

BLADELINES

August 2024

Congratulations to all BFSC skaters, coaches, and families who represented the club at competitions the weekend of July 18 – 21! Skaters competed at the Smoky Mountain Classic in Knoxville, TN, and at the Peach Open NQS, Peach Open Non-Qual, and Peach Classic at the Atlanta Ice Forum in Duluth, GA. Visit the BFSC Instagram for photos!

BFSC skaters and coaches will attend the following competitions this month:

August 1 – 4: Scott Hamilton Invitational NQS & Non-Qual, Ford Ice Center, Bellevue, TN.

August 5 – 9: Showcase Nations in San Jose, CA

August 23- 25: Atlanta Open at The Cooler, Alpharetta, GA

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!!

A Big THANK YOU to all the PCC coaches who share their love of skating around the clock and work tirelessly to prepare skaters for competitions and test sessions.

BFSC ANNUAL BANQUET

Please join or support the BFSC for the ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET! Don't delay; The deadline for purchasing a ticket through your Entryeze account is Monday, August 5.

The Annual BFSC Banquet & Fundraiser recognizes the accomplishments of all BFSC skaters, coaches, and volunteers. The celebration serves to acknowledge the end of the previous competition season and fiscal year (July 1 to June 30). Funds raised via ticket sales, raffle ticket sales, and proceeds from the Silent Auction go towards presenting the annual Magic City Ice Classic, Club Ice Events, and other club sponsored programming.

All current members of the BFSC and their friends and family are welcome! We certainly hope you can attend but if you cannot, there are lots of ways to participate, be recognized, and support the club!!

Sunday, August 18, 2 – 4:00 pm

Pelham Civic Center & Ice Arena Banquet Room

\$30 per person, available for purchase Entryeze. (Under the Merchandise tab in your account.) *Ticket Deadline: Monday, August 5*

Presale Raffle Tickets: Quantities of 10, 15, 20 available on Entryeze. (Under the Merchandise tab in your account.) Save time and order now to be picked up on arrival at the event. *Presale Deadline: Monday, August 5*

Video Reel Photos: Please submit two quality images of yourself or your skater to be included in the video reel. Group shots are welcome in addition!! Send images directly

to Cami.a.myers+skaters@gmail.com

Deadline to be included is Sunday, August 11.

Silent Auction & Raffle: Donations from businesses and club members contribute to our success! Big ticket items will go in the Silent Auction and smaller items will make up the raffle. Contact Laura Lee at lesigres@gmail.com to donate or for ideas!

JUNIOR BOARD PREPARES FOR 2024-25 SEASON

Thanks to everyone who was able to attend or expressed interest in the Info Meeting and Elections on July 8. On top of managing school and skating and other commitments, last season's accomplishments include: Monthly meetings August – April; revision of the bylaws; Featured Skater program; bulletin board decorations; Disney on Ice field trip; Halloween Club Ice & Bake Sale Fundraiser for Holiday Angel Tree kids; Dec Lock-In & Locker Room clean out; Angel Tree kids shopping; January Get Out & Skate Exhibition; Valentine Club Ice; assistance with UAB Low Vision Event; GBHS Pet Supply Drive; and big assist with preparing for 2024 MCIC.

Grateful thanks to outgoing Junior Board President, Ava Taylor for her service the last two years and leading her final meeting. Good luck this fall as you start college!

Also rolling off the Junior Board are Harper Breitenfeld, Palmer Lunsford, and Blayne Powers. We wish you well in all your endeavors and hope you'll still be able to participate in some of this year's events!

