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Membership Renewals for 2017-2018 Season Now Open

Registration for the 2017-2018 season is now open through EntryEeze. EntryEeze includes links to our waivers, releases, consent for medical treatment, SafeSport pledges, and volunteers areas. Please read through these documents carefully as your processed application is your legal acceptance of these wavers and rules.

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.

If you have not fulfilled your service hours requirement for 2016-2017, 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.



Another Successful Atlanta Open!

Nearly 300 skaters participated in the 2017 Atlanta Open, representing 37 U.S. Figure Skating clubs and 15 states from the Southeast west to Arizona and north to New York. Many thanks to our officials, volunteers, and especially to competition chair Christi Fisher and the LOC chairs for a well-managed event.

Congratulations to Our Medalists

GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	PEWTER
Leia Beinenson	Grace Bell	Leia Beinenson	AnneMarie Ahlin
Isabel Bobrik	Elisa Bode	Grace Bell	Claire Cameron
Elisa Bode	Brynn Cartagena	Brynn Cartagena	Brynn Cartagena
Jeslyn Choi	Grace Crossen	Jeslyn Choi	Emily Cornelison
Emily Cornelison	Elizabeth Douglas	Tiffany Hatzikoutelis	Audrey Kate Johnson
Tim Dolensky	Helena Fisher	Emma Grace James	Audrey Latham
Madeline Freeman	Tiffany Hatzikoutelis	Audrey Kate Johnson	Mingda Liu
Emma Grace James	Katia Kochengina	Elvira Junnila	Kaitlyn Plaziak
Terry Kim	Varnika Kosaraju	Madeline Lampert	Chloe Rutter
Katia Kochengina	Madison Long	Audrey Latham	Alexandra Traber
Yasmine Manafi	Amelia Marsh	Yasmine Manafi	Annamarie Valeacruz
Alyx McCarthy	Anna McPeak	Kaitlyn McGarigle	Ashley Weller
Kaitlyn McGarigle	Alexa Phillips	Anna McPeak	Sadie Womack
Melanie Schael	Gaia Shamis	Clara Owen	
Gaia Shamis	Soucci Taylor	Kaitlyn Plaziak	
Serena Shang	Emily Troncalli	Nancy Ellis Riggs	
Breeley Taylor	Anna Windley	Chloe Rutter	
Soucci Taylor	Lilly Wood	Bailey Snead	
Adeline Wieler	Hasita Yalamanchili	Emily Troncalli	
Berkeley Williams	April Zhang	Adeline Wieler	
Regan Williams		Anna Windley	
Lilly Wood			

Board of Directors Officers Elected

Congratulations to our newly elected 2016-2017 Board of Directors officers:

President	Kathy Shehee
1st Vice President	John Millier
2nd Vice President	Jennifer Latham
Secretary	Lori Malthaner
Treasurer	Judith Flair

Appointed to serve the remaining one-year terms of board members who have vacated their positions are Sharon Hyre, Lori Malthaner (both senior), and Victoria Williams (junior).

Many thanks to outgoing board members Karen Crossen, Christi Fisher, Lori McGarigle, Amy Moosbrugger, and PJ Whalen for your invaluable years of service.



Mingda Liu (Junior), Elizabeth Douglas, Kaity McGarigle (both Juvenile), Jeslyn Choi (Intermediate), Nile Ziegler (Novice)



Melanie Schael (Pre-Juvenile), Olivia Kim, Chloe Rutter, Katia Kochengina (all Juvenile), Emma Grace James (Pre-Juvenile)



Hasita Yalamanchili (Pre-Preliminary), Audrey Latham, Anna McPeak, Katie Palmer (all Preliminary)



Maddie Lampert (Pre-Preliminary), Amelia Marsh (High Beginner), Leia Beinenson (Pre-Preliminary), Varnika Kosaraju (No Test)



Atlanta Open Member Results

SENIOR MEN - Tim Dolensky

Short Program 1st/1

MASTERS - Junior/Senior

Free Skate

Alexandra McCarthey 1st/1

Lt. Entertainment Show.

