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Membership Renewals for 2018-2019 Season Now Open

Registration for the 2018-2019 season is now open through EntryEeze at https://comp.entryeeze.com/Membership/Welcome.aspx?cid=6. EntryEeze includes links to our waivers, releases, consent for medical treatment, SafeSport pledges, and volunteer areas. Please read through these documents carefully as your processed application is your legal acceptance of these wavers and rules.

Beginning July 1st, members can access their digital membership cards on the USFS website by clicking "Account," then "Member Profile" or the member card icon on the home screen of Members Only. You can download a digital copy and save it to your phone or print a copy. Coaches, officials, and volunteers can also print a copy of their compliance card via the compliance tab for use at test sessions, competitions, and club activities.

If you are competing or testing at a U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event that begins on or after July 1, you must renew your membership prior to the application deadline. Please allow ample time for your membership to be processed. Coaches must complete renewals before July 1 to avoid a late fee penalty and complete a background check and CER requirements.

If you have not fulfilled your service hours requirement for 2017-2018, you will be unable to register until you satisfy this obligation. Please contact membership chair Francesca Sichenze-Bryant with any questions through our website at Atlantafsc.org.

Congratulations to Our Medalists

GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	PEWTER
Georgia Bolocan	AnneMarie Ahlin	Grace Bell	Mia Calabrese
Sarah Cairo	Leia Beinenson	Claire Cameron	Stella Deganello
Brynn Cartagena	Anna Detwiler	Brynn Cartagena	Madeline Freeman
Sona Durairaj	Nathan Detwiler	Stephanie Duenas	Katelyn Fuhr
Madeline Freeman	Abigail Doster	Triniti Fong	Cristanne Goodwin
Ava Landon	Sona Durairaj	Madeline Freeman	Bella Kleinschmit
Samantha McCafferty	Matigan Edwards	Audrey Kate Johnson	Audrey Latham
Kaity McGarigle	Cristanne Goodwin	Katia Kochengina	Chloe Malenfant
Ella Mo	Lilly Gorczyca	Varnika Kosaraju	Marlowe McIntyre
Risako Nonaka	Elvira Junnila	Ruhee Patkar	Anna McPeak
Aryanna Pecqueur	Samantha McCafferty	Mia Rafanelli	Ruhee Patkar
Asher Pecqueur	Ruhee Patkar	Serena Shang	Berkeley Williams
Kayla Redburn	Raina Redburn	Alexandra Silvia	Emylin Yu
Raina Redburn	Nastasia Rozenberg	Anna Windley	
Nancy Ellis Riggs	Lily Shamis	Hasita Yalamanchili	
Gaia Vasiliver Shamis	Soucci Taylor		
Katie Trizzino	Alexandra Traber		
Berkeley Williams	Anna Windley		
Regan Williams	Hasita Yalamanchili		
Anna Windley			
Ava Windley			

Another Successful Atlanta Open!

Approximately 300 skaters participated in the 2018 Atlanta Open, representing 41 U.S. Figure Skating clubs, seven rinks, two countries, and 16 states from the Southeast west to Arizona and north to New York. More than 50 skaters competed in the National Solo Dance Series events.

Many thanks to our officials, volunteers, and especially to Competitions Chair **Sharon Hyre** and Atlanta Open co-chairs, **Lori Malthaner** and **Tea Junnila**, and to the LOC chairs:

Sarah Bolocan
Heidi Calabrese
Candace Goodwin
Jennifer Latham
Pam Palmer
Janet Payne
Andrea Rafanelli
John Richardson
Gaia Shamis
Kathy Shehee
Heather Stables
Victoria Williams
Wade Williams

ATLANTA OPEN EXHIBITIONS

Georgia Bolocan (Intermediate), Emily Stark (Novice), Frances Umezaki-Oba and Madeleine Brown (both Junior)

Melanie Schael (Intermediate), Kaity McGarigle (Juvenile), Mia Rafanelli (Pre-Juvenile), and Katie Palmer (Juvenile)

Olivia Kim (Intermediate), Elvira Junnila (Novice), Elizabeth Douglas (Intermediate) Audrey Latham (Juvenile), Anna McPeak (Pre-Juvenile), and Bailey Snead (Intermediate)

Hasita Yalamanchili (Preliminary), Varnika Kosaraju (Pre-Preliminary), Elisa Bode (Preliminary) and Audrey Kate Johnson (Juvenile).

