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March Into Magnolia!



The 2013 Magnolia Open will be held on March 8 - 10 at The Cooler. Please welcome our Chief Referee **Patricia Lynch** of Morris, NJ, Chief Accountant **Michael Rowland** of Raleigh, NC, Assistant Accountant **Kimberly Moore** of Charlotte, NC, Chief Music/Announcing **John Richardson** of Atlanta, GA, and our distinguished panel of judges (right).

Entry Deadline

The online entry deadline is **February 8**. Late applications will be accepted with a late fee.

Exhibition

All competitors who wish to perform at the exhibition on February 22 must sign up by **February 15**. Please contact Leon Qiao at Liangqiao8888@yahoo.com.

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Registrar	Christi Fisher
Operations Chair	Robert Osenbaugh
Awards	Carrilyn Corbin, Shiela Catanzarite
Coaches' Hospitality	Haley Osenbaugh
Competition Ice Monitors	Dawn Kisella
Donations	Peggy McCarthey
Officials' Hospitality	Kathy Shehee
Officials' Liaison	Gloria Lewis
Practice Ice Monitors	Cynthia Kornetzke
Princess Locker Room	KB Lim
Program	Dana Forehand
Registration	Open
Runners	Jan Brown
Vendors	Christi Fisher
Volunteer Coordinator	Jan Brown

Skaters will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis.

National Solo Dance Series

Once again, the Magnolia Open will participate in the USFS National Solo Dance series. In order to earn points within the series, skaters must be registered with U.S. Figure Skating as a participant prior to competing. The deadline to register as a participant is March 8, 2013. The series ends on August 18.

Those skaters finishing highest in their respective sections will qualify for advancement to the National Solo Dance Championships.

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JUDGES

Lisa Boyer	Harvest, AL
Elaine Bushey	Salem, SC
Marcia Chaffee	Cincinnati, OH
Tim Dolensky	Kennesaw, GA
Lori Dunn	Greensboro, GA
Dana Forehand	Woodstock, GA
Marc Galonsky	Atlanta, GA
Beth Graham	Denver, CO
Dana Graham	Smyrna, GA
Catherine Hackney	Acworth, GA
Sue Harmon	Lawrenceville, GA
Kristin Hiller	Alpharetta, GA
Susan Johnson	Atlanta, GA
Warren King	Mauldin, SC
Gloria Lewis	Lawrenceville, GA
Karen Litwiniec	Vestavia Hills, AL
Paris Mashinchi	Alpharetta, GA
Betty McCord	Marietta, GA
Gail Rowland	Raleigh, NC
Sara Stephens	Marietta, GA
Tony Torres	Huntsville, AL
Ginger Whatley	Atlanta, GA
Brooke Ziegler	Roswell, GA

Volunteers Needed!

Area chairs will be contacting members to provide volunteer hours. We will also need members to donate food for coaches' hospitality. Please be generous with your time and talent!

Questions should be directed to Volunteer Coordinator Jan Brown.



SPOTLIGHT SKATER

Mackenzie Kisella

What motivates you to continue skating?

I love to perform. I love to feel the wind in my face. Skating makes me feel like I'm flying.

What is your weekly training regimen?

I skate six days/ week, have off- ice training with an amazing trainer one day/ week, and go to the gym when I can.

What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

My favorite jumps are the double flip and double Lutz because they come naturally to me. My least favorite jumps are double toe loops and double Salchows because they feel awkward. My favorite spins are the layback because I think they look elegant and the back camel because it comes easy to me. My least favorite spin is the flying sit spin because I feel like I am out of control during it.

What is the most memorable/ embarrassing event of your skating career?

The most thrilling would be when I landed my first Axel. My most embarrassing would be when I face planted while doing a spiral when I was younger.

Who is your favorite skater?

Yuna Kim because of her artistry and her determination. I think she is amazing to watch because she always tells a story in her programs.

Whom do you admire most?

I admire my Grandma because she believes in me. She always pushes me forward. She always helps me through my tough times, and she always knows how to make me feel better because she makes me laugh.

Tell us about your school and extracurricular activities.

