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Dolensky, Qiao, Roberts ...On to Eastern Sectionals!

"Grades of Glory" As Skaters Triumph In New Season



It's been quite a fall season for our skaters beginning with Senior Men's **Tim Dolensky's** 4th place standing at the U.S. International Figure Skating Classic in Salt Lake City on September 13 - 16, followed by **Wendi Hiller's** 4th place finish at the National Solo Dance Championships in Colorado Springs, CO on September 20 - 23, and **Martine Szanto's** collegiate team win in early October (photos on pages 10 and 11).



Coach Barbara Wagner, Alice Qiao, and judge Sharon Hyre.

At the 2013 South Atlantic Regional Non-Qualifying Championships in Wake Forest, NC on October 12 - 14, 14 of our skaters captured 24 medals, including seven gold!

The following week, **Alice Qiao** (Intermediate Ladies) and **Jabe Roberts** (Juvenile Boys) earned 1st and 3rd places, respectively, at their levels and will advance along with **Tim Dolensky** to the 2013 Eastern Sectional Championships in Hyannis Port, MASS on November 8 -12.

Alice won her qualifying round free skate, then placed 2nd in the short program and 1st in the free skate final rounds. Her free skate program included three double jumps, including a double Axel, and three combination



doubles for a final score of 94.87. Jabe's free skate consisted of two double jumps, a double/single combo, and a double/sequence for a score of 31.48.



Coach Anya Martynenko and Jabe Roberts

Both Alice and Jabe competed at the 2012 U.S. Junior Championships last year at the juvenile level. Tim is the current U.S. Championships Junior Men's silver medalist.

Congratulations to all of our skaters, their families, and coaches!

Good Luck to our Easterns Competitors!



Grace Rathbun, Madeleine Brown, Alice Qiao, and MacKenzie Kisella.



SPOTLIGHT SKATER

Stephanie Niu

What do you love most about skating?

I love the fact that skating is such a challenge that requires both physical and mental strength. Staying focused on improving my skating has given me both the strength to overcome other challenges in my life and an artistic outlet for passion that can't be put into words.

What is your weekly training regimen?

I skate three days a week (school and extra curriculums have my schedule filled up!). I do strength training about once a week and do yoga almost every day.

What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

I love doing double toe loops and flying sit spins because both elements come easily for me and are immensely satisfying when done correctly. I don't like double Salchows; the takeoffs have always felt awkward and unnatural for me.

Favorite music/program.

I had a lot of fun at the Azalea Classic this summer and won both the long and the short! My favorite program is my current long program, set to the soundtrack from "Eldorado". It's very smooth and graceful in the beginning, but later the music shifts and becomes wonderfully dramatic.

What is the most memorable event of your skating career?

I remember "landing" my Axel the first day I worked on it with my coach. It was thrilling to have a landing that was technically clean, but it was months before my Axel actually became decent. :)

Whom do you admire most?

I admire Maria Kochetkova; she's such a success and an inspiration. She's worked incredibly hard for every ounce of recognition she gets, and her words are very powerful.

Who is your favorite skater?

I love to watch Sasha Cohen's programs. There's something so exuberant about the way she performs that fills every program with energy, and her spirals are beyond perfect.

Tell us about your school and extracurricular activities.

I'm a sophomore at Walton High School. My favorite class is AP English Language; I love to write! Last year I started a service project in a school club to donate blanket squares to AIDS orphans in South Africa. We donated a total of 60 8x8 inch blanket squares! In another club, I started a project to donate rice to countries facing hunger problems; we donated over 68,000 grains of rice!

Tell us about your family.

I have a younger brother (10) and an older sister (17). Both play the violin and play tennis, while I skate and play the piano. I also have two parakeets, Prince and Lemondrop.

Best advice you have ever received?

Just think: you're not nervous, you're excited!

What are your future skating and educational goals?

I hope to get my double Axel landed and pass all of my Moves in the Field tests. I want to attend college and pursue a field in either business or science. Hopefully I will get into a school that has a collegiate team and continue to skate!!