The 2024-25 Junior Board includes:

President: Lily Taylor

V.P.: Caroline Lee

Secretary: Leilah Kooshiar

Treasurer: Adria Liliac

Historian: Cianna Brulez

Members at Large: Lexie Duell, Peyton King, and River Stewart

Junior Board Advisors: Ashley Pfeiffer and Henrika Taylor

BFSC BOARD MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS TAKE ON NEW ROLES

Social Media & Competition Results – Susie Gray susielegray@gmail.com

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Competition Chair – Rose Reedy roseyhebert@gmail.com

Membership Co-Chairs – Laurel Parker & Cami Myers lkp5@cornell.edu

Junior Board Advisors – Ashley Pfeiffer ashleypfeiff@aol.com & Henrika Taylor henrikataylor@gmail.com

Marketing Chair – Toby Lunsford tobin.lunsford@iaai.com

LOC Chair – Katie White katherine3white@gmail.com

Fundraising/Sponsorship Chair – remains to be officially filled; Keir Breitenfeld

Keir.Breitenfeld@experian.com and Henrika Taylor henrikataylor@gmail.com will manage it for now.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (so far!)

- **2024 BFSC BANQUET:** Sunday, August 18, 2 - 4 pm at the Pelham Civic Center Banquet Hall. Buy tickets on Entryeeze by August 5.
- **BFSC TEST SESSION:** *Saturday, Sept 14. Registration is open in Entryeeze now until the deadline on August 25, 11:59 pm (CT).*
- **SKATING WORKSHOP WITH MAGIC CITY THEATER ON ICE:** *Saturday, Sept. 28, 11:00 am. Coaches Amy Herndon, Emily Sanders, and Anita Saxena will work on power, edge quality, quickness while skating with a partner, in a block, or a large group. The \$40 fee includes ice time and coaching. Register here: <https://square.link/u/Ycq2KfMI>*
- **HALLOWEEN CLUB ICE:** Saturday, Oct 26 -- On-Ice 6 - 7 pm, Trunk or Treat in the parking lot, 7 - 8 pm. Registration and details to be announced.
- **PELHAM CIVIC CENTER HOLIDAY ICE SHOW:** Saturday, December 21. Registration and details to be announced soon!
- **GET OUT AND SKATE DAY:** Jan TBD
- **VALENTINE CLUB ICE:** Saturday, February 8, 6 – 7 pm. Registration and details to be announced.
- **SENIOR SEND-OFF CLUB ICE:** April TBD
- **2025 MAGIC CITY ICE CLASSIC:** May 2 - 4, 2025

ADULT SKATER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to BFSC Adult Skaters Allison Ambler, Laura Lee Demmons, Becca Guthrie, Kim Harris, Adam Hudson, Autumn Jackson, and Rachel Morris who participated in the Peach Classic, the Adult Competition held in Duluth, GA, July 20 – 21. Please see the BFSC Instagram for posts of all their successes!

Also, Laurel Parker participated in the Starlight Ice Dance Club's Adult Ice Dance weekend July 19 – 21 in Minneapolis. **A NOTE FROM LAUREL:** *I attended my first ice dance weekend in 2015 in Rochester, NY. I was terrified. I was learning the pre-silver dances to test but had mostly forgotten the beginner dances. The other adults at the ice dance weekend couldn't have been nicer to me. Several took my hand and talked me through all of the steps I had forgotten. I had fun! I am still friends with these kind people and it was wonderful to see many of them again in Minneapolis last month.*

Check out the following Adult-Only Skating Opportunities:

- Huntsville Skating School and Training Academy – Huntsville Ice Sports Center:
 1. Adult Only Freeskate Sessions Saturdays 12:10-1:10 PM
 2. Adult Only Learn to Skate Saturdays 11:10 am to 12:10 PM
 3. Morning Brew Glide Crew Tuesdays 6-7 a.m. For more information call (256) 883-3774.
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- DON'T FORGET Birmingham FSC Adult Learn to Skate is on Monday nights, 6:30-7:30 p.m.! See <https://www.gomotionapp.com/team/pccss/page/class-registration> to register for the next session.
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- Adult Ice Dance Weekends & Camps