Alexandra McCarthey 1st/1

JUNIOR LADIES - Mingda Liu

Free Skate 7th/7

Short Program 4th/7

NOVICE LADIES

Free Skate, Grp. B

Nile Ziegler 6th/11

Short Program, Grp. A

Nile Ziegler 6th/7

Short Program, Grp. B

Hannah Carleton 5th/7

INTERMEDIATE LADIES

Final

Jeslyn Choi 1st/12

Elvira Junnila 6th/12

Free Skate, Grp. A

Jeslyn Choi 3rd/9

Kaitlyn Plaziak 8th/9

Free Skate, Grp. B

Elvira Junnila 3rd/9

Short Program, Grp. A

Jeslyn Choi 1st/11

Katia Kochengina 2nd/11

Elvira Junnila 6th/11

Short Program, Grp. B

Kaitlyn McGarigle 6th/12

Trinity Fong 8th/12

Kaitlyn Plaziak 12th/12

Spins

Adeline Wieler 1st/1

JUVENILE/OPEN JUVENILE

Short Program

Madeline Freeman 1st/10

Madison Long 2nd/10

Chloe Rutter 3rd/10

Elizabeth Douglas 5th/10

Melanie Schael 6th/10

Bailey Snead 7th/10

Spins

Emma Grace James 1st/3

Jumps

Emma Grace James 1st/3

JUVENILE GIRLS

Final

Kaitlyn McGarigle 1st/12

Katia Kochengina 4th/12

Chloe Rutter 7th/12

Adeline Wieler 9th/12

Trinity Fong 10th/12

Madison Long 11th/12

Free Skate, Grp. A

Kaitlyn McGarigle 3rd/8

Chloe Rutter 4th/8

Olivia Kim 8th/8

Free Skate, Grp. B

Katia Kochengina 1st/10

Adeline Wieler 3rd/10

Trinity Fong 5th/10

Madison Long 6th/10

Madeline Freeman 7th/10

Free Skate, Test Track

Isabel Bobrik 1st/8

Grace Crossen 2nd/8

Audrey Kate Johnson 4th/8



PRE-JUVENILE

Free Skate, Grp. A

Melanie Schael 1st/6

Free Skate, Grp. B

Bailey Snead 3rd/5

Free Skate, Grp. C

Elizabeth Douglas 2nd/5

Emma Grace James 3rd/5

Free Skate, Test Track

Regan Williams 1st/3

Alexa Phillips 2nd/3

Compulsory Moves

Audrey Latham 3rd/6

Spins, Grp. A

Audrey Latham 1st/4

Spins, Grp. B

Alexa Phillips 2nd/3

Jumps

Anna McPeak 2nd/4

Audrey Latham 4th/4

PRELIMINARY

Free Skate, Grp. A

Audrey Latham 5th/6

Sarah Cairo 6th/6

Free Skate, Grp. B

Cristanne Goodwin 5th/6

Katie Palmer 6th/6

Free Skate, Grp. C

Terry Kim 2nd/7

Anna McPeak 3rd/7

Compulsory Moves, Grp. A

Ava Windley 6th/8

Compulsory Moves, Grp. B

Elisa Bode 2nd/8

Spins, Grp. A

Clara Owen 3rd/4

Jumps

Hasita Yalamanchili 8th/9

Ava Windley 9th/9

Lt. Entertainment Show.

Cristanne Goodwin 8th/10

PRE-PRELIMINARY**Free Skate, Grp. B**

Hasita Yalamanchili	2nd/5
Clara Owen	5th/5

Free Skate, Grp. C

Ava Windley	6th/6
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Free Skate, Grp. D

Elisa Bode	1st/6
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Free Skate, Test Track

Leia Beinenson	1st/7
Madeline Lampert	3rd/7
Ashley Weller	4th/7
Emily Troncalli	5th/7
Chloe Malenfant	6th/7

Compulsory Moves, Grp. A

Anna Windley	3rd/4
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Compulsory Moves, Grp. B

