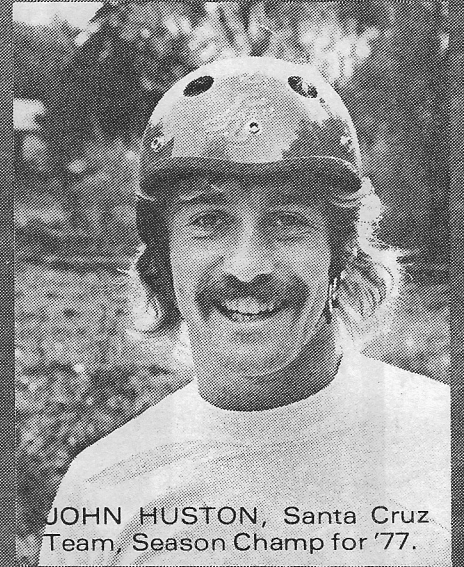


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JOHN HUSTON, Santa Cruz  
Team, Season Champ for '77.

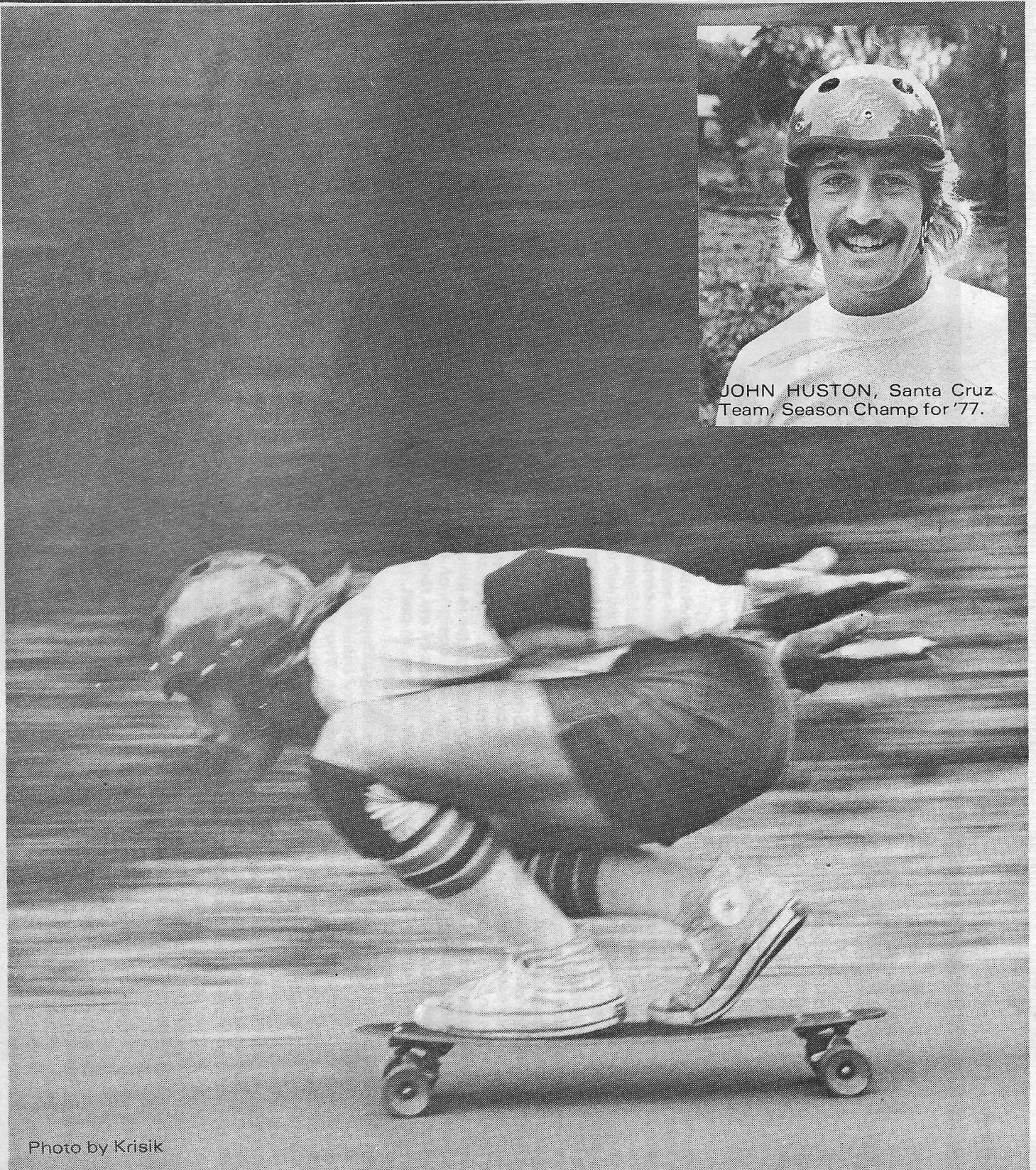


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# CATALINA CONTEST

The Catalina Classic skateboard competition, sponsored by NHS, Incorporated the Santa Cruz, California, took place on Santa Catalina Island, October 14-16, 1977. Santa Catalina Island is located 27 miles off the Southwest coastline of Los Angeles. The Island has only one town, which is called Avalon. This remote, little Island town played host to a Professional competition touted as being the best organized and fairest event held to date in the California area.

