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Put Your Game Faces On - It's Magnolia Open Time!



The 2015 Magnolia Open will be held on March 6 - 8 at The Cooler. Please welcome Chief Referee **Greg Cannon** of Lake Worth, FL, Chief Accountant **Michael Rowland** of Raleigh, NC, Assistant Accountant **Kimberley Moore** of Charlotte, NC, Chief Music/Announcing **John Richardson** of Atlanta, GA, and our distinguished panel of judges.

Entry Deadline

The online entry deadline is **February 4**. Late applications will be accepted with a late fee. Event requirements are posted on the website at atlantafsc.org.

Exhibitions

Exhibitions for members will be performed during Club Ice on February 20 and 27. **Please email John Richardson at letsicedance@aol.com by February 13** to secure your spot. Skaters will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Events

Non-qualifying events include well-balanced program free skate, test track free skate, moves, footwork, spins, jumps, solo dance, impromptu interpretive, showcase, and team maneuvers. Basic Skills events include basic program with music, elements, moves, interpretive, and free skate program with music.

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Registrar	Christi Fisher
Accommodations	Christ Fisher
Awards	Carrilyn Corbin Martha Finnell
Coaches' Hospitality	TBD
Competition Ice Monitor	Dawn Kisella
Food Donations	Peggy McCarthey
Officials' Hospitality	Kathy Shehee
Officials Liaison	Jane Jud
Practice Ice Monitor	Cynthia Kornetzke
Program	Dana Forehand
Registration	Lori McGarigle
Runners	Teri Brzusek
Vendors	Christ Fisher
Volunteer Coordinator	Jan Brown

National Showcase

Competitors who place first through fourth in a non-qualifying contested showcase/theatrical/interpretive skating event will receive an invitation to compete at the National Showcase Competition held in August.

Questions

Please email any questions to competitionchair@atlantafsc.org.



Volunteers

Our chairs will be contacting members to fill positions in all areas based on your selections through membership renewals. We will also need food donations for coaches' hospitality. Please be generous with your time and talent!

JUDGES

Jacqueline Addis	Palm Harbor, FL
Lisa Boyer	Harvest, AL
Vincenza Crawford	Jacksonville, FL
Tim Dolensky	Marietta, GA
Jeanette Doney	Roswell, GA
Helena Fisher	Marietta, GA
Sue Harmon	Atlanta, GA
Beth Graham	Denver, CO
Kristin Hiller	Alpharetta, GA
Susan Johnson	Atlanta, GA
Tea Junnila	Johns Creek, GA
Warren King	Mauldin, SC
Gloria Lewis	Lawrenceville, GA
Karen Litwiniec	Vestavia, AL
Daren Patterson	Knoxville, TN
Julie Pierce	Duluth, GA
Gail Rowland	Raleigh, NC
Lee Schaffer	Atlanta, GA
Soucci Taylor	Ringgold, GA
Tony Torres	Huntsville, AL
Ginger Whatley	Atlanta, GA
Brook Ziegler	Atlanta, GA

Tim Dolensky Ranked 14th in the U.S.

A huge shout out to Senior Men competitor **Tim Dolensky**, who placed 14th overall at the U.S. Championships in Greensboro, NC. last month with a score of 193.38. He accumulated 68.41 points in his short program to music he composed and recorded himself and earned positive grades of execution on five of his elements, including the highest score of all competitors on a level 4 change of foot combination spin. In the free skate, his score of 124.97 reflected positive grades of execution on six elements. Congratulations, Tim!