Hasita Yalamanchili	2nd/4
Clara Owen	3rd/4

Spins

Ava Windley	3rd/6
Anna Windley	5th/6

Jumps

Anna Windley	2nd/6
Clara Owen	3rd/6
Varnika Kosaraju	5th/6

NO TEST**Free Skate, Grp. B**

Anna Windley	3rd/6
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Free Skate, Grp. C

Annamarie Valecruz	4th/7
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Free Skate, Grp. D

Varnika Kosaraju	2nd/7
Lilly Wood	6th/7

Compulsory Moves, Grp. A

Leia Beinenson	3rd/5
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Compulsory Moves, Grp. B

Lilly Wood	3rd/4
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Lt. Entertainment Show.

Emily Troncalli	2nd/3 T
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Spins

Lilly Wood	1st/4
Emily Troncalli	3rd/4

Jumps

Lilly Wood	3rd/4
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HIGH BEGINNER**Free Skate, Grp. A**

Brynn Cartagena	6th/9
Serena Shang	7th/9

Free Skate, Grp. B

April Zhang	1st/8
Amelia Marsh	2nd/8
Mia Calabrese	5th/8
Grayson Snow	8th/8

Free Skate, Grp. C

Grace Bell	3rd/9
Emily Cornelison	4th/9
Sadie Womack	8th/9

Compulsory Moves, Grp. A

April Zhang	2nd/5
Brynn Cartagena	4th/5

Compulsory Moves, Grp. B

Berkeley Williams	1st/4T
Serena Shang	1st/4T

Compulsory Moves, Grp. C

Emily Cornelison	1st/5
Grace Bell	3rd/5
Sadie Womack	4th/5
Grayson Snow	5th/5

Spins

April Zhang	1st/4
Brynn Cartagena	4th/4

Jumps, Grp. A

Brynn Cartagena	2nd/4
April Zhang	3rd/4

Jumps, Grp. B

Emily Cornelison	1st/4
Grace Bell	2nd/4

Lt. Entertainment Show.

Berkeley Williams	1st/3
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**BEGINNER****Free Skate, Grp. A**

Alexandra Traber	4th/7
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Free Skate, Grp. B

Yasmine Manafi	1st/8
AnneMarie Ahlin	4th/8
Claire Cameron	5th/8
Alexis Chiang	6th/8
Noelle Chatigny	7th/8

Compulsory Moves

Yasmine Manafi	3rd/5
Claire Cameron	4th/5

ADULT SILVER**Free Skate**

Nancy Ellis Riggs	3rd/3
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ADULT BRONZE**Dram. Entertainment Show.**

Gaia Shamis	1st/1
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ADULT PRE-BRONZE**Free Skate, Grp. A**