My three favorite things are

Baggy pants, chocolate, and dancing crazily :)

I would like to meet ...

I would love to meet Jeremy Lin. He is such a success both on and off the court, and I think he would have some great tips for managing a balanced life while having fun.

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.

I love writing poetry! I've been published several times through Creative Communications.

Favorite word: *Melodious*

Least favorite word: *Rotten*

Favorite quote: "Control. There are people and things that want your allegiance. Imagination and Intelligence are your freedoms." ~Anonymous

What turns me off: *People who complain without good reason*

Favorite book: *Gone with the Wind*

Favorite movie: *"The Shawshank Redemption"*

Favorite song: *"Waka Waka" by Shakira*

Favorite TV show: *"The Big Bang Theory"*

Sound I love: *Nighttime rain*

Sound I dislike: *Loud yelling*

I would never want to be: *A lawyer. It seems to be a profession that's simultaneously very boring and very stressful.*

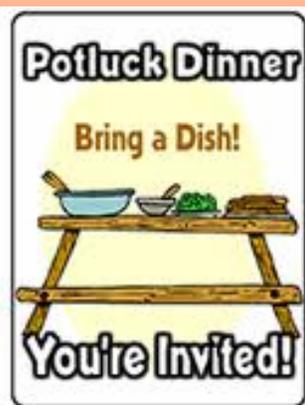
Three words that best describe me: *Quiet, diligent, passionate*

If I were stranded on a desert island, I would have to have: *A journal, a jacket, and a Bible*

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Prizes!



THEME

International traditional holiday dishes

Bring your family's favorite holiday food to share (and the recipe if you're willing to divulge the secret)

SCHEDULE

5:45 - 6:45 PM Upstairs (no skates allowed): Appetizers and Beverages for non-skating guests while skaters enjoy fun and games on the ice

5:45 PM On-Ice Games!

6:45 - 7:45 PM Party Rooms: Entrees, Veggies, Salads, and Desserts for everyone

Date: November 16

IMPORTANT!

Please sign in to atlantafsc.org and click on the EntryEeze link for the Potluck Dinner to access your account. Click on Volunteering to let us know what you are bringing to share - entree, side dish, hors d'oeuvre, pie or salad/fruit.



Please RSVP to the E-vite!



2013 South Atlantic Regional Championships - Qualifying
Wake Forest, NC
October 19 - 23



Intermediate: Alice Qiao, Madeleine Brown, MacKenzie Kisella

NOVICE LADIES

Free Skate, Grp. B, QR

Soucci Taylor	14th/15
Taylor Johnson	15th/15

INTERMEDIATE LADIES

Final Standing

Alice Qiao	1st/20
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Free Skate Final Round

Alice Qiao	1st/20
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Short Program

Alice Qiao	2nd/20
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Free Skate, Grp. A QR

Alice Qiao	1st/17
Madeleine Brown	15th/17

Free Skate, Grp. E QR

MacKenzie Kisella	16th/18
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Juvenile: Lily Xie, Grace Rathbun, Jabe Roberts

JUVENILE BOYS

Free Skate

Jabe Roberts	3rd/9
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JUVENILE GIRLS

Free Skate, Grp. A QR

Grace Rathbun	17th/18
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Free Skate, Grp. D QR

Breelie Taylor	17th/20
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Free Skate, Grp. F QR

Lily Xie	18th/20
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Caroline Riley, Livi Ludwick (both Beginner), Kelly Mi (No Test), Nicole Strain, George Song, and Kaitlyn McGarigle (all Limited Beginner).



Graham Felton, Sasha Strain (Pre-Preliminary), Rahly Osenbaugh (Pre-Juvenile), Breele Taylor (Juvenile), Soucci Taylor (Novice), Ying Yip, Olivia Barnes (both Pre-Preliminary).

The Party!