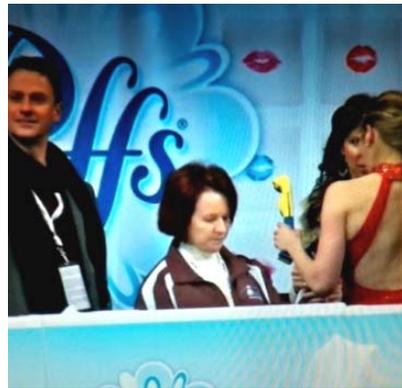


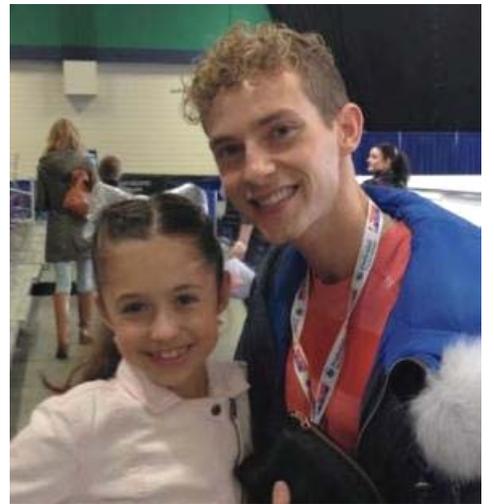


Thanks to **Denise Freeman, Dawn Kisella and Lori McGarigle** for the photos!



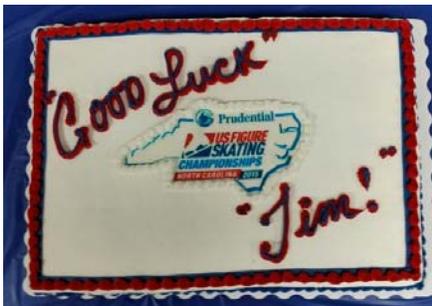








**U.S. Championships Exhibition & Good Luck Poster Party
January 9**





**Holiday Skate &
ugly Christmas sweater contest
December 12**

Congratulations to our Ugly Sweater Contest winners Tiffany, Gabby, and Hasita and to runners up Elizabeth and Regan!

Thanks to Lori McGarigle for providing the hot chocolate and ice cream stations as well as the prizes!



Regan



Tiffany, Gabrielle, Hasita, and Elizabeth.





SPOTLIGHT SKATER

Morgan Sliker

What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

My favorite element is the death drop because I enjoy that one split second in the air when you are completely off the ice and seem to pause mid air before descending and hitting the ice. My least favorite element is the double Salchow because I find the timing challenging.

Favorite program/music?

My favorite program so far is the one that I just retired. I had many elements in it that I liked such as a stag and split jump. I am also enjoying choreographing my new program with my coach, Tami Mickle.

Whom do you admire most?

My coaches and my parents. My coaches are very supportive of me and my skating goals. I appreciate their time and dedication to the sport of skating. My parents are also very supportive of me. They want me to be the best I can be academically and athletically.

Most memorable event of your skating career?

When I competed at the IJS level for the first time and placed third overall.

Who is your favorite skater?

Ashley Wagner. She seems very down to earth and passionate about what she does. I feel that she is a great role model. She is driven to perform her best all the time.

Tell us about your school and extracurricular activities.

I am a junior at Blessed Trinity High School. My favorite subjects are Chemistry and Athletic Training. I participated on the Varsity Cheerleading squads for the past several years. I was recently inducted into the National Honor Society due to my high grades, community service involvement and challenging curriculum.

I am very involved in community service between my school, church, and skating. I am a member of various service organizations through my school. I volunteer on a regular basis for my church in various ministries. My family and I are very involved in volunteering for the AFSC as well. Each year I participate in Juvenile Diabetes walks to help raise awareness and money for Type 1 Juvenile Diabetes.

What famous person would you most like to meet?

Emma Watson. She is intelligent and talented. She is involved in community service and has done a lot of good with her fame.

Best advice you have ever received.

"Trying is for losers, doing is for winners" ~ Graham Payne

My family is most like the television show...

"Full House" because there always something new and exciting happening at our house.

Tell us about your family.

I am an only child and was born in Florida where I lived for 8 years. I have a little dog named Amy whom I enjoy spending time with at home.

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

Matches, food, and my dog.

What are your future skating and educational goals?

I hope to land all my doubles soon and work on getting more consistent with all my elements. I want to pass all of my moves-in-the-field tests by the time I graduate high school.