I go to Etowah High School, and I am in the 9th grade. My favorite subjects are math, biology and social studies. My extracurricular activities include skating, of course, and off- ice training. I have been on the honor roll or merit roll every year since 1st grade. I was a member of the Statewide Elementary Honors Chorus, a member of the Science Olympiad team and a member of the Ecology Club. I placed 2nd in the PTA "Reflections" contest, and I won the "Sportsmanship Award" from the Georgia Figure Skating Club in 2009.

I volunteer during all the local skating competitions, and I have volunteered at my church during Vacation Bible School. I will be working at the St. Francis Table this year, which is a soup kitchen in Atlanta for poor and homeless people.

Competitive accomplishments; favorite program.

I placed 1st in my very first competition (at the Magnolia Open) ,and I also made it to finals at Non-Qualifying Regionals in North Carolina in 2010. I would have to say my favorite program and music would be last season's long program to "Scheherazade." I love the way the music made me feel when I performed it.

Tell us something about yourself that no one knows.

I have a "pet rat" cemetery in the backyard. Yes, I had 4 pet rats when I was younger and when they died, we had a funeral and buried them in the backyard, complete with headstones and flowers.

Best advice you have ever received?

My dad always tells me to skate for myself. He always tells me that no matter what happens during a program, as long as I'm happy, that's all that matters.

What are your future skating and educational goals?

I plan to land my double Axel in the near future and at least some of my triples. I plan to make it to senior level.

I would like to be a pastry chef or have a position somewhere in the design world. I do plan to attend college and hopefully can continue to skate.

Tell us about your family.

I am an only child, and I have a 12- year-old Border Collie named Star.

I would like to meet ...

Leonardo DiCaprio because I think he is an amazing actor, and because I love all the roles he's played. His character Jack in "Titanic" inspired me.

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

a dancer.

My three favorite things are

Skating, family, friends

Favorite word: *Dream*

Least favorite word: *Wrong*

Favorite quote: *"All our dreams can come true- if we have the courage to pursue them." ~ Walt Disney*

What turns me off: *Braggers and "know-it-alls"*

Favorite book: *The Hunger Games trilogy*

Favorite movies: *"Titanic," The Harry Potter series, and "The Hunger Games"*

Favorite Song: *"Feeling Good" by Michael Buble*

Favorite TV Shows: *"The Big Bang Theory," "Dance Moms" and "Pretty Little Liars"*

Sound I love: *The crashing of ocean waves on a beach*

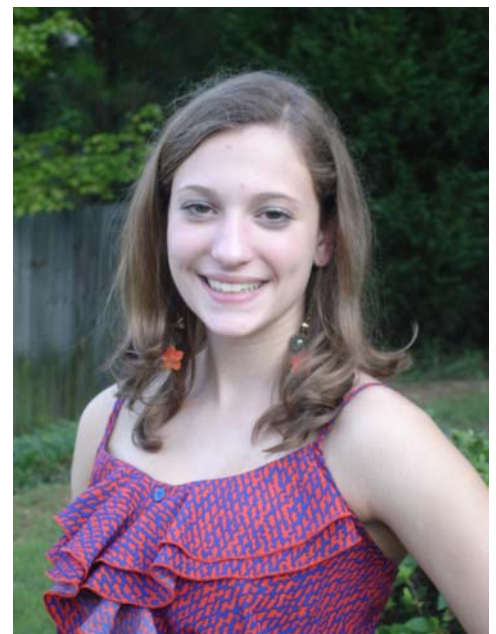
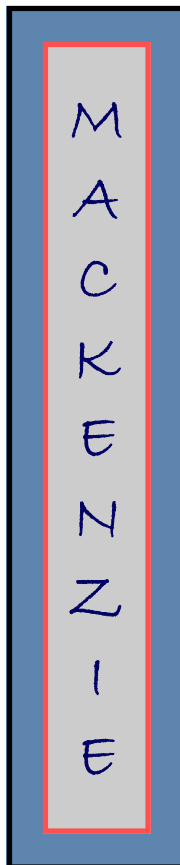
Sound I dislike: *Nails on a chalkboard*

I would never want to be: *A doctor*

Three words that best describe me: *Determined, caring, and hardworking*

If I were stranded on a desert island, I would have to have: *My iPod, phone and food*

P.S. *I can quote almost every line from the movie "Titanic."*





Editor's Note: Since we are fortunate to claim so many talented U.S. Figure Skating officials, this column is designed to help you get to know them and how they began judging.

terri (steiner) MAURICE

Tell us about your skating career – number of years skating/discipline, where you trained, coaches, competitive accomplishments.