The competition was an open Professional meet, not an invitational one. A large field of professionals representing industry related manufacturers and distributors around the country, gathered to compete in the scheduled Men's Downhill, and Men's and Women's Dual Slalom. ABC Wide World of Sports was there to document the action, which was said, by the ABC Officials, to be very viable, interesting TV sports concept for both potential sponsors and viewing public.

The reality of skateboarding becoming a major, worldwide sports event lies in its development of a simple, cohesive format easily understood by all. The adaptation of a competitive format already tested and proven to work, is the direction organized skateboarding will pursue. The most established competitive concept in the world today that resembles and relates to skateboarding more than anything else is skiing, both amateur or professional freestyle and racing. The design of the Catalina Classic race program was similar to the principles of ski racing. Therefore, the success of the Catalina Classic must be due, in part, to its adaptation to a well recognized sports theme, i.e. ski racing.

The Downhill officially opened the competition with qualifying rounds for all unseeded Pros on Friday. This was a mandatory trials for those Pros wishing to compete in the Downhill on Saturday. The trials also served as practice for the seeded Pros desiring to familiarize themselves with the Downhill, specifically the toll of the hill and line of the course.

The course was set with the hill's fall line, drawing the natural speed from the Downhill. The course, though limited in length, was a technical, rather than an endurance, Downhill. The best speed would be drawn from the steepest part, the top third. However the two sharp, switchback turns at the top, impeded the racers' ability to "let go" from the start. Thus, it was most important to find the best line through the steep switchbacks in order to get the fastest time on the bottom and into the finish.

Qualification began in the afternoon. The format would seed the fastest racers last, insuring an exciting event to the end. The racers took two timed runs with their fastest time counting for the qualifying order. Clifford Coleman of Oakland, Calif. posted the fastest time for the unseeded riders. Coleman was followed by his Santa Cruz team-mate, Jamie Hart. Hart's balanced, firmly held tuck resembles the aerodynamic position of John Hutson, the winningest Pro racer for 1977. Obie Jones of Austin, Texas qualified third fastest. Although he was competing for the first time as a Professional, he demonstrated the skills and poise of a seasoned racer.

The rest of the top ten qualifiers rounding out a highly competitive field vying for the \$1,500 first place purse were the following Pros: David "Pappy" Andrews of Team Bahne qualified fourth, Dave Dominy of Tracker Trucks Team qualified fifth, and was last qualifier under 28.000 seconds; Peter Tholl of Team Logan Earth Ski qualified sixth, Bobby Piercy of Team Brewer and Kryptonics was seventh, Brad Strandlund of Team Sims was eighth, controversial, dogface Tony Alva was ninth, and veteran racer Dennis Shufeldt was tenth.

Sixteen other Pros qualified for the remaining 32 man field in Saturday's Downhill. Originally, ten Pros were exempt from the Friday Qualifications because of their high standings recorded from this season's more competitive Downhill events. The Downhills ranked were all standup disciplines. The competitions included the California Free Former at Akron, Ohio. Another Roadside Attraction's Colorado Summer Circuit which had three Downhills, and the Signal Hill Downhill Race.

The ten exempt Pros were Santa Cruz team members John Hutson, Michael Goldman and John Krisik; Colorado Kryptonics team riders Randy Smith and Brent Kosick; HPG Gullwing rider Michael Williams; Tracker Trucks-Turner Summerski team rider Tom Ryan; Rainbow Skate Parks team rider Guy Grundy; California Free Former team member Mark Bowden and Colorado Moore Boards designer-team rider Arlan Moore. Bowden and Moore did not show for the competition, opening two more spots to be filled by the unseeded Pros. Later, when R. Smith and B. Kosick were found negligent in attending a mandatory competitors-coaches rules meeting, scheduled the eve of the Downhill, both were immediately disqualified from the Downhill (DH).

The DH officially started at 11:00 a.m. Saturday. ABC Wide World of Sports had seven cameras, two sound men and one helicoptered cameraman placed to cover the competition, which is to be aired sometime after the New Year. Sports Illustrated sent staff writer Sam Moses to cover the Classic, as well.

