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Magnolia Open to Host 225 Skaters



Skaters from seven US Figure Skating clubs, seven rinks, and six states will compete at the 2016 Magnolia Open on March 18 - 20 at The Cooler. Please welcome our visitors as well as our distinguished panel of officials.

Exhibitions

Exhibitions for members will be performed during Club Ice on March 11. Please email Karen Crossen at jkcrossen@gmail.com if you have not reserved a spot. Skaters will be accommodated on a first-

come, first-served basis.

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 event in August.

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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Coaches' Hospitality	Jan Brown
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Practice Ice Monitors	Cynthia Kornetzke
Program	Dana Forehand
Registration	Lori McGarigle
Runners	Jan Brown
Vendors	Christi Fisher
Volunteer Coordinator	Jan Brown

Vendors

Please stop by our vendors: A'la Bing, ML Photography, Straw Productions, Skate Monkey, and SG Sportswear.

Questions

Please contact 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!



THANK YOU!

OFFICIALS

Chief Referee

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Accountant

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Tony Torres Huntsville, AL

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Brook Ziegler Atlanta, GA

Navarro and Bommentre To Join Cast of Frosted Fantasies and Fairytales



We are thrilled to announce that our guest performers for the Spring Show will be **Kim Navarro** and **Brent Bommentre**, the 2010 first alternates to the Vancouver Olympic Games, the 2008 and 2009 US Championships ice dance bronze medalists, the 2008 Four Continents bronze medalists, and two-time World Championships team members.

As professional skaters, Kim and Brent have performed with *Holiday on Ice*, *Broadway on Ice*, *Sun Valley On Ice*, the Ice Theatre of New York, the 2014 Olympic tour of *Stars On Ice*, and are principal members of Ice Dance International. They have also performed in the television skating specials "Shall We Dance On Ice" and the "Brian Boitano Skating Spectacular" as well as the Scott Hamilton C.A.R.E.S Initiative shows *An Evening With Scott Hamilton and Friends* and *Scott Hamilton and Friends On Ice*. They were featured in an episode of the television show *Glee* and competed as part of the act "Aerial Ice" on the quarter-finals of NBC's *America's Got Talent*.



They author a podcast entitled "Megasequin - Where Skating Stories Sparkle."



JUNE 9 - 11

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE
APRIL 30**

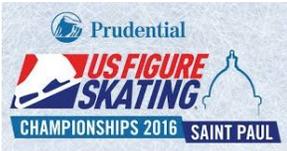


Levels: Beginner - Senior; Adult Beginner - Gold
 Disciplines: Singles, Pairs, Dance
 Entry Deadline: **April 30**
 Judging Systems: 6.0 for Introductory - Pre-Juvenile Free Skate, All Test Track, All Adult Events, Solo Dance, Showcase, Spins, Moves, Jumps, Step Sequence
 IJS for Juvenile - Senior Singles and Pairs Free Skate, Short Program, Couples Dance

EVENTS

- Free Skate
- Test Track Free Skate
- Short Program
- Pairs Free Skate, Short Program
- Moves
- Spins
- Jumps
- Step Sequence
- Couples Pattern Dance, Short Dance, Free Dance
- Solo Pattern Dance, Combined Dance and Shadow Dance
- Showcase Dramatic and Light Entertainment

Congratulations to Our U.S. Championships Competitors - Stellar Performances!



Tim Dolensky amassed 236.13 points overall for a 7th place finish, his highest ever at the U.S. Championships and a personal best ISU total and short program score. Competing against 19 of the top senior men in the country, he received positive GOEs on 10 of 13 elements in his 7th place free skate, including a triple Axel, triple Salchow, triple Lutz, triple flip, triple loop/double Axel/sequence combination, and double Axel.



In his 5th place short program, Tim achieved positive GOEs on six of seven elements, including a triple Axel, triple flip/triple toe combination, and triple Lutz.

Tim was also the 2012 Junior Men silver medalist and the 2010 Novice Men bronze medalist. He has been named an alternate for the Four Continents Figure Skating Championships.