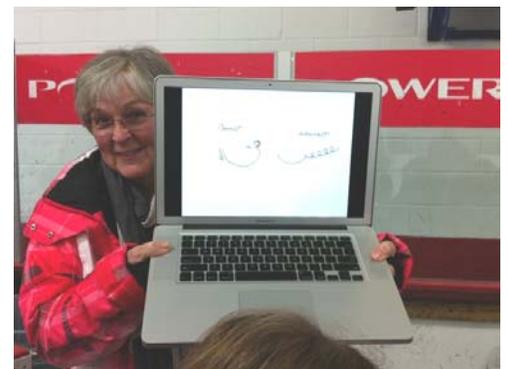




Janet Champion Spins Class

October 26, Club Ice

Thanks to Tea Junnila for the photos!





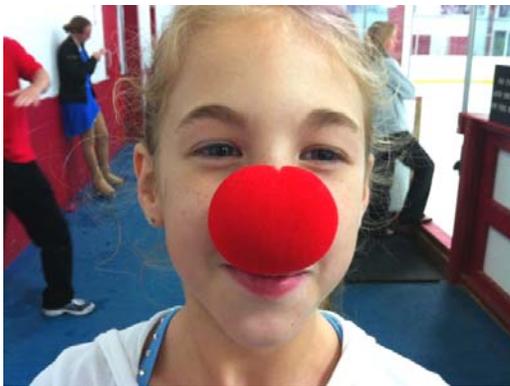


Ice Cream Social & Exhibition

September 7

Nearly 100 members signed up for our annual ice cream social event and were treated to on-ice performances by Ariel Collins, Tim Dolensky, Helena Fisher, Wendi Hiller, and Aspen Ono.

Many thanks to volunteers Tea Junnila, Cynthia Kornetzke, Leon Qiao, Kathy Shehee, and Louise Szanto. Thanks also to judges Dana Graham, Terri Maurice, and John Millier and technical specialist Laurie Vieth who critiqued nine skater programs.







**John Smith Memorial
Carolinas FSC, Indian Trail, NC
September 14 - 16**

NOVICE LADIES

Free Skate

Soucci Taylor 8th/8

Short Program

Soucci Taylor 5th/6

INTERMEDIATE LADIES

Free Skate

Madeleine Brown 10th/11

Short Program

Madeleine Brown 11th/15

Breelie Taylor 14th/15

JUVENILE

Free Skate

Breelie Taylor 8th/10

Compulsory Moves

Rahly Osenbaugh 2nd/2

PRE-JUVENILE

Free Skate

Rahly Osenbaugh 10th/10

Compulsory Moves

Emily Moosbrugger 5th/6

Spins

Emily Moosbrugger 2nd/3

PRELIMINARY GIRLS

Free Skate, Grp. B

Emily Moosbrugger 1st/7

Compulsory Moves, Grp. B

Katrina Morgan 4th/4

Jumps

Katrina Morgan 3rd/3

Spins

Katrina Morgan 2nd/3

PRE-PRELIMINARY GIRLS

Free Skate, Grp. C

Katrina Morgan 5th/8

NO TEST BOYS

Free Skate

Graham Felton 1st/1

Jumps

Graham Felton 1st/1

Compulsory Moves

Graham Felton 1st/1

BEGINNER

Free Skate, Test Track

Caroline Riley 1st/3

Olivia Ludwick 2nd/3

Compulsory Moves, Grp. A

Caroline Riley 1st/2

Kaitlyn McGarigle 2nd/2

BEGINNER

Compulsory Moves, Grp. B

Olivia Ludwick 1st/2

Showcase

Caroline Riley 1st/1

LIMITED BEGINNER

Free Skate, Test Track

Kaitlyn McGarigle 1st/3

Kaitlyn Spies 2nd/3

George Song 3rd/3

Compulsory Moves

Kaitlyn Spies 1st/2

George Song 2nd/2

Showcase

Kaitlyn McGarigle 1st/2

Kaitlyn Spies 2nd/2

BASIC 5

Program with Music, Grp. B

Maggie Cawston 2nd/3

Elements

Maggie Cawston 2nd/2

BASIC 1 - 8

Showcase

Maggie Cawston 1st/1



Wendi Hiller (right)