Front Row: Katelyn Harkness and Lily Shamis (High Beginner) and Matigan Edwards (Pre- Preliminary); Back Row: Cristanne Goodwin (Preliminary), Emilia Kuehn (Pre Preliminary) and Marlowe McIntyre (No Test)

Annie Ahlin, Mia Calabrese (both Pre-Preliminary), Anna Detwiler (No Test), Nathan Detwiler and Asher Pecqueur (both Pre-Preliminary)

Katie Trizzino and Lilly Gorczyca (both Beginner), Aryanna Pecqueur (High Beginner), Claire Breland and Alexandra Traber (both Beginner)

Kayla Redburn (Preliminary), Laken Andrzejewski and Amelia Marsh (both No Test)

Atlanta Open Member Results

JUNIOR LADIES

Short Program

Frances Umezaki-Oba	6th/11
Madeleine Brown	10th/11

NOVICE LADIES

Free Skate

Elvira Junnila	2nd/6

Short Program

Elvira Junnila	2nd/5
Emily Stark	5th/5

INTERMEDIATE LADIES

Final Rd.

Geogia Bolocan	1st/12
Triniti Fong	6th/12
Elizabeth Douglas	12th/12

Free Skate, Grp. A

Triniti Fong	3rd/9
Elizabeth Douglas	5th/9
Melanie Schael	6th/9
Bailey Snead	9th/9

Free Skate, Grp. B

Georgia Bolocan	1st/11
Ava Williams	8th/11

Short Program, Grp. A

Georgia Bolocan	1st/13
Katia Kochengina	5th/13
Triniti Fong	6th/13
Bailey Snead	12th/13

Short Program, Grp. B

Kaitlyn McGarigle	1st/14
Madeline Freeman	5th/14
Olivia Kim	8th/14
Elizabeth Douglas	10th/14
Emily Hwang	12th/14
Melanie Schael	13th/14

Spins

Nastasia Rozenberg	2nd/2

Step Sequences

Regan Williams	1st/2
Nastasia Rozenberg	2nd/2

Showcase - Dramatic Entert.

Nastasia Rozenberg	2nd/2

JUVENILE GIRLS

Free Skate

Katia Kochengina	3rd/15
Kaitlyn McGarigle	5th/15
Audrey Kate Johnson	13th/15
Katie Palmer	14th/15

Free Skate, Test Track

Risako Nonaka	1st/3

JUVENILE/OPEN JUVENILE

Short Program

Mia Rafanelli	7th/16
Audrey Latham	10th/16
Katie Palmer	11th/16
Anna McPeak	12th/16
Sarah Cairo	15th/16

Spins

Risako Nonaka	5th/5

PRE-JUVENILE GIRLS

Free Skate, Grp. A

Mia Rafanelli	3rd/6
Audrey Latham	4th/6

Free Skate, Grp. B

Sarah Cairo	1st/6
Anna McPeak	4th/6

Free Skate, Test Track

Ruhee Patkar	2nd/2

PRELIMINARY GIRLS

Free Skate, Gp. A

Kayla Redburn	6th/6

Free Skate, Gp. B

Hasita Yalamanchili	2nd/6
Alexandra Silvia	3rd/6
Cristanne Goodwin	4th/6

Free Skate, Grp. C

Elisa Bode	6th/6

Free Skate, Test Track

Samantha McCafferty	2nd/4

Spins, Grp. B

Ruhee Patkar	3rd/4

Compulsory Moves, Grp. A

Hasita Yalamanchili	3rd/4

Compulsory Moves, Grp. B

Ava Windley	1st/3

Showcase - Dramatic Entert.

Kayla Redburn	1st/2

Showcase - Light Entert.

Cristanne Goodwin	2nd/5

PRE-PRELIMINARY GIRLS

Free Skate, Grp. C

Varnika Kosaraju	3rd/6
Ava Windley	6th/6

Free Skate, Grp. D

Emilia Kuehn	5th/5

Free Skate, Test Trk, Grp. A

AnneMarie Ahlin	2nd/5
Matigan Edwards	5th/5

Free Skate, Test Trk, Grp. B

Berkeley Williams	1st/6
Katelyn Fuhr	4th/6
Mia Calabrese	5th/6
Grayson Snow	6th/6

Compulsory Moves, Grp. A

Anna Windley	3rd/5
Ava Landon	5th/5

Compulsory Moves, Grp. B

Emylin Yu	4th/5
Samantha McCafferty	5th/5

Spins

Anna Windley	3rd/6
Serena Shang	6th/6

Jumps

Anna Windley	1st/2
Samantha McCafferty	2nd/2

Showcase, Dramatic Entert.