Total	236.13 (PB)
Free Skate	156.12
Short Program	88.01



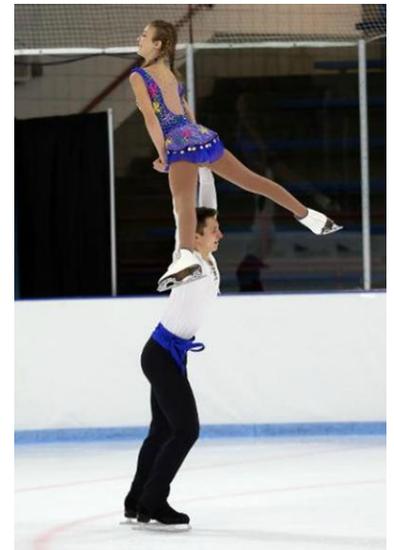
Jabe Roberts and **Berit Cummings** (Lake Minnetonka FSC), a newly formed Intermediate Pairs team, together for only six months, earned the bronze medal, narrowly missing the silver by a mere .25 points. They were awarded 97.23 total points, 3rd place in both events, earning positive GOEs on six of their elements in the free skate, including a throw double Salchow, throw double loop, group 4 lift, and choreography sequence.



In their short program, they achieved positive GOEs on five of six elements in their short program, including a single twist lift, pair spin, group 4 lift, and forward inside death spiral.

Jabe was also the 2013 South Atlantic Regional Championships Juvenile Boys bronze medalist, finishing 5th at Eastern Sectionals. He competed at the 2012 US Junior Championships at the Juvenile level.

Final	97.23
Free Skate	64.09
Short Program	33.14



Spring Show/Club Ice Update



Club Ice will be used for practice sessions for the Spring Ice Show on the following dates:

March 25	April 8	April 22
April 1	April 12	April 29

Off-ice classes are cancelled for the above dates and will resume on May 6.

Attention Graduating Seniors!

If you are a graduating high school senior, please email [Jane Jud at Jjudalex@aol.com](mailto:Jjudalex@aol.com) as soon as possible. We will feature our seniors in the next issue of the **Freestyler**.



Club Academic Scholarship

The Atlanta FSC college academic scholarship instructions and application are available online for qualified club members. The deadline is **April 11** (postmark.) Please note that all awards will be mailed directly to the applicant's college/university.

Atlanta FSC To Host Judges' Dance School - June 4



The school is open to all judges and trial judges working toward a promotion in ice dance. You must be at least 16 years of age for trial judging or 18 years of age for a judging appointment at the time of application and a current member of U.S. Figure Skating in good standing. Basic Skills membership does not fulfill the membership requirement. You do NOT need to hold any judging appointments. Current members of the PSA in good standing may also attend. Those who attend the full school will receive 25 CEUs.

FACULTY: JET John Millier Gold/ISU Competition Judge
Assistant JET Carol Wooley Gold/National Competition Judge
Chair Tea Junnila

STAFF: 2012 U.S. Championships Senior Dance pewter medalists Logan Giuletti-Shmitt and Lynn Kriengkrairut

COST: A fee of \$75.00 to cover administrative costs includes snacks and class materials. There are several restaurants within walking distance of the hotel, including Miller's Ale House, On the Border, Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen, and Killer Creek.

QUESTIONS: Contact John Millier at Millierjc@aol.com or Tea Junnila at Teija.junnila@comcast.net.

ICE DANCE WEEKEND

We also hope you will join our Ice Dance Weekend festivities on Friday and Sunday.

TRIAL JUDGING OPPORTUNITY

The Atlanta FSC will hold a dance test session on Sunday, June 5 from 7:00AM to 9:00AM.

Details and the registration form are available on the club website. The deadline is **May 14**.

9th Annual Ice Dance Weekend



The Atlanta Figure Skating Club is pleased to host the 9th annual Ice Dance Weekend at The Cooler in Alpharetta, GA on June 3 - 5. The weekend is designed to promote ice dancing, provide quality instruction, and *have fun!* We will be dancing to a mixture of traditional ISU and modern music. **ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!**

- 10 hours of ice dance sessions on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- Friday's session featuring a "I Love the 80s" theme will be followed by a Welcome Party with dinner at the rink. Dance in your totally tubular black and neon, rock band shirts, matching socks, shoulder pads, and teased hair. Or you can wear whatever you like Friday night and the whole weekend - fancy skating dresses, jeans. Anything is cool with us! Costumes, of course, are optional.
- Saturday's sessions will include an Ice Dance Clinic, instructed by Graham Payne. Lunch will be provided.
- Saturday night we will host a dinner in a beautiful party room at Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen (adjacent to the rink). We will provide dinner, music and a cash bar.
- Sunday's sessions will include a second Ice Dance Clinic by Graham Payne, followed by a farewell brunch/lunch at the rink.