The competitors would race in the seed order of the slowest qualifiers first. Racers would take three timed runs, one in each heat. The combined times of their two fastest runs would determine the order of the Top Ten Pros.

The first racer to go down the course was the young Catalina Islander, Chris Iman. The young Pro was one of two Islanders that qualified. His experience in this, should aid his growth as a Professional, because he performed fairly well in the company of the World's best Pro racers. Another 14 Pros took their runs, with no one setting a pace time substantially lower than the rest of the field. At least not until Jamie Hart completed his run. Hart drew a superb line through the top third of the course, giving him the necessary speed to cross the finish with the lead time in the first heat, which held through to the end of the heat. His time of 27.216 set the pace. John Hutson posted the second fastest at 27.404 seconds. Bob Skoldberg had a 27.473 seconds for third and Cliff Coleman was close by at 27.483.

The second heat began with the same seed sequence. Skoldberg was second man down the course, completing it in an announced time of 26.949 seconds. It was clearly the lowest time of the day and the time to beat. The racers took their runs in turn, excitement growing with each completed time. Now, Jamie Hart pushed off. In his very stable, very low tuck, holding what looked like the line to follow to produce the fastest time, Hart crossed the finish at 27.171 seconds. A good, consistent low time, but behind Skoldberg. Cliff Coleman followed Hart with his second consistent time, placing him third fastest. Five more racers completed second runs, posting times outside the top three order.

The second heat was now down to the last seeded racer, John



HENRY HESTER, far lane, racing against Santa Cruz teammate. Photo by Ruiz.

Hutson. One push and many rpms later, Hutson posted a near perfect run at 27.080 seconds. This edged him into second place behind Skoldberg and ahead of Hart and Coleman.

One heat remained and unofficially, Jamie Hart was in first place. Second place was held firmly by J. Hutson. Skoldberg was in third place with Cliff Coleman very secure in fourth.

The racers could now think of racing with more abandon, since they had two recorded times. This strategy may be a gamble, but it would be worth the try because the purse was high enough. The Downhill was now down to the last run. With the cameras and everything ready, the timers and statisticians cued the Chief of Start for the first racer to go.

The attention would be on the leading Pros to see if there would be an upset to record today. Skoldberg was second racer off and the first to challenge. He completed his third time at 27.716. The time was too slow to make a difference, clinching that he could do no better than third place. Racers came and went, but none were able to cause an upset, so far.

Finally, it was Hart's turn, again. Hart held his good line top to bottom, but looked slower than before. His time of 27.649 seconds would not be one to count. A quick check of equipment revealed a badly burned out bearing for the leader. A good third run would have really put pressure on the toughest competitor yet to race, and Hart knew that.

Cliff Coleman started after Hart, Coleman failed to finish the course and was left with no chance to advance from fourth position.

Michael Williams was second to last racer to run. Williams is usually a top contender in any competition and now needed a good last run to place in the money. In qualifying the day before, Williams ran the fastest time, holding the best line through the steepest portion of the hill. Today, he found it difficult to get the same line. When he completed his third run, his time was only good for sixth overall.

The last racer now stands alone at the top of the course. The number 1 seeded racer is the Number 1 leading Professional. He is the final racer and the best possible bet of any to be able to make a difference in the final outcome. John Hutson needed a time better than 27.302 seconds to beat the leader, darkhorse Jamie Hart.

The count began...go on green: Hutson pushed off and immediately settled into his line on the steepest part through the switchbacks. Once past the upper two, hard turns, "Hut" crouched into his patented faring position. His line was calculated and his steady balance created no disturbance. There was a feeling that this would be the big one. When it was all over, John Hutson stood at the Top of the field with the winning time of 27.042 seconds. He ran the fastest race of the final heat, adding another victory to a seemingly endless string of wins this past '77 season.

The record books in skateboarding are just beginning to grow. There is no official record stating any one Professional having the most career victories and how many. John Hutson will begin these pages in history with his season of records for 1977. Mr. Hutson's victory in the standup Downhill in Akron, Ohio, his string of eight victories in nine events in the Colorado Summer Circuit, his first place Dual Slalom at Long Beach and his victory in the DH here at the Catalina Classic tell most of the story. Professional racing can only get better because of the involvement of super individuals of John Hutson's caliber.

The Dual Slalom was scheduled Sunday, on Avalon's center street. There would be a Men's and Women's competition. The purse for the Men was \$4,200 and for the Women \$1,000.



BOB PIERCY, Turner Team, beats opponent down the streets of Avalon. Photo by Ruiz.





KIM CESPEDES, HOBIE, in race for first against Magum Team rider DEANNA CALKINS. Kim fell at the finish advancing Deanna to the 1st/2nd finals heat. Photo by Ruiz

The Women would race first. The field of racers was small. Nine women qualified for the eight positions open in their head to head format. The course was long and difficult, but the ladies had it wired.