Samantha McCafferty	1st/1

Showcase, Light Entert.

Ava Landon	1st/3

ADULT SILVER

Free Skate

Nancy Ellis Riggs	1st/2

Showcase - Light Entert.

Nancy Ellis Riggs	1st/2

ADULT PRE-BRONZE

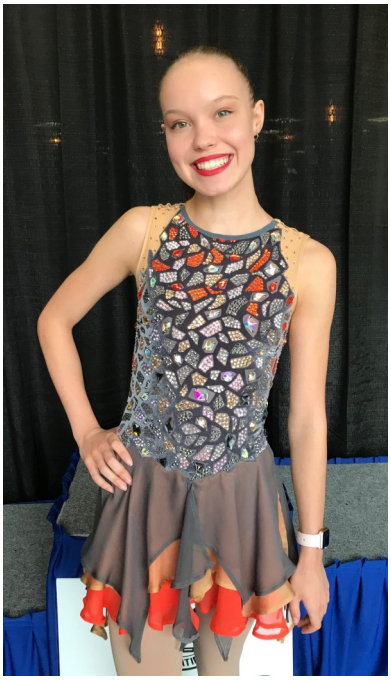
Free Skate

Gaia Vasiliver Shamis	1st/5
Stephanie Duenas	3rd/5
Cathy Sabella	5th/5

PRE-PRELIMINARY BOYS

Free Skate, Test Track

Asher Pecqueur	1st/2
Nathan Detwiler	2nd/2



NO TEST GIRLS

Free Skate, Grp. A

Anna Detwiler	2nd/7
Brynn Cartagena	3rd/7
Chloe Malenfant	4th/7

Free Skate, Grp. B

Anna Windley	2nd/7
Serena Shang	7th/7

Free Skate, Grp. C

Raina Redburn	1st/7
Leia Beinenson	2nd/7
Marlowe McIntyre	4th/7
Amelia Marsh	5th/7

Free Skate, Grp. D

Grace Bell	5th/9
Ashley Weller	6th/9

Compulsory Moves, Grp. A

Brynn Cartagena	1st/3
Serena Shang	3rd/3

Compulsory Moves, Grp. B

Grace Bell	3rd/3

Spins, Grp. A

Raina Redburn	2nd/6
Brynn Cartagena	5th/6

Spins, Grp. B

Grace Bell	6th/6

Jumps, Grp. A

Brynn Cartagena	1st/4

Jumps, Grp. B

Grace Bell	3rd/4
Mia Calabrese	4th/4

Showcase - Light Entert.

Raina Redburn	2nd/9
Berkeley Williams	4th/9
Emily Troncalli	6th/9
Laken Andrzejewski	7th/9

HIGH BEGINNER

Free Skate, Grp. A

Stella Deganello	9th/9

Free Skate, Grp. B

Aryanna Pecqueur	1st/9
Lily Shamis	2nd/9
Katelyn Harkness	6th/9
Claire Breland	8th/9

Free Skate, Grp. C

Paula Ibelings	5th/9
Sona Durairaj	6th/9
Claire Cameron	8th/9

Compulsory Moves, Grp. A

Matigan Edwards	2nd/5
Stella Deganello	4th/5

Compulsory Moves, Grp. B

Aryanna Pecqueur	1st/5

Compulsory Moves, Grp. C

Sona Durairaj	2nd/4
Claire Cameron	3rd/4

Jumps

Sona Durairaj	1st/1

BEGINNER

Free Skate, Grp. A

Ella Mo	1st/6
Alexandra Traber	2nd/6

Free Skate, Grp. B

Katie Trizzino	1st/8
Abigail Doster	2nd/8
Bella Kleinschmit	4th/8
Aryana Bhattacharyya	6th/8

Compulsory Moves, Grp. A

Ella Mo	1st/4
Lilly Gorczyca	2nd/4

Jumps

Katie Trizzino	1st/4

Congratulations, Georgia!

Winner of the Susan Johnson Trophy

Intermediate Ladies QR Free Skate

Program Component Score: 32.69

Thanks to Denise Freeman, Victoria Williams, Sarah Bolocan, and Jennifer Latham for the photos!