Details and registration forms will be available on the club website or check Atlantaicedanceweekend.com. The registration deadline is **May 20**.



National Skating Month Club Ice - January 29

BRING A FRIEND ... OR TWO



Congratulations Tim wall.

Thanks to Special Events Chair Lori McGarigle and to Tim Dolensky for signing autographs! We hosted 70 skaters, including 36 friends!





SPOTLIGHT SKATER

Jeslyn Choi

What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

My favorite jump is the double flip because it feels really good when I land it. My least favorite spin is the layback because I get dizzy.

Favorite program/music?

My favorite program is my current free skate program "Happy Birthday." It is a very unexpected kind of music, and it has many fun parts to skate with.

Whom do you admire most?

Jesus, because he is my Savior and Lord; He helps me with my needs.

Most memorable event of your skating career?

When I landed my double Lutz I got a bloody nose from rotating too fast.

Who is your favorite skater?

My favorite skater is Yuzuru Hanyu because it's so cool watching him fly.

Tell us about your school and extracurricular activities.

I attend Georgia Connections Academy which is an online school. I skipped a grade, so I am already a 5th grader. My favorite subject is science. I am also in the Duke TIP program since 4th grade when I was at State Bridge Crossing Elementary. I am taking gifted Language Arts and gifted Science.

I do Taekwondo, and I am getting my black belt in this spring. I am also having fun in my Character, Modern, Jazz, and Ballet classes. I want to try Ninja obstacle course, trampoline, and tumbling too.

What famous person would you most like to meet?

I would like to meet Hanyu because he is such a great skater.

Tell us about your family.

I have an 8-year-old brother, Justin. I am so glad for having a brother because he makes me smile.

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

Myself

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

An actress

Best advice ever received

"The present is the present from God." ~Daddy

What are your future skating and educational goals?

Olympic figure skating champion!!!!

I want to be in the U.S history textbook. I will attend college, and I will continue to skate

My favorite things are

My tablet, my pink Korean keyboard, and books.

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

I sleep with my Pinky. Pinky is a little pink bear that my mommy made for me when I was born, and she is as old as me. She is like my twin sister.

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

Unlimited food with a house, my phone with Wifi, and my skates with an ice rink.

Favorite word: *Play*

Least favorite word: *Secret*

Favorite food: *Kim-bab is my favorite food. It is a Korean veggie roll.*

Least favorite food: *Tomato*

What turns me off: *Long talks*

Favorite quote: *"Some days you've got to make your own sunshine." ~ Anonymous*

Favorite Book: *Invasion of the Overworld*

Favorite color: *Turquoise*

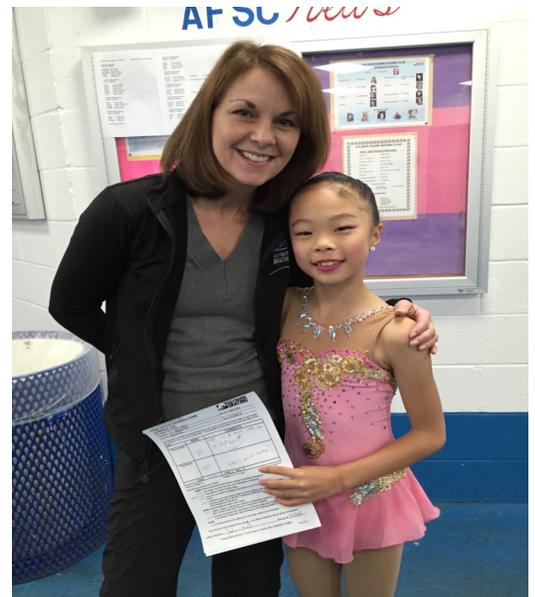
Sounds I love: *Clapping and big applause*

Sound I dislike: *The hockey buzzer*

I would never want to be: *A nurse who gives shots*

Three words that best describe me: *Funny, talkative, and tiny*

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Kudos to our judges for their years of service:

Susan Johnson — 60 years

Anne Malacrea — 35 years

John Millier — 25 years

Congratulations!