Gaia Shamis	2nd/5
Cathy Sabella	5th/5



SOLO DANCE

PATTERN DANCE

INTERNATIONAL - Soucci Taylor

Final	2nd/3
Silver Samba	2nd/3
Tango Romantica	2nd/3

SILVER - Tiffany Hatzikoutelis

Final	3rd/4
American Waltz	1st/4
Tango	4th/4

PRE-SILVER

Final	
Kaitlyn Plaziak	3rd/6
Stephanie Brimeyer	6th/6

Fourteensstep

Kaitlyn Plaziak	4th/6
Stephanie Brimeyer	6th/6

Foxtrot

Kaitlyn Plaziak	2nd/6
Stephanie Brimeyer	6th/6

BRONZE - Madeline Freeman

Final	1st/7
Hickory Hoedown	1st/7
Willow Waltz	1st/7

PRE-BRONZE

Final	
Audrey Kate Johnson	3rd/6
Katie Palmer	5th/6

Cha Cha

Audrey Kate Johnson	2nd/6
Katie Palmer	5th/6

Fiesta Tango

Audrey Kate Johnson	3rd/6
Katie Palmer	5th/6

COMBINED

Senior

Final	
Soucci Taylor	1st/5
Helena Fisher	2nd/5

Short Dance

Soucci Taylor	1st/5
Helena Fisher	3rd/5

Free Dance

Soucci Taylor	1st/5
Helena Fisher	3rd/5

Junior - Breele Taylor

Final	1st/2
Short Dance	1st/2
Free Dance	1st/2

Novice - Tiffany Hatzikoutelis

Final	2nd/4
Pattern Dance	4th/4
Free Dance	2nd/4

Intermediate, Grp. A

Final	
Madeline Freeman	1st/6
Kaitlyn Plaziak	4th/6
Stephanie Brimeyer	6th/6

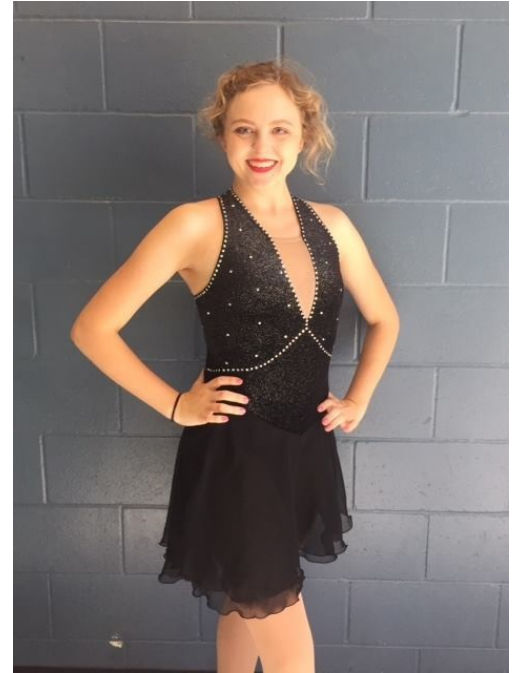
Pattern Dance

Madeline Freeman	1st/6T
Kaitlyn Plaziak	5th/6
Stephanie Brimeyer	6th/6

Free Dance

Madeline Freeman	1st/6
Kaitlyn Plaziak	3rd/6
Stephanie Brimeyer	6th/6

Congratulations, Breele!



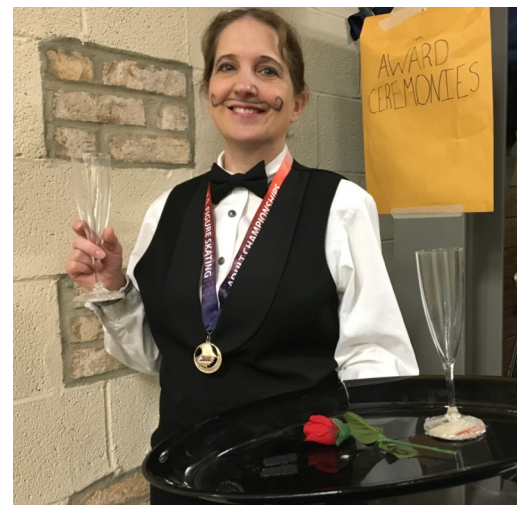
*Bronze Judging Appointment
Singles and Pairs*



**US Adult Championships
CORRECTION!**

Light Entertainment III

Nancy Ellis Riggs 2nd/12





Judge Sharon Hyre, Chief Referee Rick Perez, and winner Ashley Merrills

First Annual Susan Johnson Trophy Presented

The first annual Susan Johnson Trophy was presented to the Intermediate level skater with the highest free skate initial round component score.

A life member of the Atlanta FSC, Susan was the club's first competition judge (1970), its first international judge (1984), and a World ISU judge (1993). She has officiated at hundreds of domestic competitions and more than 50 international competitions, including three World Championships and the 1998 Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan.

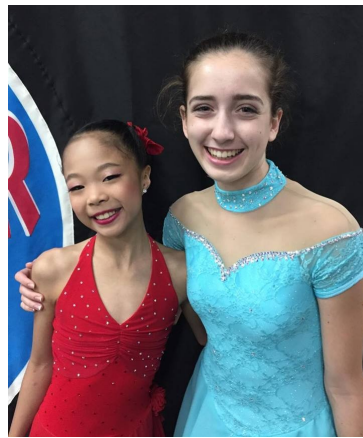
Susan is a National singles/pairs, National synchronized skating, Gold moves, Gold figures, and Silver dance judge as well as a Regional referee and technical controller. In 2016, she celebrated her 60th anniversary

as a U.S. Figure Skating official.