The first round of the Slalom advanced four to the semi-finals. Kim Cespedes of Hobie beat Ellen O'Neil of Gordon & Smith; Deanna Calkins of Magnum defeated Robin Logan of Logn Earth Ski; Terry Brown beat her Santa Cruz teammate Judi Oyama, while Ellen Berryman of Team Bahne defeated Laura Thornhill of Logan Earth Ski. This matched Cespedes against Calkins and Brown against Berryman in the semis.

D. Calkins beat K. Cespedes to advance to the Finals against Calkins. In what was a well matched race, Brown edged Berryman. So, in the Finals, it was Calkins versus Brown. Deanna Calkins was competing in her first Pro race for a Championship against Terry Brown, the Women's Slalom Champion at Long Beach in the Calif. Free Former Professional Championships. The consolation round had versatile skater Kim Cespedes versus women's Freestyle Champion at Long Beach, Ellen Berryman.

The consolation round was decided first. Cespedes was racing with a slight handicap, an injury she sustained in a fall in an earlier race. The young woman Pro, however, kept her composure, to come back and take third place after disqualifying in her first run-off. Both women raced with confidence, performing well in a format that is not known to be their forte.

The finals was at hand. Terry Brown beat her opponent Deanna Calkins in the first matchup by only .096 seconds. However, the story is not complete until the second race is run. Terry defeated Deanna in their final dual, but hit too many cones, losing the victory to Ms. Calkins because of her assessed timed penalty for the cone infractions. The win belonged to Deanna Calkins, her first in Professional competition. Calkins won the \$400 first place purse and a place in the history of this Classic event.

The Men's Dual Slalom began with two qualifying rounds used to seed the 16 fastest racers out of the 50 entrants. In this single elimination format, racers are paired fastest against slowest. The end of the first elimination round (of the paired 16 racers), left eight to advance to the quarter finals. Michael Williams of HPG would race John Hutson, the DH winner. Charlie Ransom of Ick Sticks advanced to oppose Randy Smith, the Colorado Kryptonics Professional. Bobby Piercy, racing for the Brewer Team would oppose newcomer Steve Evans, also of Team Ick Sticks. Henry Hester of Team Santa Cruz was paired with David Hackett of Team Gordon & Smith.

Hutson disposed of Williams, to advance into the semi-finals against Smith. R. Smith beat C. Ransom on both runs of a tightly matched race. Piercy advanced against young Evans while Hester handily defeated Hackett. So, it was Piercy versus Hester in the other half of the semis.

Hutson and Smith opened the semifinals. A very close race gave "Hut" the advantage by .386 seconds. If R. Smith were to advance to the Finals, he would have to beat Hutson in their next dual by at least .387 seconds. The second race, however, went to the tenacious Hutson. He would face the winner of the Piercy/Hester matchup.



ELLEN BERRYMAN, Team Bahne, against KIM CESPEDES, Hobie, for 3rd and 4th place. Photo by Ruiz.

The first race proved to be a little disappointing for H. Hester. Henry red lighted the Chrondek timing system, christmas lights that start the racers. Piercy automatically recieved the .700 seconds infraction advantage. This made it easy for Piercy because he merely had to stay with his opponent to the finish, and not commit any mistakes. He did just that and advanced to the Finals against Hutson. Hester would oppose R. Smith for third place in the consolation round.

In head to head racing such as this, the format is designed for the best, most consistent racer to advance. The time infractions that are imposed on a racer committing fouls, i.e. cones knocked over and red lighting at the start, are assessed to remove the advantage of time that would be gained by the offender. The time penalty is supposed to be only a disadvantage, not something impossible to overcome. therefore, when that second race is run, the offender will still have a chance to overcome his time disadvantage, making the race an interesting challenge, at best.

The consolation round is set to go with R. Smith and H. Hester standing ready on the start. The Chrondek sequence lights begin to blink...yellow-yellow-red! Hester fouls again at the start! R. Smith gets the automatic .700 seconds advantage. The racers still have one race to run. They switch courses and are ready again. The Christmas lights turn green this time, and Hester takes an opening lead. Hold the lead for the full course distance, Henry crosses the finish line ahead of R. Smith. Henry's win was not enough to outweigh Smith's original advantage, giving the third place purse of \$600 to the Colorado Pro, as well as another top place finish to his season's record.

The time has arrived for the day's Slalom Finalists. The Piercy-Hutson challenge is what everyone came to see. The two Pros stand in anticipation of the Starter's count. When the light blinks green, the racers bolt out of the start. The dual looks even, better than halfway through the course. Coming into the hill's transition where it flattens out, Piercy begins to take charge. Piercy's reaction time is so quick that he takes "Hut" at the finish by only .102 seconds.