To Judge **John Millier** who earned an appointment as National Dance Technical Controller.

To **John Richardson** who will serve as an announcer at the 2016 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships on February 23 - 27 in Kalamazoo, MI.



2016 - 2017 Board of Directors Elections

The Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors will be posting the slate of candidates for the 2016 - 2017 season by March 15. These candidates will fulfill the expiring terms of current BOD members: Jan Brown, Christi Fisher, Jane Jud, Lori McGarigle (all junior), and Judith Flair (senior.)

Nominating Committee members are Tami Mickle (chair), Graham Payne, Leon Qiao, John Richardson, Kathy Shehee, and PJ Whalen.



Kristen Berner
Courtney Nichols
Heidi Calabrese
Erika Harris

Katie Nix
Jun Ogden
Kasi Puri
Kris Puri



The 2016 Solo Dance Series season will run from February 1, 2016 - August 14, 2016, with the 2016 National Solo Dance Final taking place September 7-10, 2016 in Newark, Delaware and hosted by the University of Delaware FSC.

Participant registration for the 2016 Solo Dance Series is now open on the USFS website. Registration will be open until **March 15**. As a reminder, skaters must register either before their first series competition or by **March 15** to be considered a 2016 Solo Dance Series skater.

EASTERN SECTION

<u>COMPETITION</u>	<u>CLUB, LOCATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
Florida Open	Central Florida FSC, Maitland (Orlando), FL	April 7 - 10	March 6
Morris Open	SC of Morris, Morristown, NJ	April 10	March 1
Southern Connecticut Open	SC of Southern Connecticut, Darien, CT	April 15 - 17	March 15
May Day Open	Gardens FSC, Laurel, MD	May 5 - 8	March 31
NJ Council of FSC Championships	SC of Morris, Morristown, NJ	June 3 - 5	May 5
Edward G. Pickens Dance Classic	Washington FSC, Ashburn, VA	June 4 - 5	May 4
Atlanta Open	Atlanta FSC, Alpharetta, GA	June 9 - 11	April 28
Chesapeake Open	Baltimore FSC, Laurel, MD	June 22 - 25	May 15
Orange Blossom	Tampa Bay SC, Oldsmar, FL	July 7 - 10	May 28
Skate Wilmington	SC of Wilmington, Wilmington, DE	July 21 - 24	June 27
Lake Placid Ice Dance Championships	SC of Lake Placid, Lake Placid, NY	July 27 - 30	June 27
Miami Open	Miami FSC, Miami, FL	August 5 - 7	July 5
Cranberry Open	Yarmouth IC, South Dennis, MA	August 9 - 14	July 19
Hershey Open	Hershey FSC, Hershey, PA	August 10 - 13	June 10

Adventure

From Competitions to Coaching to ...

Junior ice dancers **Brittany Marshall** and **Ashley Deavers** (Birmingham FSC) skated together for three years, a union that culminated at the 2009 U.S. Championships. After a serious skating injury, Brittany underwent numerous medical procedures, including back surgery, that ultimately ended their competitive careers. Both Brittany and Ashley eventually switched gears into coaching and often travel and coach as a team.

But the saga doesn't end there; here is Brittany's account of the events that transpired in late 2015.

When the head coach at the Dubai Ice Rink, Crystal Sinibaldi, contacted our former coaches in Birmingham, Heather and Eric Mumper (with whom she had previously coached in Cleveland, OH) and asked if Ashley and I would be willing to skate in their Holiday Show, we immediately started training in Birmingham with our former coaches.

Crystal selected and cut our music and provided costume and choreography recommendations for the "Elementis Show 2015." Once the program was choreographed by Heather, we received input from world choreographer Doug Mattis as well as coaches Eric Mumper, Danny Tate, and Graham Payne, who helped put the finishing touches on the show program.



On December 16, we flew from Atlanta to London and then to Dubai, UAE - about 17 hours of whirlwind travel. Ashley and I spent two weeks in Dubai performing in six shows at the four story Dubai Ice Rink located inside the Dubai Mall.

We would train in the mornings for the shows in the evenings and had the opportunity to sightsee during the afternoons. We spent Christmas Eve exploring Abu Dhabi and visiting the largest mosque in the world. We ventured out to the desert and rode a camel, shopped in beautiful Souks, and dined on some authentic Islamic dishes!