**National Solo Dance Championships
Broadmoor SC, Colorado Springs, CO
September 20 - 23**

**Wendi Hiller
Novice Free Dance**

Final - 4th/8

Grp. A - 4th/8



**Helena Fisher
Silver Pattern Dance**

Final - 7th/8

1st Dance, Grp. A - 6th/9

2nd Dance, Grp. A - 3rd/9



Wendi and Helena



Azalea Classic
Triangle FSC, Wake Forest, NC
June 29 - July 1

NOVICE LADIES

Free Skate

Taylor Johnson 14th/14

Short Program

Taylor Johnson 17th/20

INTERMEDIATE LADIES

Free Skate

Amanda Bao 9th/16

Dezarae Vazquez 15th/16

Short Program

Amanda Bao 18th/26

Dezarae Vazquez 25th/26

OPEN JUVENILE GIRLS

Free Skate

Stephanie Niu 1st/5

Short Program

Stephanie Niu 1st/1

ADULT SILVER/GOLD

Compulsory Moves

Kristina Rosa 1st/2

PRELIMINARY

Free Skate, Final Round

Emily Zhang 1st/5

Free Skate, Grp. A

Emily Zhang 1st/11

Charles Liu 10th/11

Compulsory Moves

Charles Liu 2nd/4

Jumps

Charles Liu 3rd/4

Spins

Charles Liu 4th/8

PRE-PRELIMINARY

Free Skate, Test Track

Stephanie Brimeyer 1st/3

Compulsory Moves, Grp. A

Jessica Gregory 6th/6

Compulsory Moves, Grp. B

Alexa Phillips 2nd/6

Stephanie Brimeyer 6th/6

PRE-PRELIMINARY

Jumps

Alexa Phillips 4th/4

Spins

Alexa Phillips 4th/7

NO TEST

Free Skate, Grp. B

Alexa Phillips 7th/11

Jessica Gregory 9th/11

BASIC 6

Program with Music

Campbell Young 1st/3

Bailey Snead 2nd/3

Elements

Bailey Snead 1st/2

Campbell Young 2nd/2

Congratulations to Martine Szanto and her team!

ISI Adult National Championships
 October 5 -7; Las Vegas
 Sacred Heart University Collegiate Champions

Dolensky Captures 4th Place in Salt Lake City

Congratulations to **Tim Dolensky**, who captured 4th place in the inaugural 2012 U.S. International Figure Skating Classic in Salt Lake City on September 13 - 16!

In his Senior Men debut, he landed his first triple Axel in competition and accomplished his season goal by surpassing 200 points with a 203.59 finish.

Final 4th/15
 Free Skate 4th/15
 Short Program 5th/15





VOLUNTEER Movers & Shakers

Erika Ono

Our Recreational Sports Aficionado

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

I joined the Atlanta FSC with my daughter, Aspen, in August of 2010 when our family moved here from Madison, WI.

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

I first began volunteering during the Spring Ice Show 2011 as group mom and have continued assisting in costume design and construction for the last two shows. I have volunteered at registration and hospitality for both the Magnolia and Atlanta Opens. This past August, I was the onsite administrator for the STARS Combine.

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

I grew up pond-skating in Montana and did not skate on a prepared rink until I was 30! I have participated at a recreational level in a wide variety of physical activities including ballet, running, soccer, bicycle touring, mountain biking, hiking and backpacking, fly fishing, downhill and Nordic skiing, windsurfing, scuba diving, yoga and Pilates – that’s what you do in Montana :o).



Erika and Aspen Ono

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

I am a Certified Nurse-Midwife and worked as such for the 10 years prior to moving to the Atlanta area. I have had the privilege of attending over 500 births and hope to return to this work in some capacity. Right now, I have the privilege of being wherever my two children need me.

Aspen (my figure skater) is a junior at Centennial High School. My son, Sage, is an 8th grader at Haynes Bridge Middle School. He swims competitively for Swim Atlanta and is working towards his 2nd degree Black Belt in karate. My husband, Ken, is a professor of mathematics at Emory University and a competitive off-road triathlete. I don’t need any more competition :o).

I try to get back to the Mountain West as often as I can to see my extended family. We are active members of Sandy Springs Christian Church and enjoy doing community outreach. This is my third year singing in Emory University Chorus.

