Elvira, Coach Aren, Georgia



SPOTLIGHT SKATER

Heather Stables

When did you begin skating and what motivates you to continue?

I signed up for Learn To Skate classes when I was 24. I had started working behind a desk full time and was trying to think of creative ways to stay active. I had always enjoyed my yearly trips to the rink with my dad, who had played hockey growing up. I had no idea what I was getting myself into.

Sometime around Basic 6, my LTS instructor told me she could teach me the first three dances, so I began private lessons and did both dance and freestyle from the beginning. I love the combination of technical prowess and artistic expression that skating offers, and chasing new accomplishments is very motivating to me.

Tell us about your family.

I grew up in East Cobb and my parents still live nearby. I'm the third of four sisters, with whom I am close, though not geographically.

All my sisters and I danced as kids - one still dances professionally - and I have one sister who I am relentlessly trying to convert into an adult skater. My husband and I live in Woodstock, with our husky-mix, Jake.

Competitive and/or testing accomplishments?

I've passed my Adult Silver FS, and that's the level I compete at. I've passed the Standard Pre-Silver Partnered Dance test, and recently passed Intermediate moves, also at standard. While the Adult Championships has many open events I've competed in, this year, I qualified for a spot in the Championship Silver event, which was a major accomplishment for me.

Please let us know about where you have lived, travels. etc.

I was born in England, but my family moved back to the US when I was 3. Since then, I've mostly been in the Atlanta area, except for the year I lived in Italy and the 4 months I lived in Spain. I've also been to Mexico, Argentina, Portugal, France, Germany, Sweden, the Netherlands and 24 US states. I did go to the Toronto Ice Dance Weekend once, so I suppose I've been to Canada--I saw absolutely nothing but the Cricket Club, but maybe that counts for a skater!

Extracurricular activities, hobbies?

Growing up, I took ballet, modern and jazz and I loved to play the piano. In college, I raced flatwater sprint kayaks. After college, I spent a few years learning salsa and swing dance before I started to skate. Skating sparked yet another hobby - I decided I wanted to learn how to make my own dresses, so if I'm not at work or skating, I'm learning to sew. I volunteer at my church and also as an announcer for figure skating events. I served on the club Board of Directors from 2015 - 2019 and as volunteer chair last year. I love to learn new things, so I'll probably collect more hobbies in the future.

Tell us about your education and career.

I graduated from Pope HS in Marietta and attended Georgia Tech, where I got my BS in Computer Science and a minor in Spanish. I worked for Cru Ministries for a year right out of college, but have been in the software industry ever since.

I started out as a software developer, but quickly moved more to the business side of software. I am now a product manager for Salesforce and I work on a marketing automation software called Pardot. This summer, I released my first major feature for the product and it has been really cool to see users adopt it all over the world.

What is the most memorable event of your skating career?

Every great skate I've had at Adult Nationals, and every significant time I've landed my Axel, either in competition, after injury or for the first time.

Favorite word: *Crisp*

Least favorite word: "Angry customer"

Favorite quote: "A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save." - Psalm 33:17

Favorite food: Really good pasta or bread

Least favorite food: Olives and pickles

Favorite TV Show: I'll probably never stop watching "Frasier" re-runs

Favorite color: Blue

Three words that best describe me: Perhaps it's aspirational, but: merry, bold and approachable

What 3 items are on your bucket list?

1. Take my husband to Europe (he's never been!)
2. Attend a senior international skating event with my sister
3. Learn how to make a top-notch chocolate croissant

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Atlantic Station and Avalon Exhibitions

Once again, the club has been invited to perform tree lighting holiday exhibitions and the Parade of Lights at Atlantic Station (November 23) and Avalon (November 24).

These events are a wonderful and fun way to showcase our skaters' talents at all levels! Skaters will be invited to participate based on established criteria posted at the rink and included in this *Freestyler*.



HELENA FISHER
Novice Dance
Competition Judge Appointment

TEA JUNNILA
NQ Singles/Pairs/Dance Video

Board of Directors Changes, Meeting Dates

Club Presidency

Sharon Hyre has resigned from the presidency and board for personal reasons. In accordance with our by-laws, First Vice President **Amy Kilheffer** has assumed this role.

Board Meetings

Board of Directors meetings are open to all club members.

If you wish to discuss a specific issue or to submit a proposal, please e-mail details to club president Amy Kilheffer 10 days in advance of the meeting.

All meeting are conducted at The Cooler at 6:30 pm.

Meeting Dates

October 29
November 12
December 10

Minutes are also posted on the club website and the rink bulletin board.