NATIONAL SOLO DANCE

Solo Pattern Dance

INTERNATIONAL - Soucci Taylor

Final	2nd/3
First Dance	1st/3
Second Dance	2nd/3

SILVER

Final	
Kaitlyn Plaziak	9th/11
Tiffany Hatzikoutelis	10th/11
Stephanie Brimeyer	11th/11
First Dance	
Kaitlyn Plaziak	8th/11
Tiffany Hatzikoutelis	9th/11
Stephanie Brimeyer	11th/11
Second Dance	
Tiffany Hatzikoutelis	9th/11
Kaitlyn Plaziak	10th/11

PRE-SILVER

Final	
Madeline Freeman	1st/8
Sarah Cairo	7th/8
First Dance	
Madeline Freeman	3rd/8
Sarah Cairo	8th/8
Second Dance	
Madeline Freeman	1st/8
Sarah Cairo	7th/8

Solo Pattern Dance

BRONZE

Final	
Audrey Kate Johnson	3rd/7
Zoe Silvia	5th/7
First Dance	
Audrey Kate Johnson	4th/7
Zoe Silvia	5th/7
Second Dance	
Audrey Kate Johnson	3rd/7
Zoe Silvia	6th/7

PRE-BRONZE - Ruhee Patkar

Final	4th/4
First Dance	4th/4
Second Dance	4th/4

SOLO DANCE SERIES

2018 ATLANTA OPEN

Combined Dance

SENIOR

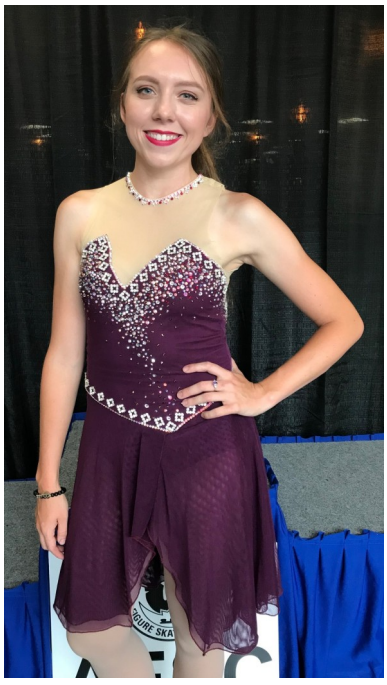
Final	
Helena Fisher	5th/7
Soucci Taylor	6th/7
Free Dance	
Helena Fisher	3rd/7
Soucci Taylor	6th/7
Short Dance	
Soucci Taylor	5th/7
Helena Fisher	6th/7

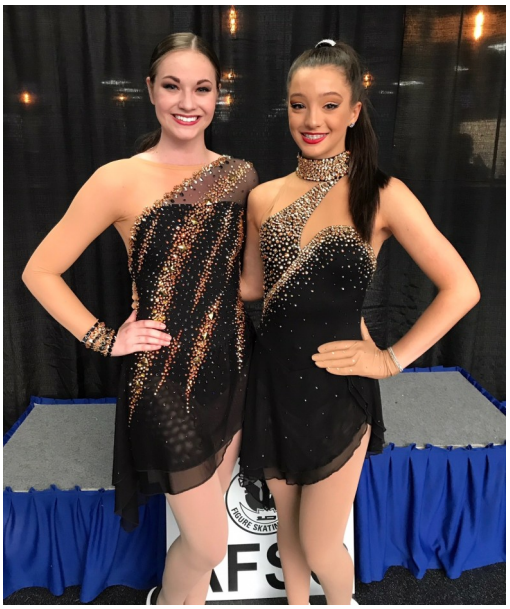
NOVICE

Final	
Madeline Freeman	4th/13
Kaitlyn Plaziak	12th/13
Stephanie Brimeyer	13th/13
Free Dance	
Madeline Freeman	4th/13
Kaitlyn Plaziak	12th/13
Stephanie Brimeyer	13th/13
Pattern Dance	
Madeline Freeman	5th/13
Kaitlyn Plaziak	12th/13
Stephanie Brimeyer	13th/13

JUVENILE - Audrey Kate Johnson

Final	5th/7
Free Dance	4th/7
Pattern Dance	5th/7





Tests Passed

June	
Emily Hwang	Intermediate Free Skate
Breelie Taylor	Argentine Tango
Frances Umezaki-Oba	Viennese Waltz
	Argentine Tango
Elvira Junnila	American Waltz
	Rocker Foxtrot
Triniti Fong	Tango
	Starlight Waltz
Heather Stables	Foxtrot
Zoe Silvia	Ten Fox
	Willow Waltz
	Hickory Hoedown

