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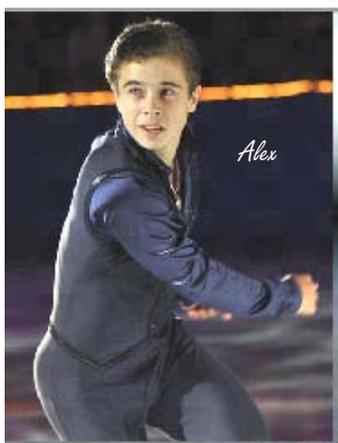
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Aiken and Dolensky Qualify for 2012 U.S. Championships



Alex



Tim

Alexander Aiken (Senior Men) and **Tim Dolensky** (Junior Men) qualified - with flying colors! - for the 2012 U.S. Championships by winning bronze and silver medals, respectively, at the 2012 Eastern Sectional Championships in Jamestown, NY on November 15 - 19.

In his senior men's sectional debut, Alex landed seven triples in the free skate, including a triple Axel and a triple Lutz/triple toe loop. Tim successfully executed six triple jumps in the free skate, including a triple loop/double toe/double loop combination.



Jabe

At the 2012 U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships, held on December 10 -14 in East Lansing, MI, **Alice Qiao** qualified for the final round in Juvenile Girls by placing 9th out of a field of 21 in Qualifying Round B. She finished 12th/20!

Juvenile Boys competitor **Jabe Roberts** earned 14th out of 21 in Qualifying Round A.



Alice

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Shooting for the Stars (cont'd from page 1)

Alice's free skate consisted of five double jumps (including a double Axel), two of which were in combination. Jabe's free skate program included four double jumps, one in combination as well as an Axel/loop combo.

Congratulations to our four stars, their parents, and their coaches!



The exhibition cake!

Magnolia Open Applications Due Online

The 2012 Magnolia Open will be held on March 9 - 11 at The Cooler. Once again, we are sanctioned to participate in U.S. Figure Skating's Solo Dance Competition series, which affords skaters the opportunity to qualify for the national event. We will also offer showcase events at all levels so that skaters may qualify for U.S. Figure Skating's National Showcase competition.



New this year is test track through the senior level.

Events will include free skate, short program, jumps, spins, team maneuvers, showcase (including Theatre on Ice), interpretive, synchronized team skating, solo and couples dance, and pairs. Basic skills skaters may compete in elements, program with music, and interpretive.

All events will be judged under the 6.0 system.

Applications are due online by **February 10**. Check the website at atlantafsc.org for details.

Directories Distributed

Directories were distributed to members at the Potluck Dinner in November.

We have streamlined the directory to include basic policies and members' contact information. All other information, including club by-laws, has been posted online.

Unclaimed directories were distributed to coaches so if you did not receive your directory, please contact your coach or Membership Chair Anna Marie Champion at annamarietchampion@gmail.com.

2012 Spring Ice Show "Skating Through Time" - A History of Figure Skating



Don't forget to register for the Spring Ice Show by **January 20**. Three performances are scheduled:

Friday April 27	7:00 PM
Saturday, April 28	7:00 PM
Sunday, April 29	2:00 PM

The annual Awards Banquet/Cast Party will be held in the roller rink immediately following the Sunday show.



SPOTLIGHT SKATER

Dezarae Vazquez

What made you decide to start skating?

I was always an active kid so my dad wanted me to be in a nice sport and after watching "Ice Princess" for the first time, I tried skating and loved it forever!

What do you love most about skating?

It's a great experience to learn new and challenging things, keeps you in shape, and you make life-long friends!

What is your weekly training regimen?

I skate 4-5 days a week for about 2 hours each day, and I do 40 minutes of off-ice before skating and I run just about everyday.

What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

My favorite move is a spiral because I'm flexible, and my least favorite is footwork because it takes a while to get it perfect.

Favorite music/program.

My favorite program was a routine my coach and I put together for a school project. I skated to "Bleeding love" - it was just a lot of fun and showed so much emotion.

What is the most memorable event of your skating career?

My most memorable event in skating was doing a charity skating show in Charleston with Grace Liu and Taylor Johnson. I've also placed 1st place a few times in Non-Qualifying Regionals.

Whom do you admire most?