She also served USFS as chair of the Judges Committee and the Competitions Committee and was co-chair of the 1980 U.S. Championships in Atlanta.

In 2007 she was awarded the ISU Gold Award of Merit in recognition of her valuable contributions to skating.

Susan has been the recipient of the club's Judge's Award and Golden Boot Award, was co-author of the club's first newsletter, the *Freestyler*, and was one of the originators of our outstanding skater awards.



Thank you to our contributing photographers
Denise Freeman, Jeanelle Choi, Victoria
Williams, and Tea Junnila.



2017 Ice Dance Weekend



The 2017 Ice Dance Weekend on June 2 - 4 was a smashing success thanks to Chair **Laurie Sanii** and coach **Graham Payne**! The Friday night theme was "Sci-Fiction" with skaters in costumes of their favorite science fiction character. Fifty-five skaters from 15 states and Canada registered, including a record 12 participants under the age of 18. More than 70% were repeat skaters, and 15 were new to our event.

Many thanks to our volunteers **Janet Payne**, **Rob Kriegel**, and **Kathy Shehee** for the fabulous meal preparation and service, **Todd Pettigrew** for hours of music editing, **Josie Castracane** for the decorative water bottles with skater names, and to **Laurie Sanii** for donating the purchase of photos from Little Phish Foto!







2017 Awards Banquet

Sixty-seven members attended the annual Awards Banquet on May 19 at the Country Club of Roswell. Kudos to Chair Lori Douglas!



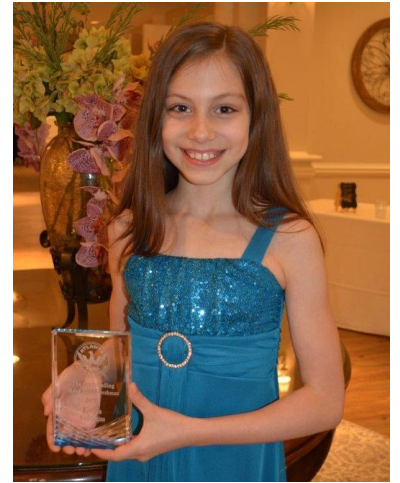
Outstanding Skater - Senior

Soucci Taylor



Outstanding Skater - Junior

Jeslyn Choi



Outstanding Skater - Freshman

Katia Kochengina



Lewis Elkin Dance Award

Madeline Freeman



Bruce Stultz Silver Blade Award

Alice Qiao



USFS Double Gold Medalist

Soucci Taylor



Lucille Morgan Judge's Award

Gloria Lewis



Pinky Ager Coach Award

Pam Levitt



Rud Ellis President's Award

Sharon Hyre



Joann Oehlert Spirit Award

Lori Malthaner



Adult Skater of the Year

Nancy Ellis Riggs



Adult Skater of the Year

Jamie Traylor



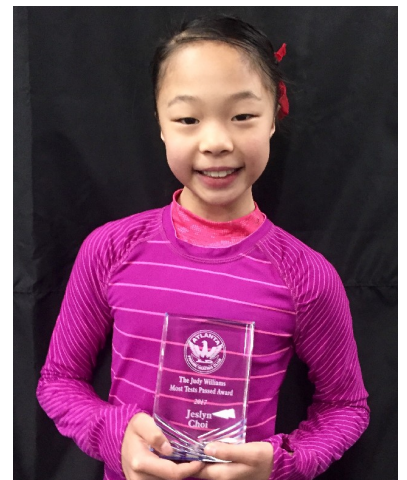
Golden Boot Award

Eva Campanya



Judy Williams Test Award

Sarah Cairo



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Jeslyn Choi



Scholarship Recipients

Emily Moosbrugger, Julia Kornetzke, Amanda Bao