May	
Kaitlyn McGarigle	Senior Moves
Elvira Junnila	Novice Free Skate
Grace Crossen	Novice Moves
Avery Wilkinson	Novice Moves
Tiffany Hatzikoutelis	Intermediate Free Skate
Katie Palmer	Intermediate Moves
	Juvenile Free Skate
Chloe Ryan	Juvenile Free Skate
	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Sidney Parker	Dutch Waltz
	Canasta Tango
	Rhythm Blues
Alexa Phillips	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Iris Liu	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Serena Shang	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Ava Windley	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Anna Windley	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Hanna Zhu	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Kate Kaszycki Gorczyca	Adult Silver Moves
Emilia Kuehn	Preliminary Moves
Kristen Berner	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Gia Gulati	Pre-Preliminary Moves

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Stephanie Doster	1	Dana Graham	17
Eva Schaum		Barbara Landon	
Gregory Glass	4	Tim Dolensky	18
Aren Nielsen	5	Matt McIntyre	
Lilly Wood		Soucci Taylor	
Anne Malacrea	6	Jenny Montobbio	19
Margaret Butlin	7	Catherine Hackney	20
Campbell		Marlowe McIntyre	
Giovanni Izaguirre		Tiffany Hatzikoutelis	23
Raina Redburn		Ashley Weller	
Candace Goodwin	8	Mia Calabrese	25
Regina Brimeyer	9	Emily Troncalli	
Daniel Cairo	10	Meredith Scafidi	26
Claire Cameron	11	Susan Silvia	
Nancy Hoblack	13	Emily Stark	28
Trish Tran	15	Cheryl Faust	29
Allen Fong	16	Rachel Hanson	
Lori McGarigle		Kelly Belin	30
Anna Windley		Gia Gulati	

SPOTLIGHT SKATER Elizabeth Douglas

What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

My favorite elements are jumps because I love the feeling of being in the air, and it is so rewarding to land a jump for the first time. My least favorite elements are probably moves and footwork because I have the tendency to randomly trip while doing them.

Favorite program and competitive accomplishments?

My favorite program is my current long program to "The Arena" by Lindsey Stirling. I love the program because the music is powerful and graceful at the same time. I made final rounds for Atlanta Open at the Intermediate level this year, and it was my first time competing at that level.

Who is your favorite skater?

My favorite skaters are Maia and Alex Shibutani because they are so graceful and artistic. They make skating look so easy while doing everything in sync. I love watching them do their twizzles together.

What is the most memorable event of your skating career?

When I first started skating, I used to always skate a session with Alice on it. I remember always being scared to skate when she was on because she was so much better than me, but I also remember being so inspired to work harder because of her perseverance. A lot of skaters have inspired me, and it has made me realize that skating is not a sport where any other skater is competition. I have made so many close friends from skating, and we are always friends even when we compete against each other.

Best advice I ever received:

Don't overthink it and have fun. ~ Mom

Tell us about your school, family and extra-curricular activities.

I am a rising freshman at Johns Creek High School. I will be in the orchestra and on the Color Guard team.

I did a variety of volunteer work for my Middle School Junior Beta Club.

I have a dog named Dyno, and I play the viola and piano.

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

I thought I might stop skating in 6th grade because I didn't think I could get up really early to skate, but now I love skating early in the morning because the sessions are always empty.

What famous person would you most like to meet?

I would like to meet Pope Francis because he is a loving leader and major figure in my life.

My family is most like the TV show

"Jeopardy" because we do not watch any other shows.

What are your future skating and educational goals?

I hope to land my double Axel and have it clean soon. I also hope to consistently land all doubles in competition.

I plan to attend college and skate. I want to do something in the science or medical field.

My favorite things are

Dyno, books, and skating.

Whom do you most admire?

I admire my Grandmother Rosie the most because she has overcome great adversities through her strength and faith, and she always does this with a smile on her face.

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

I'd rather write a book about my life than have a random person pretend to be me in a movie.

Favorite word: *Believe*

Least favorite word: *Fake*

What turns me off: *Hypocrites*

Favorite food: *Pasta*

Least favorite food: *Bananas*

Favorite book series: *The Throne of Glass*

Favorite musical group: *Imagine Dragons*

Favorite colors: *Periwinkle or turquoise*

I would never want to be: *Math teacher*

If I weren't a skater, I would have been: *A swimmer*

Pet peeve: *Not being on time*

If I were stranded on a desert island, I would have to have: *a Bible, a book, and a phone*

Three words that best describe me: *Organized, honest, and petite*

Favorite Vacation: *Europe, especially Paris*

ELIZABETH

2018 Ice Dance Weekend

The 2018 Ice Dance Weekend on June 1 - 3 was a fabulous success thanks to Chair **Laurie Sanii** and coach **Graham Payne**! Forty-three skaters from 14 states and Canada registered, including 11 who were new to our event. More than 75% were repeat skaters The Friday night theme was “Weird Al Yankovic “ with skaters in costumes inspired by their favorite song.