I admire my Grandmother, because she is always there for me, she does so much for me and she is my rock in life! Also my coach because she motivates me in life not just in skating; my coach has been there for me in so many ways! I would be lost without my Grandmother and my coach!

Who is your favorite skater?

My favorite skater is Scott Hamilton because he's been a great role model for all skaters. Also when I watch him skate, I can't take my eyes off his skating.

Tell us about your school and extracurricular activities.

I go to Campbell High School, I'm in 10th grade, and my favorite subjects are biology and world history.

Tell us about your family.

I have a dog named Snoopy, and I'm an only child.

Best advice you have ever received?

My coach always says "Smile and have fun."

What are your future skating and educational goals?

I want to go as far as I possibly can in this sport and hopefully be good enough to travel and skate in shows. I'm not fully sure what I want to do career wise. I have been thinking about many options. I will attend college, I want to go to KSU, and I definitely want to continue skating!

My three favorite things are

My family, friends and music!

I would like to meet ...

Scott Hamilton (before I die) because he inspires me so much!

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

A dancer or a gymnast.

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

Not everyone knows that I'm multi-racial. I'm mixed with Hispanic, Asian, and Caucasian.

Favorite word: *Yummy*

Least favorite word: *Vermin*

Favorite quote: *"Beauty only gets attention; personality is what captures the heart." ~Unknown*

What turns me off: *Annoying people and people always in my business*

Favorite book: *The Outsiders*

Favorite movie: *Romantic comedies*

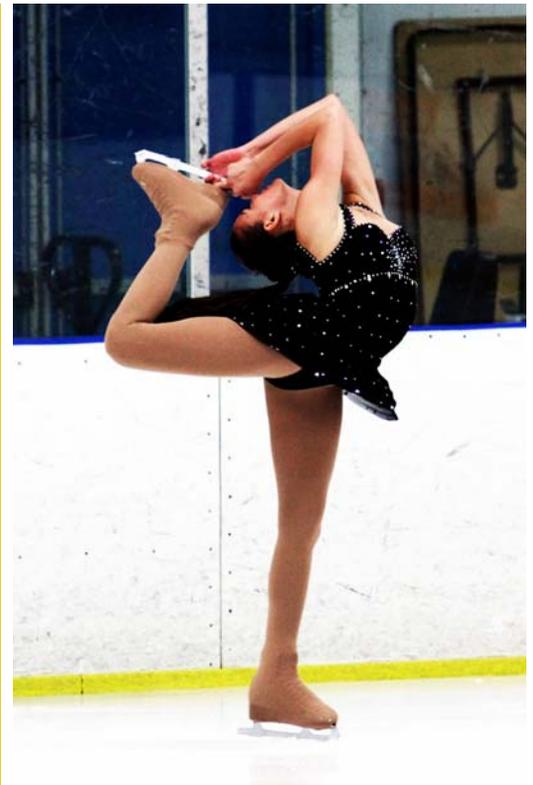
Sound I love: *The sound of the crowd cheering when you do something amazing!*

Sound I dislike: *Alarm clocks!!*

I would never want to be: *A zoo keeper!*

Three words that best describe me: *Loyal, happy and hardworking*

If I were stranded on a desert island, I would have to have: *Ice, skates and music!*



Updated Logo Debuts

Thanks to the efforts of **Sharon Hyre, Peggy McCarthy** and **Lee Schaffer**, we now have an updated club logo! Originally designed by Lee Schaffer and adopted by the club in 1969, the logo continues to feature the phoenix, the mythical sacred firebird that emerged from the ashes of its parent just as Atlanta arose during reconstruction from the ashes of war.



Changes to the original include a more prominent blade and flames as well as a more distinct head and wing span of the phoenix.

The new logo will be incorporated into all official club merchandise and communications.

New Vendor Selected for All Club Logo Merchandise

Local vendor A' La Bing Design has been selected by the Board of Directors to fulfill all official club logo merchandise for the season.

Items available for direct purchase from the vendor are:

* Mondor PolarTec® princess cut jacket (style 4482), which includes a large club logo embroidery on the back, U.S. Figure Skating logo on the left breast, first or last name on the right breast and the U.S. flag on the right sleeve. \$75.00 Swarovski crystals (60-70) may be added for \$15.00.