One race remains, before a winner can be determined. A maximum amount of concentration will be required in this next effort. The racers take a short breather, walk to the start and switch lanes. The Champion will earn \$1,500 for his work while the runnerup will earn \$900.

Racers are ready...the signal blinks green! Hutson takes a slight lead off the start, but Piercy comes up even. At the halfway, it is Hutson again by a minute lead. Piercy has to stay very close to his opponent, or lose the lead and the chance for a victory.

The racers are into the transition, and it is still Hutson. The attack to the finish is total aggression. It looks like Hutson across first...and it is! "Hut" wins by .093 seconds, but it's not enough to offset Piercy's advantage. Bobby Piercy captures the Catalina Classic Dual Slalom under pressure from the most difficult challenger in the Sport.

The two Finalists epitomize the kind of class and finesse characteristic of Champions. they raced on a demanding course better than 100 meters long, with 37 cones offset from 12 feet, and tapering down to 6 foot distances. Both completed the courses, eight times to their respective finishes, for a total of 296 cones passed. After all is said and done, consistency again lies with the victor's triumph, for Bobby Piercy knocked over just one cone in the 296 total. John Hutson knocked over two cones in his day's toil, good for the \$900 purse for runnerup.

Champions are made of iron will, so consistency comes naturally. the Dual racing concept breeds the kind of racer that dominate the World Professional ranks. John Hutson and Bobby Piercy are at the Top of their profession one more time for the season of '77, the season to be known as the catalyst for organized competition.

**CATALINA RESULTS  
OCTOBER 15, 1977**

**WEATHER: Great! PURSE: \$4,200 TEMPERATURE: 77**

**DUAL SLALOM WINNERS**

WINNERS		
Bob Piercy	Turner	\$1,500
John Hutson	Santa Cruz	900
Randy Smith	E.H. Wallboard	600
Henry Hester	Santa Cruz	400
Mike Williams	GullWing	100
Charlie Ransom	Ick Stick	100
Steve Evans	Ick Stick	100
Dave Hackett	G & S	100
Mike Goldman	Santa Cruz	50
Tom Ryan	Turner	50
Greg Taie	G & S	50
Bob Skoldberg	Hobie	50
John Krisik	Santa Cruz	50
Davey Andrews	Team Bahne	50
Marty Schaub	G & S	50
Brent Kosick	E.H. Wallboard	50

**WOMEN SLALOM WINNERS**

Deanna Calkins	Magnum	\$400
Terry Brown	Santa Cruz	300
Kim Cespedes	Hobie	200
Ellen Berryman	Team Bahne	100

**DOWNHILL SPEED RACE**

Results are based on the combined times of the racer's best two of three runs. The list shows the Top Ten in order of their combined times and the purse they won

COMPETITOR	TEAM	TIME	PURSE
John Hutson	Santa Cruz	54.122	\$1,500
Jamie Hart	Santa Cruz	54.387	900
Bob Skoldberg	Hobie	54.422	600
Cliff Coleman	Santa Cruz	54.711	400
Tony Alva	Alva	54.930	300
Mike Williams	Gullwing	55.047	200
John Krisik	Santa Cruz	55.329	150
Obie Jones	(Austin, Tex.)	55.395	100
Bob Piercy	Brewer	55.406	50
Tom Ryan	Turner	55.418	--



# PHOTO CONTEST

**PURPOSE:**

- To encourage amateur photographers involved in skateboarding to perfect their skills in photography.
- To offer exposure for amateur photographers
- To add to the NSR photo library

**DATE:**

Entries may be submitted no later than a Feb. 1, 1978 postmark

**DIVISION:**

Action photos and mood photos

**CLASS:**

Amateurs only, please. Amateurs are those photographers that do not sell their photos.

Photos will be displayed at Carlsbad Skate Park. Winners and Honorable Mention photos will all be printed in the NSR and submitted to Skateboarder Magazine.

**TO ENTER:**

1. Send a 8 x 10 BLACK AND WHITE photo
2. Include a 3 x 5 card with the following information: your name, your address and phone, your age, what camera did you use, name of who is in the picture, and where was the picture taken.
3. Entry fee is \$3 per photo; send check or money order payable to NSR and mailed to P.O. Box 2204, Leucadia Ca. 92024

All photos become the property of the National Skateboard Review.

**PRIZES:**

- 1st place: \$35
- 2nd place: \$10
- 3rd place: 1 year subscription to the NSR



## Why the delay

By Custom Line Skateboards

Since the early part of this year we have been reporting on the progress of skateparks here in the greater San Francisco Bay area, and after many months we still have only one park. Why the delay?