Many thanks to our volunteers: **Kathy Shehee**, **Janet Payne**, and **Rob Kriegel** for the wonderful meal preparation and service, **John Richardson** for transportation from MARTA, and **Todd Pettigrew** for music editing. Thanks also to graphic artist Molly McDonald for the logo design on water bottles given to all participants and to photographer Meg Ansteensen from Little Phish Foto.

The Hamilton Polka

WHITE AND NERDY

WHITE AND NERDY

2018 Atlanta Ice Dance Weekend - hosted by Atlanta Figure Skating Club

"POLKA"

Like a Surgeon

I Love Rocky Road

GIRLS JUST WANNA EAT LUNCH

May Day Open

Gardens FSC, Laurel, MD
May 10 -12

NATIONAL SOLO DANCE
PATTERN DANCE
International - Soucci Taylor

Final	3rd/4
Tango Romantica	1st/4
Yankee Polka	4th/4

Pre-Silver - Madeline Freeman

Final	2nd/7
First Dance	2nd/7
Second Dance	2nd/7

COMBINED
Senior - Soucci Taylor

Final	5th/7
Free Dance	4th/7
Short Dance	6th/7

Novice - Madeline Freeman

Final	4th/15
Free Dance	6th/15
First Dance	4th/15

INTERMEDIATE LADIES
Madeline Freeman

Free Skate Final Round	**10th/11**
Free Skate, Grp. B	**4th/17**

JUVENILE GIRLS
Free Skate

Katie Palmer	13th/14

Edward G. Picken Dance Classic

Washington FSC, Rockville, MD
June 2 - 3

Audrey Kate Johnson
Bronze Solo Pattern Dance

Final	8th/10
First Dance	8th/10
Second Dance	9th/10

Juvenile Combined Solo Dance

Final	6th/11
First Dance	7th/11
Second Dance	5th/11

2018 Governing Council

We urge all members to read the Combined Report of Action for important changes to testing and competition rules. US Figure Skating will also implement a new qualifying structure to include (1) a National Qualifying Series (effective May, 2019); (2) a National High Performance Development Team and Team Camp; (3) Advancement Through the Qualifying System Competitions a) Pairs and Ice Dance: NQS or Sectional Challenge to U.S. Final b) Singles: NQS or Regional Challenge to Sectional Final c) Pairs and Ice Dance: U.S. Final to U.S. Championships d) Sectional / U.S. Final to National High Performance Development Team Camp for Juvenile and Intermediate e) Sectional / U.S. Final to National High Performance Development Team Camp for Novice; (4) Novice Singles Athletes Qualify to Compete at Junior at the U.S. Championships; and (5) Minimum Technical Score for Senior Competitors at the U.S. Championships.

U.S. Figure Skating To Launch New Excel Program in September

The Program Development Committee of U.S. Figure Skating is excited to announce the launch of the Excel Program, a new competitive opportunity created to encourage skaters to develop their technical ability in a competitive environment that promotes success. The new Excel Program will be effective September 1, 2018; an outline of the levels and requirements for the program can be found on the USFS website under “Programs.”

The Excel Program has been created to provide competitive opportunities for skaters that allow them to develop their technical skills and continue their progress in the sport through the following structure:

- Creating levels that allow skaters to push the technical envelope beyond the test requirements
- Creation of Excel Challenge Series - a series of competitions across the country at which, competitors earn points toward the goal of receiving an invitation to compete in the Series Final
- Bridging the transition from Learn to Skate USA and U.S. Figure Skating
- Continued encouragement of progression

Buckhead's Puppet Master

Our Own Nancy Ellis Riggs!

From "Simply Buckhead" By H.M. Cauley

Photo by Daniel Riggs

For 20 years, Nancy Riggs has had a tight grip on her arts nonprofit. Literally. The North Buckhead resident has devoted her talents as an actress and storyteller to animating educational hand and shadow puppets. As the director of the touring The Piccadilly Puppets Company, she comes up with characters and tales to take to schools and festivals. It's a gig she fell into after answering an ad for the Center for Puppetry Arts in Midtown.

"I was an actress and had studied acting in college, but I was used to doing all sorts of things," she recalls. "Then I heard the center needed puppeteers to go out on the road. They asked if I had any experience, and I said no, so they let me meet with the director, who taught me the basics before the audition. In the end, I made them laugh and got hired."