* Mondor Polartec® fleece warm-up pants (style 4454), which includes first or last name on the right hip, if desired. \$65.00

* Sport-Tek® super heavyweight full zip hooded sweatshirt. Includes large and name embroidered on the front. Royal blue only. \$55.00

* Port Authority parent and family jacket. Includes large club logo on the back on the front. Black only. \$75.00

* Refrigerator/car magnet. \$5.00

Place your order with A' La Bing at alabing.com.



club logo on the back

and name embroidered

share your PHOTOS!

Do you have photos to share from Atlanta FSC events? We would love to include your photos on the club website.

E-mail photos to photos@atlantafsc.org.



Please identify the event and first names only of those pictured.

Check out the club's photo albums at atlantafsc.org.



Risako Nonaka

Michiyo Nonaka

Olivia Kaloyannides

Zoe Dellaert

Katrien Dellaert



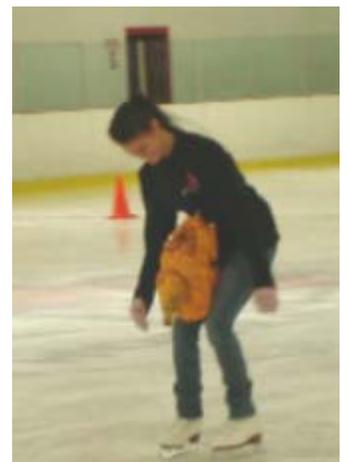
The Annual Turkey Relay!



Potluck Dinner!

Over 80 skaters and family members participated in this year's Potluck Dinner on November 11 at The Cooler. Our members brought a creative and delicious array of side dishes and desserts to complement our main courses.

Thank you to our Special Events committee members and volunteers **Jan Brown, Anna Marie Champion, Karen Hiller, Sharon Hyre, Janet and Graham Payne, and Kathy Shehee.**









VOLUNTEER Movers & Shakers

Louise Szanto - Our Literal Mover!

When did you join the Atlanta FSC, and how did you first become involved as a volunteer?

My daughter Martine and I became Atlanta FSC members in the summer of 2006. We had just moved from Langley AFB, VA to Robins AFB, Warner Robins, GA. Martine loves skating. At this point she had tested to pre-juvenile and wanted to continue skating. It was a huge commute to get to a rink to practice, requiring a four hour round trip drive to skate several times a week. When Martine started high school two years later, we moved to Roswell. The first time I volunteered was as a practice ice monitor during Magnolia Open. At that time Rana Gokmen showed me the ropes.



Louise and Martine Szanto

Describe your past and current positions as well as any other contributions to the club.

I've supported a variety of volunteer efforts with the club and was elected to the Board of Directors two years ago. My first effort was the volunteer committee. I connected with members to discover their talents and was energized by the great teams we developed. Our teams continue to give support to the Magnolia and Atlanta Opens. We have a common interest to create an uplifting and competitive atmosphere so our skaters succeed. A couple of years ago, I gathered a group of our teen skaters to establish a junior volunteer team. They designed and created our bulletin boards and took key roles in mentoring other skaters. They supported areas such as runners, special events, registration, ice monitoring, and on-ice demonstrations during seminars and Club Ice. I currently work on both the communications and special events committees.

Please describe your accomplishments as a skater or your participation in other sports.

I've always enjoyed figure skating and followed it closely. By the time I was a parent, I had been to several public sessions. When Martine was in kindergarten, we lived in Belgium. I took her to the public sessions. She loved it and joined a Flemish skating club. In grammar school I played volleyball and danced ballet. During the time we lived in Europe, at Christmas time we skied in Tirol, Austria. I love downhill skiing! Other than that I love to walk fast! I might return to the public ice sometime soon.

Why do you stay involved as a volunteer with the Atlanta FSC?

Each time we moved, we joined a new figure skating club. While Martine was skating, I made amazing friends in the lobby who inspired me to become involved in the skating club. My first "skating-mom" friend ever, Donna Joyce, was a stained glass artist who found a way to lend her talents to support skating by making beautifully crafted boxes and ornaments for skaters. She taught me all about the efforts that supported the local skating community. There was always a need for some creativity or sweat to get things accomplished. I saw the positive results of this involvement as I volunteered. I continued to volunteer because I love being around people with a common interest. I feel fortunate to be able to watch Martine and her fellow skaters grow in all areas of their lives. A really rewarding commitment in my life!

Tell us a little about your background, profession, hobbies, and family.