(Ed. note: these problems are the same ones had by prospective park builders all over the country)

There is an old saying that "Rome wasn't built in a day" and any would-be skatepark developer can tell you why. The answer is simple, it took four months to get the plans approved by the Planning Department.

In order for you to understand the seemingly endless wait for our new skateparks, we thought you might be interested in the steps involved in getting that park from the drawing board to the point of actual building.

Finding a piece of property is the first step. Once found, this property has to have a commercial zoning which will allow for the operating of a retail business. All areas in our cities and towns have designated zones (residential, industrial, retail) and these areas are determined by the Planning Dept. Without anyone controlling the way in which our towns grow we could have some rather strange looking cities — which is the reason for our Planning Depts.

If your property doesn't have the proper zoning you can apply for a change which takes, on the average, 90 days. If you get approval the next step is obtaining a Use Permit. A Use Permit allows permission for a business to use a piece of property for a particular use. Not all operations require Use Permits, but skateparks must apply. Average approval takes 90 days (now a total of 180 days, 6 months).

Now that you have your correct zoning and your Use Permit, you are ready to apply for your building permit. Average wait: another 30 days. Now we're up to 7 months of waiting.

Are you beginning to get the picture? Here we are seven months later and haven't even begun to break ground for building. Of course it might have been only four months, if we had the correct zoning on our property to begin with, but four months is still a long time.

We have tried to simplify what actually is a very trying and sometimes disappointing period for the skatepark developer. Many times approvals are not given for changes in zoning; or even with proper zoning the use is not permitted because of opposition from some groups.

Because of the delays, some developers are becoming reluctant to even talk about their parks until they have gotten their Use Permits. We know of two in Alameda County and one in Contra Costa County (Calif.) that are in various stages of their applications that don't want us to say anything about their parks simply because they do not wish to raise local rider's hopes until they have confirmation that they actually can build a park.

Take our word for it. There is a lot of unseen activity going on in our area and there will be enough skateparks to make us all happy! . . . eventually.

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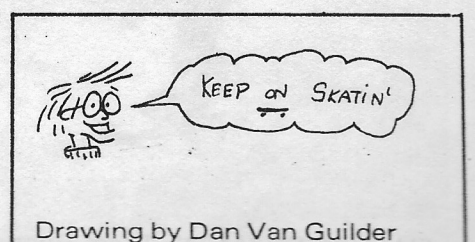
The America East Skateparks Association, an eastern based organization formed to promote the safe pursuit of skateboarding and to encourage the establishment of areas for skaters is offering skating tips and advice. The AESA has a limited supply of booklets which introduce an individual to basic skateboarding and tell how to do a few basic tricks such as nose wheelies, kick turns, and spinners.

The AESA offers this booklet at no cost to interested skaters who will send a No. 10 stamped self addressed envelope with their request. It is amajor goal of AESA to promote skating and safe skating areas as does ISA, USSA, and PSA. Toward that end, AESA offers these booklets to promote safe skating and to suggest safe skating areas and procedures.

All requests for the booklet should be sent to: Paul Geyer, President, America East Skateparks Association, 230 E. Grand Ave. Rahway, N.J. 07065. Once again, enclose a stamped envelope and there is no charge for the booklet.

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## PRO RESULTS

### HIGH JUMPS

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|------------------|---------|------------|-----------------|--|
| 1. Ernie Martin  | 20 yrs. | New Jersey | (SKAbo)         |  |
| 2. Eric Marshall | 17 yrs. | New Jersey | (Peddler Shop)  |  |
| 3. Mike Bryan    | 15 yrs. | Maryland   | (BelAir Boards) |  |

### WALL RIDING

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|-------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|---------|
| 1. John Woodstock | 21 yrs. | Long Island | (Woodcarver) | 16 feet |
| 2. Vince Giles    | 17 yrs. | New Jersey  | (Islander)   |         |
| 3. Ernie Martin   | 20 yrs. | New Jersey  | (SKAbo)      | 15 feet |

### SLALOM

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|-------------------|---------|------------|----------------|------------|
| 1. Peter Drotleff | 21 yrs. | New Jersey | (Peddler Shop) | 3.666 sec. |
| 2. Dave Bentley   | 21 yrs. | Pennsylv.  | (Peddler Shop) | 3.772 sec. |
| 3. Bill DeGeorge  | 19 yrs. | New York   | (Sundown)      | 3.877 sec. |

### AERIALS

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|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| 1. Huck Andress | 16 yrs. | Florida | (G & S) |  |
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### BARREL JUMP

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|-------------------|---------|-------------|----------------|--|
| 1. David Bentley  | 21 yrs. | Pennsylv.   | (Peddler Shop) |  |
| 2. John Woodstock | 21 yrs. | Long Island | (Woodcarver)   |  |
| 3. Ernie Martin   | 20 yrs. | New Jersey  | (SKAbo)        |  |