I plan to attend college and study exercise science. My goal is to be a physical therapist in the future. I hope to continue skating in college because I love it so much and have made so many friends doing it.

My favorite things are

My car, my dog, and my skates.

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

A dancer or gymnast. I danced for a number of years prior to taking up skating. I enjoyed ballet, jazz, and hip-hop. I also did gymnastics for many years.

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

I have my own dance studio in my basement.

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

Emma Watson

Favorite word: Achieve

Least favorite word: Failure

Favorite food: Pasta

Least favorite food: Fish

What turns me off: Nosey people

Favorite quote: "Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration."
~Thomas Edison

Favorite Book: Looking for Alaska by John Green

Favorite TV Show: America's Next Top Model

Favorite song: : "Little of Your Time" Maroon 5

Favorite movie: Harry Potter series

Favorite color: Burgundy

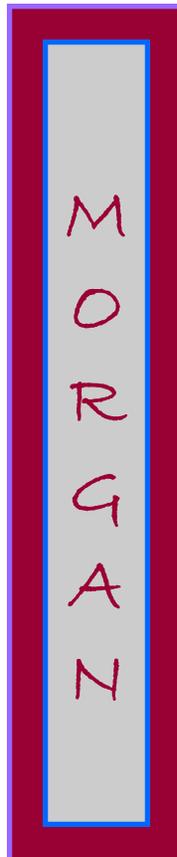
Sound I love: The ocean

Sound I dislike: Whining

I would never want to be: An accountant

Three words that best describe me:
Ambitious, passionate, positive

If you could have one question answered, what would your question be?
Will I be able to incorporate skating into my career in any way? (Which I hope to do)



February, 2015

Spring Ice Show Update

After careful consideration of the availability of our volunteer and coach resources, we have cancelled the Spring Ice Show planned for late April.

This year we hosted the South Atlantic Regional Championships so that the majority of our members could participate without the expense of travel as well as unexcused school/work absences. With the Magnolia Open and Atlanta Open on the horizon, our core volunteers are unable to assume responsibility for another event of this magnitude.

The Spring Show will resume next year!

Attention Graduating Seniors!

U.S. Figure Skating Seniors Program

This program consists of four level designations based on competition and/or test achievement. Information is available on the USFS website under "Programs." The deadline is **March 1**.

Club Academic Scholarship

The Atlanta FSC college academic scholarship instructions and application are available online for qualified club members. The deadline is **April 10** (postmark.) Please note that all awards will be mailed directly to the applicant's college/university.



Congratulations, Helena!

Helena Fisher passed the Westminster Waltz, Viennese Waltz, and Argentine Tango to become a Dance Gold Medalist in December! She passed all four gold dances this year.

She also passed her Junior Free Skate test this past year.



The deadline to register for the National Solo Dance Series is **March 15**.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Carlin Blake	1	Martine Szanto	14
Bailey Snead	2	Jeanelle Choi	19
Samantha Bean		Katie Wishert	
Clara Ellis	3	Carrilynn Corbin	20
Ellen Poulsen	4	Elizabeth Wright-Johnson	
Robert Haas		Ken Ono	
Carn Bickford	7	Susan Kuse	
Anna McPeak	8	Angela Sun	21
Laura Lee		Elizabeth Douglas	22
Connie Taylor	9	Hannah Durham	
Elizabeth Jester		Anneliese Haas	23
Madeline Freeman		Olga Vacariuc	
Blair Kim	10	Debbie Bassett	24
Ashley Benson	11	Chrissy Imperiale	26
Renee Cawston		Jackie Benson	
Stephen Zimmerman		Helena Fisher	27
Lauren Kaplita	13	Laurie Vieth	
Mow Yip		Guoli Chen	30
David DeMerchant	14	Kayla Massie	