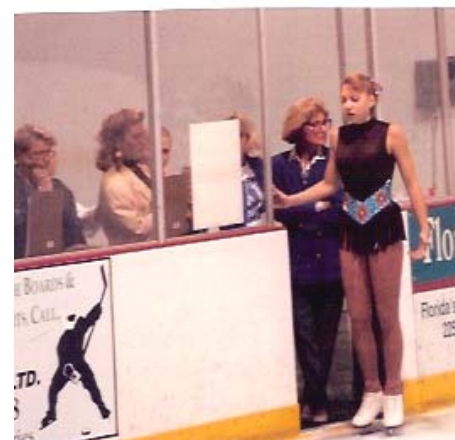
I have been a member of the Atlanta FSC since 1989. I began skating when I was 7 years old after I went to a birthday party and fell in LOVE with the sport. After taking group lessons for some time, my parents began to drive me to Parkaire, which was 40 minutes one way.

I competed in my first regionals when I was 12 as a Juvenile girl. I was coached by Dale Wright and Lynn Thompson through Junior level and finished my last two years of skating with Don Laws. I tested up to my 5th figure test, and then moves in the field were introduced. I was required to take the Junior and Senior MIF test, and in 1996 I passed my Senior free skate test. I competed as a Senior lady in 1998 at my last Regionals. Some of my best skating memories were skating in the Atlanta FSC ice shows.

When did you begin judging? Appointments?

I began judging when I was a senior in high school when I decided it was time to move on from competitive skating. I was coaching group lessons at the Duluth Ice Forum and was very indecisive on my future. I knew that coaching was not a long-term goal for me, but I wanted to stay involved in skating. It was Don Laws who introduced me to judging. He handed me a packet of information on how to become a US Figure Skating judge and told me to show up to the test session that Sunday, ready to learn. So I did, and I was instantly hooked on judging.

I received my first appointment about 8 months later when I was a freshman in college. I continued to trial judge both test and competition while I was in college. I loved competition judging while I was in school because I could travel on the weekend, and it was a way I could study without having any roommate distractions.



Terri as a competitor

I received my national appointment in 2006, and the 2011 US Figure Skating Championships in Greenville, NC was my first Nationals as an official. I had a proud moment during the Ladies free skate when my name was announced, and I had my own cheering section from the Atlanta FSC attendees. It was also a proud moment for my mom who had supported me throughout my entire skating and judging path.

Describe your involvement with US Figure Skating and the Atlanta FSC.

Aside from judging, I am the Sectional Vice Chair for Singles and Pairs for the East Coast. My responsibilities include registering new trial judges on the accelerated, advanced and select tracks. I also grant appointments to those applying to become Gold Singles and Pairs Test judges and Sectional Singles and Pairs Competition judges. I serve as an advisor to the three Regional Vice Chairs on the East Coast and also process all applications for all officials who want to trial Nationals or apply for their National Competition appointment.

I also serve as a JET (Judges Education and Training) at many competitions, including Regionals and Sectionals. I will actually be a JET for the first time at 2013 US Figure Skating Championships. I continue to stay involved with the Atlanta FSC. I have served as a Board member, including Vice President, off/on for the past 10 years and though I am currently not active with the board, I will be back one day.



Tell us about your family, hobbies, profession.

I have been married going on 9 years to my husband Joshua and have two active and very athletic little boys, Kai (7) and Britt (5). Both have taken skating lessons and even did some learn to skate hockey at The Cooler, but currently they are into soccer, baseball and flag football.

I am the Marketing/PR director and Operations Manager for two world-renowned surgeons. My job not only lets me have flexibility with my family and skating, but I also get to travel globally with the physicians I support.

It is because of my strict upbringing in skating that I am as successful as I am, and this is also why I am so passionate about judging and staying involved in the sport that made me who I am.

Kai, Terri, Joshua, and Britt.