Singh Basant
Callie Goins
Diana Guevara
Gianna Manning



Ludovica Moroni
Lucia Pontiggia
Anaisha Singh



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Berkeley Williams	1	Judy Chang	16
Katia Kochengina	2	Lindsay McDaniel	17
Jennifer Wilson		Kate Hodnicki	18
Isabel Chen	3	Cathy Sabella	
Luda Carroll	7	Tina Gravenstein	21
Terry Kim	9	Judy Williams	22
King Fu	10	Betty Weller	23
Serena Shang		Ava Landon	27
Anaisha Singh	12	Marie Murdaugh	29
Sona Durairaj	15	Nancy Ellis Riggs	30
Gina Palermo		Laurie Sanii	



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Tami Mickle	1	Paul Haver	15
Valerie Cartagena	2	Heidi Calabrese	16
Emily Chiang	4	Frances Umezaki-Oba	17
Pam Levitt		Jennifer Latham	21
Leia Beinenson	6	Breelie Taylor	
Morgan Sliker		Debbie Prachar	22
Atlee Breland	8	Angie Wilkinson	27
Abigail Doster		Sarah Bolocan	28
Kate Gorczyca	9	Vlad Raschetnov	29
Marika Mathers		Lilly Gorczyca	30
David Mickle	12	Kaitlyn McGarigle	
Regan Williams		Sharon Wong	31
Betty McCord	14	Avery Wilkinson	
Chloe Ryan			



ATLANTA FIGURE SKATING CLUB



PERFORMANCE SOLO/FEATURE SELECTION CRITERIA

All solos will be limited in time based on free skate level in order to control the length of the show/exhibition while rewarding as many skaters as possible. Soloists may perform in a maximum of two group numbers; group members may perform in a maximum of three groups. All participants must be Atlanta FSC home club members.

Guaranteed Solos: These skaters will automatically be awarded a solo due to their high level of achievement (listed in order of priority):

- * International competitor
- * U.S. Championships competitor
- * Sectionals competitor
- * South Atlantic Regional Championships qualifying and non-qualifying free skate final round medalist (1st- 4th), Preliminary and above
- * U.S. Adult Championships free skate, showcase or dance medalist (1st – 4th), Silver and above
- * National Showcase final round medalist (1st – 4th)
- * National Solo Dance Series Final medalist (1st – 4th)
- * U.S. Collegiate Championships free skate medalist (1st – 4th)
- * USFS S.T.A.R.S. national or regional winner
- * Passed one of the following tests (must be currently actively competing):
 - Senior free skate test
 - Gold dance test
 - Senior pairs test
 - Senior/Gold (couples) dance test
 - Adult Gold free skate test

Potential Solos/Guaranteed Features: Depending on the number of soloists participating in the guaranteed category, the following skaters may be added for a solo with a specific time length (listed in order of priority.) If we are unable to accommodate additional solos, these skaters will automatically be guaranteed a feature.

- * South Atlantic Regional Championships qualifying free skate final round competitor (must be more than 1 flight)
- * National Showcase final round competitor (must be more than 1 flight)
- * South Atlantic Regional Championships non-qualifying final round free skate competitor (must be more than 1 flight, limited to Pre-Juvenile and Preliminary levels in which skater competed)
- * U.S. Adult Championships free skate, showcase, or dance final round competitor (must be more than 1 flight)
- * U.S. Collegiate Championships free skate final round competitor (more than 1 flight)
- * Passed one of the following tests:
 - Senior free skate test
 - Gold dance test
 - Senior pairs test
 - Senior/Gold (couples) dance test
 - Adult Gold free skate test
 - Junior free skate test

Features: A feature is defined as a group of skaters in a separate number OR a step out within a group

- * Passed Novice free skate test
- * Graduating high school senior
- * South Atlantic Regional Championships non-qualifying free skate final round medalist (Pre-Preliminary and below)
- * National Showcase competitor
- * National Solo Dance Series Final competitor
- * Adult Eastern Championships free skate medalist (1st- 4th)

Additional Selections: Skaters who do not meet any of the above criteria.

Any skater who does not meet the above criteria will be offered the opportunity to participate in an age and skating level appropriate group number. Limited by time availability.

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Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SPONSOR/LOCATION</u>
Pacific Coast Ice Dance Challenge Exhibition	October 18	Atlanta FSC
Test Session	October 18	Atlanta FSC
Halloween Spooktacular	October 25	Atlanta FSC
Pacific Coast Ice Dance Challenge	October 23 - 27	Salt Lake Figure Skating, Salt Lake City, UT
Sectionals/Dance Exhibition, Party	November 8	Atlanta FSC
Test Session	November 15	Atlanta FSC
Eastern Sectional Championships/ US Ice Dance Final	November 12 - 16	Yarmouth SC, Hyannis, MA
Atlantic Station Holiday Exhibition/ Parade of Lights	November 23	Atlantic Station
Avalon Holiday Exhibition	November 24	Avalon