Additional 2014 - 2015 Atlanta FSC Officials Competition Appointments

<u>Event/Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Position</u>
Eastern Synchronized Skating Championships; Lake Placid, NY	January 22 - 24	Sara Stephens	Judge
World FS Championships; Shanghai, China	March 23 - 29	John Millier	Judge
U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships, Providence, RI	February 22 - 28	Sara Stephens	Alt. Judge



Tests Passed

November

Kaitlyn McGarigle	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Rena Hugh	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Avery Wilkinson	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Triniti Fong	Preliminary Dance Test
	Dutch Waltz
	Rhythm Blues
	Canasta Tango
Chloe Rutter	Preliminary Dance Test
	Dutch Waltz
	Rhythm Blues
	Canasta Tango



Meredith Scafidi Jennifer Wilson
Alora Stump Kristen Wilson

2014 - 2015 Club Directories



Club directories were distributed at the Potluck Dinner in November. If you signed up through your membership renewal and have not received your copy, please contact Membership Chair Francesca Sichenze-Bryant at membershipchair@atlantafsc.org.

December

Wendi Hiller	Silver Samba
Helena Fisher	Gold Dance Test
	Argentine Tango
	Viennese Waltz
	Westminster Waltz
Breelie Taylor	Silver Dance Test
	Tango
	American Waltz
Soucci Taylor	Kilian
Stephanie Brimeyer	Fourteenstep
Tiffany Hatzikoutelis	Willow Waltz
	Hickory Hoedown
Amanda Bao	Pre-Bronze Dance Test
	Fiesta Tango
	Cha Cha
	Swing Dance
Kaitlyn Plaziak	Pre-Bronze Dance Test
	Fiesta Tango
	Cha Cha
	Swing Dance
Maria Son	Pre-Bronze Dance Test
	Cha Cha
	Fiesta Tango
	Swing Dance
Tori Williams	Pre-Bronze Dance Test
	Fiesta Tango
	Cha Cha
	Swing Dance
Emily Zhang	Ten Fox
	Hickory Hoedown
Alina Sokolianski	Preliminary Dance Test
	Canasta Tango
	Dutch Waltz
	Rhythm Blues
Kaitlyn McGarigle	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Vandana Krishnan	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
	Pre-Juvenile Moves
	Cha Cha
Lily Cho	Preliminary Free Skate
Hallie McGuinness	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Zoe Cylkowski	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Regan Williams	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Melanie Schael	Preliminary Moves
Hanna Zhu	Pre-Preliminary Moves

Feb

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb

Kristen Rausch	1	Mary Miller	16
Grace Wolf	2	Alice Qiao	17
Jamie Traylor		Erin Brzusek	
Olivia Linn		Emily Hwang	18
Olivia Kim	3	Anthony Makar	19
Julia Kornetzke	4	Joanna Fairchild	
Michiyo Nonaka	5	Karen Miranda	20
Rahly Osenbaugh	6	Alexander Clayton	21
Wendy Binderow		Kristin Hiller	
Katie Kelley	8	Della Clendenin	25
Megan Jester		Eric Bohnstedt	
Bill Roberts	9	Kristina Owen	
Annamarie ValeCruz	11	Evelina Bobrik	27
Cristanne Goodwin		MacKenzie Kisella	
Chip Morgan	12	Maria Son	
Ainsley Alloway	13	Rachel Dudley	
Catarina Moreira			



Grassroots to Champions Training Seminar

July 18, 2015

Audrey Weisiger, Nick Perna, Doug Webster

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Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SPONSOR/LOCATION</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
Valentine Party	February 13	Atlanta FSC	
February Test Session	February 20	Atlanta FSC	January 30
Magnolia Open Exhibitions	February 20, 27	Atlanta FSC	
Magnolia Open	March 6 - 8	Atlanta FSC	
Eastern Adult FS Championships	March 12 - 14	Pittsburgh FSC	
Florida Open	April 10 - 12	Central FL FSC	March 7
Adult FS Championships	April 14 - 18	Salt Lake City, UT	
Program Components Camp	April 17 - 19	USFS, Geneva, IL	March 1
Governing Council	May 2 - 3	Colorado Springs, CO	

