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*The Newsletter of the Birmingham Figure Skating Club*

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**Have a Merry Christmas  
and a  
Safe and Happy New Year!**



## Junior Board Makes Great Strides

The BFSC Junior Board, comprised of and run by members between the ages of 10 and 18, has been busy this club year. They have been active in organizing social events for the club and community service projects.

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Junior Board members organized the BFSC Halloween Party held at the Pelham Civic Complex on October 25. They also initiated a canned food drive benefitting Oak Mountain Missions in November. Future plans for the Junior Board include helping with National Skating Month activities. National Skating Month is an annual event held in January developed by United States Figure Skating to promote skating and recruit new skaters. Look for more information in future BFSC member communications.

Junior Board members include: Paige Livengood (President), Briganna Abernathy (Vice President), Sara Spradling (Secretary), Megan Jacobi (Historian), Carolyn Diehl (Historian), Emily Spradling (Social Co-Chair), Bonnie DeCarlo (Social Co-Chair), Abbie Smith, Julia DeCarlo, Payton DeMotte, Leslie Burnett, Alyssa Serrano, Ashley Beamon, Mary Elizabeth Lawhon, Ava Michl, and Marilyn Evans. Tracy Spradling serves as the Junior Board Liaison.

## Congratulations to Regional and Sectional Competitors

Preston Culpepper (Intermediate Men) and Heather Hardman (Intermediate Ladies) competed at the Eastern Great Lakes Regional Championships in Carmel, Indiana, October 16 - 20. Heather placed 5th in the qualifying round, and Preston placed 6th in the short program and 11th in the long program.


Marissa Spector (All Year FSC) and Chris Nolan (Atlanta FSC), pairs team who train at the Pelham Civic Complex, competed at the Eastern Sectional Championships in Newark, Delaware, November 18-21. They placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in Novice Pairs.

Congratulations to these skaters!

## Nationals Coming Soon!

The U.S. Figure Skating National Championships will be held in Spokane, Washington January 14 - 24, 2010. Skaters from around the country who have qualified at Sectionals, or placed high enough in past competitions to receive a bye, will compete at this event. In addition to determining the U.S. Champions, this event is used to determine who will earn a spot on the Olympic team and compete in Vancouver, Canada at the 2010 Winter Olympics February 12 – 28.

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## Southern Magic to Compete at Upcoming Competitions

The Pre-Juvenile and Open Juvenile teams will compete December 4, 2009, in Ann Arbor, Michigan and at the Synchronized Sectional Championships January 27, 2010, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Pre-Juvenile team is skating to music from the movie "Inspector Gadget" and the Open Juvenile team will compete to music from "Spiderman."

Pre-Juvenile team members include Madison Blaszczynski, Bailey Boohaker, Ann Charles, Marilyn Evans, Emily Hardwick, Emma Grace Lemoureaux, Alyssa McDougal, Anna Kate Myers, Meme Myers, Emmie Prewitt and Emily Taylor.

Open Juvenile team members include Ashley Beamon, Leslie Burnett, Bonnie DeCarlo, Julia DeCarlo, Jossie Gregg, Megan Jacobi, Paige Livengood, Emily Spradling, Sara Spradling and Abbie Smith.

Good luck to these teams as they represent the Birmingham Figure Skating Club!

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## Bridge Program Improves Skating Skills

The Bridge Program is designed to teach and improve skating skills by focusing on power, endurance, flexibility, artistry and more. The program is open to all BFSC members and Junior members who have passed Basic 6 or above.

Classes are held Monday nights from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. The class counts as one unit each week on a skater's freestyle card for BFSC members. Junior members must pay an additional \$35 for the term.

If you have questions about the Bridge Program, contact the Pelham Skate School office at 621-2639.

## BFSC Test Session to be Held March 7, 2010

A test session will be held at the Pelham Civic Complex on Sunday, March 7. The entry deadline for this test session is February 13, 2010.

Test application forms are available on our web site, [www.bhamfsc.com](http://www.bhamfsc.com). Applications must be postmarked by February 13, 2010. Since this falls on a Saturday, you can drop last minute forms off at the Galleria Post Office branch; however, you must request a Saturday postmark. Otherwise, they will postmark it Monday. Test applications cannot be left in the folder in the skate school office.

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## BFSC Board of Directors

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We're on the web!

Visit the BFSC web site:  
[www.bhamfsc.com](http://www.bhamfsc.com)

## Recent Tests Passed

Congratulations to the following skaters for passing their tests!

Preston Culpepper – Intermediate Pairs  
Julia DeCarlo – Pre-Juvenile Moves in the Field  
Carolyn Diehl – Intermediate Pairs  
Riordan Wyatt – Pre-Juvenile Moves in the Field

## Web Site Puts Info at Your Fingertips

For an easy, fast way to keep up with what's going on in the club, visit the BFSC web site at [www.bhamfsc.com](http://www.bhamfsc.com). You'll find test forms, membership applications, Board Member contact information, newsletters, current news and more. Check it out today!

## Blades in Bama

The 2010 Blades in Bama competition, BFSC's basic skills competition, has been approved by the United States Figure Skating Association for Saturday, March 6. It will be held at the Pelham Civic Complex. The announcement and entry form should be available on the club web site in the next few weeks. The entry deadline for this event is February 13, 2010.

## Upcoming Events

- U.S. National Championships — January 14 – 24, 2010 (Spokane, Washington)
- Midwestern & Pacific Coast Synchronized Championships — January 28, 2010 (Grand Rapids, Iowa)
- SEGL Competition — February 27, 2010 in Evansville, Indiana (Deadline: January 22)
- BFSC Blades in Bama – March 6, 2010 (Deadline: February 13)
- BFSC Test Session – March 7, 2010 (Deadline: February 13)
- Other Local Test Sessions: Atlanta FSC – January 8, 2010 (Deadline: 12/28/09); February 12, 2010 (Deadline: 1/22/10); March 19, 2010 (Deadline: 2/26/10)

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