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|-----------------|---------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| 1. Chris Chaput | 16 yrs. | Maryland | (BelAir Boards) | 19-360's |
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| 2. Jim McCall | 16 yrs. | Florida | (BelAir Boards) |  |
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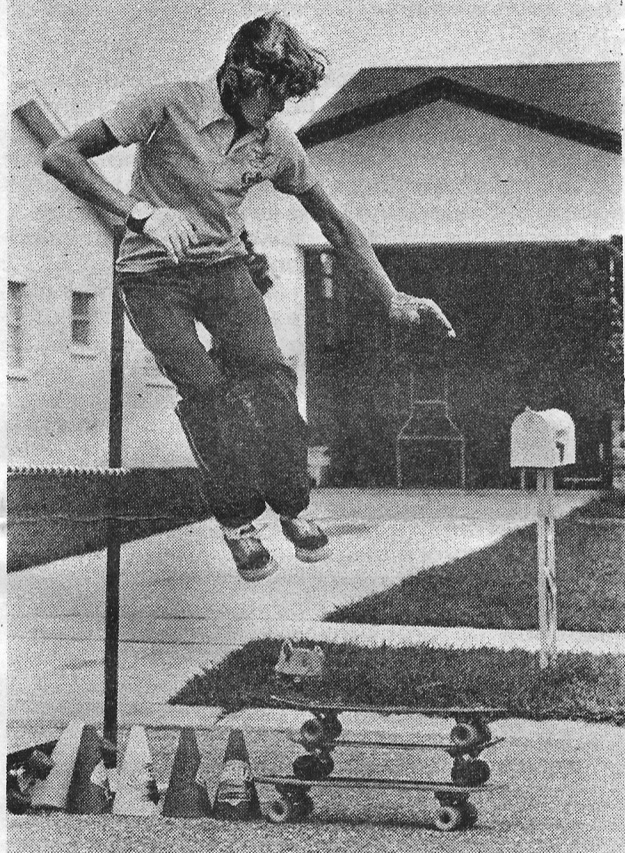
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| 3. John Fiederlein | 20 yrs. | New York | (Sundown) |  |
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### FREESTYLE

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|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| 1. Huck Andress | 16 yrs. | Florida | (G & S) |  |
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| 2. Chris Chaput | 16 yrs. | Maryland | (BelAir Boards) |  |
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| 3. Jim McCall | 16 yrs. | Florida | (BelAir Boards) |  |
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HUCK ANDRESS, G&S, East Coast Champion. Soon to be on CBS' Challenge of the Sexes against Ellen Berryman.

## SKAbo CHAMPIONSHIPS

Skateboarding, the fastest growing sport in the country, has arrived on the East Coast in a big way with the completion of the three-day, second annual, \$12,500 SKA-bo Eastern Skateboard Association championships in Asbury Park, New Jersey.

The prize money (10,000 for the professionals on October 8 and \$2,500 for the amateurs on October 1 and 2) and the number of contestants (nearly 1,000 from 23 states) made the contest the biggest skateboard event this year east of California. It also changed skateboarding in the East from a fad to a competitive sport.

The new SKA-bo indoor course also made this the most demanding competition. The course at The Casino Arena, designed by the International SKA-bo Club of Shrewsbury, New Jersey, features inclines of 75 degrees, 22-foot-high walls, and an 80-foot-long, 40-foot-high slalom course, the longest and highest in championship competition.

"It is the most demanding, exciting and unique layout I have ever seen," said Ernie Martin who won \$1,500 and a Moped in the professional event by placing first in the high jump, going over the bar at four feet ten inches, and third in the barrel jumping and wall riding contests.

Even representatives of the U.S. Olympic Committee had to agree. Jerry and Violet Van of Lake Placid, site of the 1980 winter games, said the SKA-bo course was impressive. The couple was there to become better acquainted with skateboarding as a possible Olympic sport.

The skateboarding events also attracted over 5,000 spectators during the three days and one of them, at least, was determined to try the sport. Mrs. Rose Fishman, an 85-year-old grandmother from Asbury Park, New Jersey, was so thrilled by her 10-year-old granddaughter's win in the amateur freestyle competition for 9-to-11-year-olds that she is ready to compete next year.

"I have to learn how to skate first," said Mrs. Fishman after congratulating her granddaughter, Beth Fishman, of Bradley Beach, New Jersey, for her win against an all-male field of competition.

Even Governor Brendan T. Byrne was caught up in the enthusiasm for skateboarding. He proclaimed October 1-8 as SKA-bo Skateboard Safety Week and urged the estimated two-million skateboarders in the state to follow the SJA-bo Club's 10 safety rules. Barry Segall, president of the club, presented Byrne with a skateboard and an attached metal plaque commemorating the event.