In 1997, after two years honing her skills with the center, Riggs became the third member of the Piccadilly team, which she took over in 2011 as the only employee. Now, she's responsible for the entire show, from concept to presentation, and all the administrative details that go with it.

"Most of the shows are one person, but if I need someone else, I find out who's available," she explains. "But I know all of the shows. Once it's in the repertoire, I keep it. Some have been around more than 20 years, and I'll often update a line here or there to keep them fresh."

Of the 180 shows she puts on each year, the most popular is one about the lifecycle of a butterfly that Riggs also presents in Spanish for bilingual audiences. Whatever the story, it ties into the schools' curriculums, from science to literature. "The holiday shows are the only exception, but even The Night Before Christmas has literary ties to the famous poem," says Riggs. "I've found that if they're working on something like the water cycle, it's more fun when done with puppets. I also have a couple of Bible stories and some folk tales."

Riggs has even found a way to work her hobby into a show. "My father was a founder of the Atlanta Figure Skating Club, and when I was a child, my whole family skated," she says. "I got back into it about 13 years ago, and I still go to Alpharetta to train twice a week. So when I had the chance, I had an ice skater in a holiday show."

Along with schools, Riggs and her puppets most frequently pop up at libraries, preschools, churches and festivals, where her audience is usually children ages 2 to 10. "Children respond to puppets because they're very relatable," says Riggs. "Kids in the upper ages often come in thinking, 'This isn't for me.' But once you get them laughing, they realize it is. There's a misconception that puppets are just for small children."

Neither is it a fading art form. "Is puppetry dying? That conversation happens all the time in puppetry circles," says Riggs. "Here in Atlanta, it's thriving. The Center for Puppetry Arts is a hub that has spawned a number of puppeteers and raised awareness in the community of how creative puppetry can be. Some puppeteers I've worked with have gone into film and special effects. One worked on Stranger Things. Then something like The Lion King will come along and expand people's idea of what puppetry can do. It's such a creative form, that it just reinvents itself."

Pattern Dances Drawn for 2018-2019

Event	Regionals	Sectionals, Championships & Adult Championships
Novice		STARLIGHT WALTZ PASO DOBLE
Intermediate		ROCKER FOXTROT EUROPEAN WALTZ
Juvenile		WILLOW WALTZ FIESTA TANGO
Pre-Juvenile *Initial Round*	RHYTHM BLUES CANASTA TANGO	
Pre-Juvenile *Final Round*	CHA CHA SWING DANCE	
Championship Adult		BLUES QUICKSTEP
Adult Gold		QUICKSTEP ARGENTINE TANGO
Adult Pre-Gold		BLUES STARLIGHT WALTZ
Masters Open		QUICKSTEP TANGO ROMANTICA
Adult Silver *Initial Round*		FOXTROT AMERICAN WALTZ
Adult Silver *Final Round*		BLUES
Adult Pre-Silver *Initial Round*		TEN-FOX EUROPEAN WALTZ
Adult Pre-Silver *Final Round*		FOURTEENSTEP
Adult Bronze *Initial Round*		SWING DANCE FIESTA TANGO
Adult Bronze *Final Round*		WILLOW WALTZ
Adult Pre-Bronze *Initial Round*		CANASTA TANGO SWING DANCE
Adult Pre-Bronze *Final Round*		CHA CHA
Adult Centennial *Initial Round*		EUROPEAN WALTZ ROCKER FOXTROT
Adult Centennial *Final Round*		BLUES
Adult Gold *Solo Dance*		BLUES QUICKSTEP
Adult Pre-Gold *Solo Dance*		TANGO KILIAN
Adult Silver *Solo Dance*		EUROPEAN WALTZ ROCKER FOXTROT
Adult Pre-Silver *Solo Dance*		HICKORY HOEDOWN FOXTROT
Adult Bronze *Solo Dance*		CHA CHA HICKORY HOEDOWN

Tests Passed

January

Amelia Marsh	Preliminary Moves

March

Sidney Parker	Pre-Juvenile Moves
April Zhang	Pre-Juvenile Moves
	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Leanne Jones	Pre-Preliminary Moves

April

Jamie Traylor	Adult Juvenile Solo Free Dance
Nathan Detwiler	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Anna Detwiler	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Ruhee Patkar	Cha Cha
Tea Junnila	Dutch Waltz
	Canasta Tango
	Rhythm Blues
	Preliminary Dance Test
Nikki Belmonte	Adult Bronze Moves

PRISCILLA MILLIER

Priscilla Bickford Millier, 82, of Winthrop, Maine, passed away of natural causes in Atlanta, GA.