I am originally from Southern California. I am the only daughter in a traditional Italian-American family. My paternal grandfather was born in Calabria, Italy, and we are a very close family even with the distance between us. I graduated from Cal State University with a graphic arts degree, then married Terry and became an Air Force spouse. We moved around the country and overseas 12 times during our 26 years together. I also taught art appreciation and have searched for treasures in markets all over Europe and Asia. I love reading, traveling, scrapbooking, interior design, figure skating, soccer, and cooking. My best accomplishment has been to be a mother of a family of three. My three children keep teaching me about life. My oldest son is a married student and former football and rugby player. My middle son Nick is currently in Marine boot camp. My daughter Martine is our figure skater and is a senior in high school. Things I do every day: pray! cook, laugh with my family, my cats Seraphina and Charlie Bob, talk to a friend, and read internet news.

POTPOURRI Tests Passed

September

Tiffany Hatzikoutelis Preliminary Moves

November

Olivia Barnes Pre-Juvenile Moves
 Hannah Carleton Pre-Juvenile Moves
 Preliminary Free Skate
 Melody DeMerchant Preliminary Moves
 Olivia Garrett Preliminary Moves
 Madeline Green Dutch Waltz
 Canasta Tango
 Rhythm Blues
 Preliminary Dance Test
 Charles Liu Pre-Juvenile Moves
 Emily Moosbrugger Juvenile Moves
 Preliminary Free Skate
 Grace Rathbun Intermediate Moves
 Juvenile Free Skate
 Morgan Sliker Preliminary Moves
 Emily Stark Juvenile Free Skate
 Emily Zhang Pre-Juvenile Moves
 Nile Ziegler Pre-Juvenile Moves

December

Selma Belkasim Preliminary Moves
 Hannah Carleton Juvenile Moves
 Jeslyn Choi Pre-Preliminary Moves
 Christina Cole Junior Free Skate
 Ariel Collins Hickory Hoedown
 Helena Fisher Senior Moves
 Wendi Hiller Fourteenstep
 Foxtrot
 Elvira Junnila Pre-Juvenile Moves
 Kamayla Ko Canasta Tango
 Kamayla Ko Rhythm Blues
 Kamayla Ko Dutch Waltz
 Preliminary Dance Test
 Natalie Mueller Pre-Juvenile Moves
 Stephanie Niu Novice Moves
 Emily Nolan Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
 Anastasia Papathanasiou Pre-Preliminary Moves
 Maria Son Novice Moves
 Melody Wang Novice Moves

Feb <i>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</i> Feb			
Kristen Rausch	1	Alice Qiao	17
Olivia Shapiro	2	Charles Liu	24
Julia Kornetzke	4	Nicole Reed	
Rahly Osenbaugh	6	Della Duncan	25
Bill Roberts	9	Eric Bohnstedt	
Emily Haar	11	MacKenzie Kisella	27
Michelle Wise		Maria Son	
Natalie Mueller	12		

Jan <i>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</i> Jan			
Susan Johnson	2	Melissa Rainey	19
Belinda Morris	3	Harry Flair	22
Samantha Reese		Jia Mi	23
Elise Heydet	6	Shahla Mashinchi	
Fathea Ahmeda	9	Zoe Dellaert	
Susan Choe	11	John Richardson	24
Sherri Martin	12	Liang Qiao	
Paris Mashinchi	13	Korina Shapiro	26
Chloe Rutter	14	Jingqian Jiang	28
Kelly Mi		Joyce Jiang	29
Lily Xie	15	Elena Bogdanova	30
Nile Ziegler	16		



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Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SPONSOR/LOCATION</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
National Showcase Exhibition/Party	January 13	Atlanta FSC	
TEST SESSION	January 13	Atlanta FSC	December 23
Atlanta FSC Ice Show Applications	April 27 - 29	Atlanta FSC	January 20
U.S. FS Championships	January 22 - 29	San Jose, CA	
Blades in Bama	February 25	Birmingham FSC, Birmingham, AL	February 1
MAGNOLIA OPEN	March 9 - 11	Atlanta FSC	February 10
Eastern Adult Sectional Championships	March 9 - 11	Rockville, MD	
U.S. Adult FS Championships	April 10 - 14	Bensenville, IL	
Florida Open	April 13 - 15	Central Florida FSC, Orlando, FL	