The people were so gracious and friendly. Being in a different country and witnessing the different cultures and religious customs was an amazing and eye-opening experience. This excursion has opened the door for many future opportunities for both Ashley and me.



Tests Passed

February

Olivia Barnes	Novice Moves
Tiffany Hatzikoutelis	Novice Moves
Grace Crossen	Intermediate Moves
Emily Hwang	Intermediate Moves
Kaitlyn McGarigle	Intermediate Moves
Kaitlyn Plaziak	Intermediate Moves
Ashley Catanzarite	Juvenile Free Skate
Charleigh Hatheway	Juvenile Moves
Madison Long	Juvenile Moves
Regan Williams	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Olivia Kim	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Michelle Miranda	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Katie Palmer	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Isabelle Chalker	Preliminary Free Skate
Christina Gaalema	Preliminary Free Skate
Clara Owen	Preliminary Moves
Hasita Yalamanchili	Preliminary Moves
Cristanne Goodwin	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Audrey Latham	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Madeline Freeman	Fiesta Tango
	Cha Cha
	Swing Dance
Anna Scott Wieler	Fiesta Tango
	Cha Cha
	Swing Dance
Regan Williams	Fiesta Tango
	Cha Cha
	Swing Dance

January

Trinity Fong	Junior Moves
Elvira Junnila	Novice Moves
Madeline Freeman	Intermediate Moves
Katia Kochengina	Intermediate Moves
Chloe Rutter	Intermediate Moves
Charleigh Hatheway	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Maya Mekyten	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Elizabeth Douglas	Preliminary Free Skate
Jamie Traylor	Adult Bronze Moves
	Adult Pre-Bronze Moves
Nile Ziegler	Preliminary Dance Test
	Rhythm Blues
	Canasta Tango
	Dutch Waltz
Grace Wolf	Pre-Juvenile Moves

December

Christina Gaalema	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Lily Cho	Preliminary Free Skate
	Juvenile Moves
Audrey-Kate Johnson	Preliminary Free Skate
	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Samantha Bean	Preliminary Moves
Chloe Chen	Preliminary Moves

November

Meredith Scafidi	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Samantha Bean	2	Martine Szanto	14
Bailey Snead		Jeanelle Choi	19
Hallie McGuinness	4	Carrilynn Corbin	20
Ellen Poulsen		Elizabeth Wright-Johnson	20
Toren Stafford		Elizabeth Douglas	22
John Harris	7	Isabella Giordano	23
Anna McPeak	8	Olga Vacariuc	
Madeline Freeman	9	Jackie Benson	26
Elizabeth Jester	9	Chrissy Imperiale	26
Connie Taylor	9	Helena Fisher	27
Blair Kim	10	Grace Rathbun	
Ashley Benson	11	Laurie Vieth	
Lauren Kaplita	13	Kayla Massie	30



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Janice Battersby	1	Keelee Taylor	15
Mia Giordano		Dawn Boschen	16
Kylie Mullis	2	Nan Cong	18
Sherri Barnes	5	Anne D'Eloia	
Kathy Shankle		Marian Yen	21
Clara Owen	6	Katherine Rolley	22
Hasita Yalamanchili		Mingda Liu	23
D'Arcy Robb	8	Isabelle Chalker	24
Adeline Wieler		Raj Kosaraju	25
Byron Palmer	10	Mallory Barnes	27
Mei Li	13	Anna Martynenko	
Lynn Thompson		Amy Moosbrugger	
Vamsi Mohan	14	Jean Sohn	
Thattikota		Natalie Martin	30

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Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SPONSOR/LOCATION</u>
Eastern Adult Sectional Championships	March 4 - 6	Philadelphia SC and Humane Society, Ardmore, PA
Magnolia Open Exhibitions	March 11	Atlanta FSC
Magnolia Open	March 18 - 20	Atlanta FSC
Test Session	April 17	Atlanta FSC
US Adult Championships	April 5 - 9	Ann Arbor FSC, Ann Arbor, MI
Florida Open	April 7 - 10	Central Florida FSC, Orlando, FL
Skate Nashville	April 22 - 24	Nashville FSC, Franklin, TN
Spring Show	April 29 - May1	Atlanta FSC