**2013 Winterfest
The Cooler, December 15**

PRELIMINARY

Free Skate

Elvira Junnila 1st/1

Compulsory Moves

Katie Sanyal 1st/2

Showcase

Elvira Junnila 1st/2

PRE-PRELIMINARY

Free Skate A

Katie Sanyal 1st/3

Athena Landon 2nd/3

Libby Bickford 3rd/3

Free Skate B

Rachel Lichtenfeld 1st/4

Zoe Dellaert 2nd/4

Compulsory Moves A

Jeslyn Choi 1st/4

Athena Landon 2nd/4

Kaitlyn Plaziak 3rd/4

Melody DeMerchant 4th/4

Compulsory Moves B

Rachel Lichtenfeld 1st/4

Shaunya Noble 2nd/4

Zoe Dellaert 4th/4

Showcase

Athena Landon 1st/4

Shaunya Noble 2nd/4

Abigail Hellman 3rd/4

Olivia Linn 4th/4

NO TEST

Free Skate A

Jeslyn Choi 1st/4

Melody DeMerchant 3rd/4

Free Skate B

Kaitlyn Plaziak 1st/4

Finnuala Koran 2nd/4

Showcase (No Props)

Mitchell Castelletti 1st/1

Showcase A (with Props)

Olivia Kaloyannides 1st/2

Olivia Patrick 2nd/2

Showcase B (with Props)

Regan Williams 1st/3

Rylee Manning 2nd/3

Shayla Joliffe 3rd/3

BEGINNER

Free Skate A

Emily Hwang 1st/4

Elizabeth Jester 2nd/4

Courtney Hand 3rd/4

Melanie Schael 4th/4

Free Skate B

Isabel Bobrik 1st/4

Isabel Schaum 2nd/4

Regan Williams 3rd/4

Compulsory Moves

Elizabeth Jester 1st/3

Courtney Hand 2nd/3

Regan Williams 3rd/3

LIMITED BEGINNER

Free Skate A

Miranda Corbin 1st/3

Juliana Holland 2nd/3

Free Skate B

Shayla Joliffe 1st/3

Pari Gosh 2nd/3

Eva Salter 3rd/3

Compulsory Moves

Bailey Snead 1st/1

BASIC SKILLS

Program with Music

Basic 8

Chloe Rutter 1st/2

Maggie Cawston 2nd/2

Basic 7

Natasha Weinberg 1st/1

Basic 6

Haley Blankenship 2nd/4

Vivi Nguyen 4th/4

Basic 5

Cristanne Goodwin 1st/3

Adeline Rees 2nd/3

Basic 4 B

Charlotte Lichtenfeld 1st/3

Niki Azadi 2nd/3

Basic 3

Madison Mueller 3rd/3

Basic 1

Elizabeth Douglas 1st/1

Elements

Basic 8

Maggie Cawston 1st/1

Basic 7

Natasha Weinberg 1st/1

Basic 5

Adeline Rees 2nd/2

Basic 4

Charlotte Lichtenfeld 1st/3

Basic 1

Ava Landon 1st/4

Elsa Cole 2nd/4

Elizabeth Douglas 3rd/4

Showcase 1 - 6

Ava Landon 1st/3

Cristanne Goodwin 2nd/3

Katie Wishert 3rd/3

Showcase 7 - 8

Chloe Rutter 1st/5

Grace Wolf 2nd/5

Maggie Cawston 3rd/5

Natasha Weinberg 4th/5



Jeslyn



Athena, Katie, Libby



Athena (front), Shaunya, Abigail, & Olivia



Olivia, Madeline & Ashley

Photos by Denise Freeman & Barbara Landon



VOLUNTEER Movers & Shakers

Dawn Kisella

Stepping Up to the Plate Without Cleats!

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

MacKenzie and I joined the Atlanta FSC in 2010 after being members of another club since 2006. We were very active in that club as volunteers, and I also held a position on the Board. After seeing what it takes for a club to be successful, I knew I wanted to help when/where I could after joining the Atlanta FSC. During our first year as members, I volunteered in hospitality and thoroughly enjoyed it. I also served as an usher at the Spring Show during its first year back after a long hiatus.

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

This past year, I served as Christi Fisher's co-chair for competition ice monitors for the Magnolia Open and the Atlanta Open. What a great way to get to meet other parents/volunteers and to see the action on the ice up close and personal! I really enjoyed the experience and have agreed to be the chairperson for the same position for both competitions in 2013. I also pinch hit once for Louise Szanto during a test session.