What three items are on your “bucket list?”

Scuba dive the Great Barrier Reef in Australia; Learn to surf; Backpack into Kootenai Lakes in the Bitterroot Range, Montana; Achieve the fitness to do the above items :o).

More Special Events!

Mark your calendars for these additional Club Ice events from Special Event Chair Tea Junnila!

December 14: Holiday Skate (seasonal music, holiday costumes, cookies)

February 15: Valentine Skate (red clothing, lollipops)

March 22: Spring Skate (spring-themed clothing, chocolate eggs)



POTPOURRI

		<i>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</i>			
Kristin Adams	1	Dan Phillips	21		
Angela Vazquez	3	Tracy Nolan			
Kasey Anne D'Eloia		Yun Lee			
Dennis Brimeyer	6	Judy Williams	22		
Hank Wang	7	Alexandra McCarthy	24		
Mitch Moosbrugger	8	Bob Rathburn	25		
Tracey Ray		Ava Landon	27		
Grace Liu	11	Jabe Roberts			
Rachel Lichtenfeld	13	Robert Brown			
Keok Yip	14	Gloria Lewis	28		
Ashley Catanzarite	15	Lauren Bruder			
Jodi Morgan		Selma Belkasim			
Lydia Choe	16	Marie Murdaugh	29		
Stella Choe	18	Andrew Rutter	30		
Christine Yen	19	Laurie Sanii			
Olivia Garrett	20	Nancy Ellis Riggs			
Olivia Patrick	21	Taylor Johnson			

		<i>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</i>			
Tami Mickle	1	Livi Ludwick	19		
Olivia Kaloyannides	2	Sharon Wiggins			
Sharon Hornecker		Earnestine Scriven	20		
Pamela Levitt	4	Debbie Prachar	22		
Laura Riley	5	Maggie Cawston	24		
Morgan Sliker	6	Katie Sanyal	26		
Stephanie Cole		Sammy Sanyal			
Campbell Young	12	Marybeth Rathburn			
David Mickle		Melody DeMerchant			
Regan Williams		Erika Ono	29		
Betty McCord	14	Hannah Carleton			
Vincenza Crawford		Vladimir Raschetnov			
Christina Garrett	15	Kaitlyn McGarigle	30		
Chip Hiller	17	Yolanda Jolliffe			
Breelie Taylor	19				

Directories To Be Distributed at Potluck Dinner

2012 - 2013 Membership Directories will be distributed to all members (one per family) at the Potluck Dinner on November 16. Please be sure to stop by the table in the lobby to pick up your copy.

Club by-laws and historical information are posted on the website - atlantafsc.org - and are not included in this directory.

Adult members who are unable to attend the Potluck dinner will be mailed a directory. All others will be given to coaches to distribute to their skaters.

Additional copies may be purchased for \$5.00.



Rochelle Adey	Connie Taylor
Courtney Hand	Keelee Taylor
Christina Kahler	Soucci Taylor
Pam Levitt	Timothy Taylor
Heather Phillips	Trewcci Taylor
Breelie Taylor	Katie Wishert

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Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SPONSOR/LOCATION</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
EASTERN SECTIONAL EXHIBITION & PARTY	November 2	Atlanta FSC	
TEST SESSION	November 9	Atlanta FSC	
Eastern Sectional Championships	November 8 - 12	Yarmouth IC, Hyannis Port, MASS	
POTLUCK DINNER	November 16	Atlanta FSC	
HOLIDAY SKATE (Club Ice)	December 14	Atlanta FSC	
Winterfest Competition (Basic Skills - Preliminary)	December 15	The Cooler	November 25
U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS EXHIBITION & PARTY	January 11	Atlanta FSC	
TEST SESSION	January 11	Atlanta FSC	December 20
U.S. Championships	January 20 - 27	Omaha, NE	
VALENTINE SKATE (Club Ice)	February 15	Atlanta FSC	
Eastern Adult Sectional	March 8 - 10	Southwest Florida FSC, Ellenton, FL	