August 16-24, 2024

The Skating Club of Boston hosts “A Night at the Movies.” Join the fun at their brand-new rink with multiple sheets of ice JUST FOR FIGURE SKATING. Home of the Haydenettes Synchronized Skating Team, Tenley Albright, and other World and Olympic skaters. Participants enjoy skills clinics daily and a ballroom dinner dance caps the weekend. <https://scboston.org/icedance/>

August 18 – 24, 2024

20th Annual Adult Skaters Week

Sun Valley, Idaho: https://www.sunvalley.com/things-to-do/summer-skating-school/?gad_source=1&gclid=aw.ds

August 19 – 24, 2024

Lake Placid, NY <https://lakeplacidolympiccenter.com/todo/adult-skating-week/>

Sept 16 – 20, 2024

Valley of the Sun Adult Skate Camp: <https://www.azskatecamp.com/>

October 11-13, 2024

The Bay Area Ice Dance Weekend is in San Diego, California. This is typically a weekend for more advanced ice dancers, but it is another great opportunity to improve skills and meet other skaters in a friendly, supportive environment. <http://www.bayareaicedancers.org/IceDanceWeekends.html>

May 24 – 26, 2025, Memorial Day Weekend

Scott Hamilton Adult International Skating Camp, Nashville, TN

<https://www.nhl.com/predators/fordicecenter/scott-hamilton-skating-academy-adult>

Check out this link for more info on Adult Skating and competitions:

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/skate/skating-opportunities/adult-skating>

JUNIOR BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you or your skater would like to be a Featured Skater, please fill out the form (link below) with your information (age, coaches, goals, favorite skating skills, etc.) and 4 to 5 photos, preferably on the ice. High resolution, 300 dpi is best.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1AwTLMWymOv2WQQ9f0f2N5CdIA46FC5eA9EyD-mH-saM/edit>

The Junior Board looks forward to introducing you or your skater to the community! Featured Skater posters are prepared and posted on a rolling basis as the content is received.

BFSC SOCIAL MEDIA

Coaches, Parents, Skaters! As the competition season continues, please let us know what competitions you or your skater are attending so we can cheer everyone on via the club Facebook and Instagram (bham_sk8s) accounts. Please send your photos from competitions and test sessions to Susie Gray at susieleegray@gmail.com and don't forget to like and forward posts to help spread the love. Good luck to all!

PLEASE DONATE YOUR USED SKATES

Our Learn to Skate families and students need your outgrown skates and used boots and blades. The BFSC is partnering with the Pelham Skate School to match up skates still in usable condition to students. This is an ongoing initiative so whenever you have skates lingering around your house, we would be pleased to have you donate them.

The Club will price them reasonably so that more skaters can experience what skating feels like out of the rentals and before transitioning to buy new skates of their own.

Your skate donation will benefit the BFSC and the Skate School!
You may drop skates off with Skate Director, Christian Newberry or coordinate with Henrika Taylor henrikataylor@gmail.com

2024 COMPETITION DATES

Be advised that if a competitions fills, registration may close BEFORE the deadline.

August 2- 4, NQS Scott Hamilton Invitational, Bellevue, TN

August 2 -4, Non-Qual Scott Hamilton Invitational, Bellevue, TN

August 5 – 10, Showcase Nationals, San Jose, CA

August 23- 25, Atlanta Open, Alpharetta, GA

September 6 - 8, NQS John Smith Memorial Invitational, Charlotte, NC

Registration Deadline is Aug 17

September 6-8, Non-Qual John Smith Memorial Invitational, Charlotte, NC

Registration Deadline is Aug 17

September TBD, ISU International Adult Competition, Calgary

October 3 - 6, NQS Cranberry Fall Open, Norwood, MA

Not yet posted on EMS

This is not a comprehensive listing. Go to EMS to search all competitions regionally and nationally. Note that Adult Skaters and Collegiate Skaters may have a different competitions and schedules.

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Thank you for reading to the end! Any omissions are unintended! Any comments or questions, please reply directly to this email.