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

Although, I am not a skater (not really sure where MacKenzie gets her talent), I absolutely love the sport. I grew up watching all the competitions and Olympics on T.V., never thinking I would have a child who would become a competitive skater. Growing up in the south, there were not a lot of skating rinks around, so I spent my childhood playing softball. I played all through school and continued on a women's travel league until a bad case of shin splints forced me to hang up my cleats at the age of 30.

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

I am originally from L.A. (lower Alabama, that is!), Mobile to be exact. I have lived in Alabama, Florida, Mississippi and Texas, and now I call Georgia home after living here for 29 years. I worked for Superior Rigging & Erecting Co. in Accounts Receivables until MacKenzie was born. She was 9 weeks premature, so I decided to become a "stay at home" mom. I just recently went back to work full-time for Charter Schools USA. My husband, Gary and I have been married 19 years, and we live in Acworth. We have a crazy Border Collie named Star. While working full-time and taking MacKenzie back and forth to school, skating, off-ice, etc., I do not have a lot of extra time for hobbies. I do, however, make time for Zumba classes at the gym. It is so much fun! I also love to read books and listen to most any kind of music.

What three items are on your "bucket list?"

1) Zip-lining in Costa Rica, 2) attend a Winter Olympics skating final, 3) whitewater raft the Colorado River.





US Figure Skating Appointments:

- ★ **Lori Dunn** - National Singles/Pairs Referee
- ★ **Sue Harmon** - Gold Certification to judge Moves in the Field tests



Team Leader **John Millier** (2nd from left) at the Grand Prix Final in Sochi.

POTPOURRI

 HAPPY BIRTHDAY			
Bailey Snead	2	Sue Suh	19
Ellen Poulsen	4	Katie Wishert	
Sara Collins	6	Carrilynn Corbin	20
Juliana Holland		Susan Kuse	
Carn Bickford	7	Elizabeth Wright-Johnson	
Christina Kahler	8	Inez McDaniel	21
Madeline Freeman	9	Elizabeth Douglas	22
Elizabeth Jester		Isabella Giordano	23
Connie Taylor		Shaunya Noble	
Renee Cawston	11	Olga Vacariuc	
Joseph Dolensky		Dave Mura	24
Stephen Zimmerman		Chrissy Imperiale	26
Mow Yip	13	Helena Fisher	27
David DeMerchant	14	Laurie Vieth	
Martine Szanto		Tiffany Briscoe	28
Jeanelle Choi	19	Kayla Massie	30

 HAPPY BIRTHDAY			
Janice Battersby	1	Marian Yen	21
Lily Dwyer	4	XU Ling	22
Fran Jesel		Rylee Manning	
Ashley Kaloyannides		Mingda Liu	23
Kaitlyn Spies		Libby Bickford	24
Richard Woods		Sherry Davila	
Anna Bowden	5	Anya Martynenko	27
Lynn Thompson	13	Amy Moosbrugger	
Svetlana Strain	15	Grace Rathburn	
Keelee Taylor		Jean Sohn	
April Ludwick	16	Alexa Davila	28
Emily Dwyer	17	Cameron Alkhazraji	29
Anne D'Eloia	18	Natalie Martin	30
Tasha Weinberg			



Amanda Castilletti
 Mitchell Castilletti
 Cristanne Goodwin
 Adeline Rees

Nastasi Rozenberg
 Natalya Rozenberg
 Lila Rogers
 Grace Wolf

Spring Ice Show Update

The application for the Spring Ice Show, chaired by **Erika Ono**, is now available on the club website at atlantafsc.org. The entry deadline is **March 15**.



Please note that the dress rehearsal has been re-scheduled for **Sunday, April 14**.

Practices will be conducted during Club Ice on March 15, 22, and 29 and April 5, 12, and 19.

New Board of Directors Appointments

Club President Kathy Shehee has appointed **John Richardson** as athlete representative, replacing **Barry Johnson**, who has relocated to Dallas, TX. **Sharon Hyre** will also rejoin the Board.