Born in Augusta on February 25, 1936, Priscilla spent much of her life in Maine until moving to The Villages, FL, in 2012. She was a graduate of the University of Maine in Orono where she earned a BA in Education in 1958. She taught school at the elementary level (primarily fourth grade), retiring in 1987.

Priscilla was an active volunteer with U.S. Figure Skating for many years. She was a past president of the New England Interclub Figure Skating Council, the Skating Club of Maine and Maine Interclub, the last two of which she helped originate. She served as chairperson of the 1995 New England Figure Skating Championships, 1986 and 1988 Skate America competitions and was co-chair of the 1991 Snowflake International Precision Championships in Boston. She also co-chaired the U.S. National Precision Championships in 1992 and the World Challenge Cup Precision Championships in 1996. Priscilla served on U.S. Figure Skating's Competitions and Parents Committees and, from 1994 to 1997, the Board of Directors as a member at large.

Priscilla and her husband, Ronnie, formed American Sports Connection, an event management company, and worked on numerous events around the New England area, including the 2000 World Artistic Roller Championships held in Springfield, MA.

Priscilla was married to Ronald John Millier, who preceded her in death in 2010. She is survived by her daughter Cathy Millier O'Brien (James) three grandchildren, and her son John Millier (Daniel Hawks) who was with her at the time of her passing.

Memorials can be made in her memory to the U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund, which helps support competitive skater's training costs. Donations can be made online www.1961MemorialFund.com.

LEE SCHAFFER

Stanlee Lonsdale Schaffer, 79, known always as "Lee," died in Atlanta, GA, on June 13, 2018. She was born September 26, 1938, in Bridgeport, CT. After receiving her A.B. in mathematics from Middlebury College, VT, and her A.M. in linguistics from the University of Michigan, she moved to Atlanta in 1962.

She did research for various departments at Georgia Tech before marrying William Arthur Schaffer in the courthouse at Monticello, GA in 1969. She lived in Atlanta for 56 years, working in various editorial capacities while volunteering in libraries, archives, and sports organizations. She served U.S. Figure Skating as a judge and committee member (recently receiving an award for her 50th year of service), and acted as secretary of the boards of directors for both U.S. Figure Skating Championships held in Atlanta, in 1980 and 2004. She was a member of North Avenue Presbyterian Church, the Atlanta and Georgia Figure Skating Clubs, the Junior League of Atlanta, the Atlanta World War II Round Table, the Vinings Village Women's Club, and the Georgia Tech Faculty Women's Club, among others, while also volunteering at the American Red Cross, the Atlanta Historical Society, and the Westminster Schools libraries.

Lee loved her family, music and books, flowers and birds, Georgia Tech athletics, miniature Schnauzers, college students, playing the organ, baseball, sketching, and the sea.

She is survived by her husband, William A. Schaffer; her son Samuel Lonsdale Schaffer, his wife, Dana Lanier Schaffer, and granddaughter Ernestine Clark Schaffer, of Washington, DC; her son Edward Clark Schaffer, his wife, Karleen Diane Schaffer, of Easthampton, MA; and two cousins. If desired, contributions may be made to the American Red Cross or the U.S. Figure Skating Association Memorial Fund, in memory of Stanlee L. Schaffer.

A service will be held on June 30, at 2:00 pm, at H. M. Patterson & Son, 1020 Spring St, NW, Atlanta, GA 30309.

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Upcoming Events

EVENT	DATES	SPONSOR/LOCATION
Dogwood Open	July 13 - 15	Triangle FSC, Wake Forest, NC
Skate Detroit	July 17 - 21	Detroit SC, Bloomfield Hills, MI
Sun Valley Summer Championships	July 18 - 22	Sun Valley, ID
Lake Placid Ice Dance Championships	July 24 - 27	Lake Placid, NY
Magic City Ice Competition	July 27 - 29	Birmingham FSC, Pelham, AL
Philadelphia Summer Championships	July 30 - August 5	IceWorks SC, Aston, PA
Scott Hamilton Invitational	August 3 - 5	Scott Hamilton SC, Antioch, TN
Hershey Open	August 9 - 12	Hershey FSC, Hershey, PA
Potomac Open	August 17 - 19	Washington FSC, Ashburn, VA
Rocket City Classic	August 24 - 25	SC of Huntsville, Huntsville, AL