Many thanks to Barry for his significant contributions to the club, including serving as hospitality chair for the Magnolia Open for many years, chairing the Nominating Committee, and developing and maintaining the new club website with Tony Maness. They will continue to manage the website remotely until a successor is named.

Board of Directors Elections

The 2012 Nominating Committee, chaired by Jane Jud, will post a slate of candidates to fulfill expiring terms of current Board of Directors members John Millier, Kathy Shehee, and Judy Williams (all Senior) and Anna Marie Champion and Leon Qiao (both Junior) by March 15.

Ballots will be available for all eligible members by April 1 and must be returned by April 30.



If you meet the qualifications in our bylaws and wish to run for election, please complete the form online and mail to Jane Jud by March 1 (postmark).

Nominating committee members are Judith Flair, Leon Qiao, John Richardson, and Kathy Shehee.

Tests Passed

November, 2012

Martine Szanto	Solo Preliminary Dance Test Solo Dutch Waltz Solo Canasta Tango Solo Rhythm Blues
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December, 2012

Emily Zhang	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate Intermediate MIF
Charles Liu	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Heather Phillips	Adult Pre-Bronze Free Skate
Caroline Mura	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Preliminary MIF
Kasey Anne D'Eloia	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Richard Woods	Pre-Preliminary MIF

January, 2013

Charles Liu	Intermediate MIF
Kayla Moradi	Intermediate MIF
Olivia Barnes	Juvenile MIF Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Emily Brothman	Juvenile MIF
Rachel Korn	Juvenile MIF
Stephanie Brimeyer	Hickory Hoedown
Lydia Choe	Pre-Juvenile MIF
Leah Weinberg	Adult Silver MIF
Stephanie Amodeo	Preliminary MIF
Jessica Gregory	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Preliminary MIF
Regan Williams	Preliminary MIF

Attention Graduating Seniors!

If you are graduating from high school this year, please advise Jane Jud by February 22 so that we can feature you in a future Freestyler.

2013 Club Academic Scholarship Application

The 2013 Atlanta FSC college academic scholarship application is available online for qualified Atlanta FSC members.



The maximum individual grant is \$1,000. A maximum of four grants of varying denominations, but no less than \$500, may be awarded. The application is posted online, and the deadline is **April 12**.

USFS Graduating Seniors Program

The US Figure Skating program consists of four level designations awarded based on competition and/or test achievement. Certificates of accomplishment will be mailed to the athlete's school for recognition purposes.

Applications must be submitted by **March 1**.

Magnolia Open (cont'd from page 1)

Included solo dance events are:

- Pattern Dance (preliminary – gold), two dances
- Combined Dance (juvenile – senior, two pattern dances and one solo free dance)
- Short Dance (junior – senior, will not count towards the skaters' point accumulations)

National Showcase

Competitors who place first, second, third or fourth in a contested showcase/artistic/theatrical/interpretive skating event will receive an invitation to compete at the National Showcase Competition held each August.

Vendors

Be sure to check out our vendors:

- ★ Straw Productions (photography and videography)
- ★ skatergirl (event logo coordinates)
- ★ Sk8 Monkey (skatewear and accessories)
- ★ Trudi Designs (practice and competition dresses)
- ★ A' La Bing (embroidered accessories).



♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥



February, 2013

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Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SPONSOR/LOCATION</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
Test Session	February 15	Atlanta FSC	
Valentine Skate (Club Ice)	February 15	Atlanta FSC	
Magnolia Open Exhibition	February 22	Atlanta FSC	
Magnolia Open	March 8 - 10	Atlanta FSC	February 8
Eastern Adult Sectional Championships	March 8 - 10	Southwest Florida FSC, Ellenton, FL	
South Florida Challenge	March 15 - 17	Panthers FSC, Coral Springs, FL	
Florida Open	April 5 - 7	Central Florida FSC, Orlando, FL	
U.S. Adult FS Championships	April 9 - 13	Coyotes SC of AZ, Scottsdale, AZ	
Test Session	April 14	Atlanta FSC	March 24
National Technical Panel (Singles, Pairs, Dance)	April 18 - 21	USFS, Skokie, IL	February 17
Cherry Blossom Invitational	April 25 - 28	Capital Regional Council, Alexandria, VA	
Spring Ice Show	April 26 - 28	Atlanta FSC	