Another highlight of the tournament was the appearance of Jersey Joe Walcott, the New Jersey Acting State Athletic Commissioner. Walcott, the former professional boxing champion, gave out the trophies and other prizes on October 1 to the winning amateurs.

Among the big winners in the amateur contests were MIKE JESIOLOWSKI, 16, of Philadelphia, who finished first in the high jump for 12-year-olds and over, with the bar at four feet two inches, and first in the barrel jump. He also finished second in the consecutive 360's.

In the professional contests, HUCK ANDRESS, the 16-year-old Florida champion from Boca Raton, placed first in the freestyle and the aerials and won the overall best performer trophy awarded by tournament sponsor Pro-Keds. Andress' defeat of former world champion, Chris Chaput, in the freestyle competition was one of the highlights of the event.

ERNIE MARTIN, 21, of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, was also a three-time winner, placing first in the high jump and third in the barrel jumping and wall riding.

## AMATEUR RESULTS

### E. SLALOM

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|--------------------|---------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1. John Fiederlein | 20 yrs. | New York   | (Sundown)       | 3.883 sec. |
| 2. Pete Meridith   | 20 yrs. | New Jersey | (SKAbo)         | 3.946 sec. |
| 3. Shawn Rineker   | 19 yrs. | Virginia   | (SP of Norgolk) | 4.059 sec. |

### D. SLALOM

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|--------------------|---------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1. Jeff Fava       | 17 yrs. | Virginia   | (SP of Norfolk) | 3.920 sec. |
| 2. Tom Alloco      | 16 yrs. | New Jersey |                 | 3.986 sec. |
| 3. Larry McDonough | 16 yrs. | Pennsylv.  |                 | 4.049 sec. |

### E. FREESTYLE

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|------------------|---------|------------|---------|----------|
| 1. Pete Meridith | 20 yrs. | New Jersey | (SKAbo) | 7.3 pts. |
| 2. Scott Downey  | 18 yrs. | New Jersey | (SKAbo) |          |

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| 3. Shawn Rineker | 19 yrs. | Virginia | (SP of Norfolk) | 6.91 pts. |
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### D. FREESTYLE

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|---------------------|---------|------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 1. Mike Jesiolowski | 16 yrs. | Pennsylv.  |                 | 8.26 pts. |
| 2. Mike Alexander   | 17 yrs. | Virginia   | (SP of Norfolk) | 8.14 pts. |
| 3. Vincent Giles    | 17 yrs. | New Jersey | (Islander's)    | 8.09 pts. |

### E. WALL

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|------------------|---------|------------|---------|--|
| 1. Billy Hoffman | 19 yrs. | New Jersey |         |  |
| 2. Pete Meridith | 20 yrs. | New Jersey | (SKAbo) |  |
| 3. Stuart Feen   | 19 yrs. | New Jersey | (SKAbo) |  |

### D. WALL

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|------------------|---------|------------|---------|--|
| 1. Evan Feen     | 16 yrs. | New Jersey | (SKAbo) |  |
| 2. Daniel Eckert | 15 yrs. | New Jersey |         |  |

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| 3. Robert Kordowski | 15 yrs. | New Jersey | (Islander's) |  |
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### 360s

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|--------------------|---------|----------|-----------|--|
| 1. John Fiederlein | 20 yrs. | New York | (Sundown) |  |
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| 2. Mike Jesiolowski | 16 yrs. | Pennsylv. |                 |  |
| 3. Shawn Rineker    | 19 yrs. | Virginia  | (SP of Norfolk) |  |

### BARREL JUMP

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|---------------------|---------|------------|-----------------|--|
| 1. Mike Jesiolowski | 16 yrs. | Pennsylv.  |                 |  |
| 2. Scott Downey     | 18 yrs. | New Jersey | (SKAbo)         |  |
| 3. Mike Dioura      | 15 yrs. | Virginia   | (SP of Norfolk) |  |

### HIGH JUMP

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|---------------------|---------|-----------|--|--|
| 1. Mike Jesiolowski | 16 yrs. | Pennsylv. |  |  |
| 2. Mike Gerard      | 17 yrs. | Pennsylv. |  |  |
| 3. Kermit Taylor    | 15 yrs. | New York  |  |  |

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Because of the importance of safety in skateboard parks, both to skateboarders and a growing interested public, ISA has been involved in preparing recommendations to skatepark owners and developers to ensure the quality of their environments for people who use their parks. As ISA staff and their professionals who are members of their Commission called the Professional Riders Organization (PRO) travel and visit skateboard parks, they find too often that safety and environmental features have been over-looked.

It is as a part of ISA's responsibility and concern for the longevity of the sport that the Association urges skatepark owners, managers, and developers to seriously consider the following recommendations.

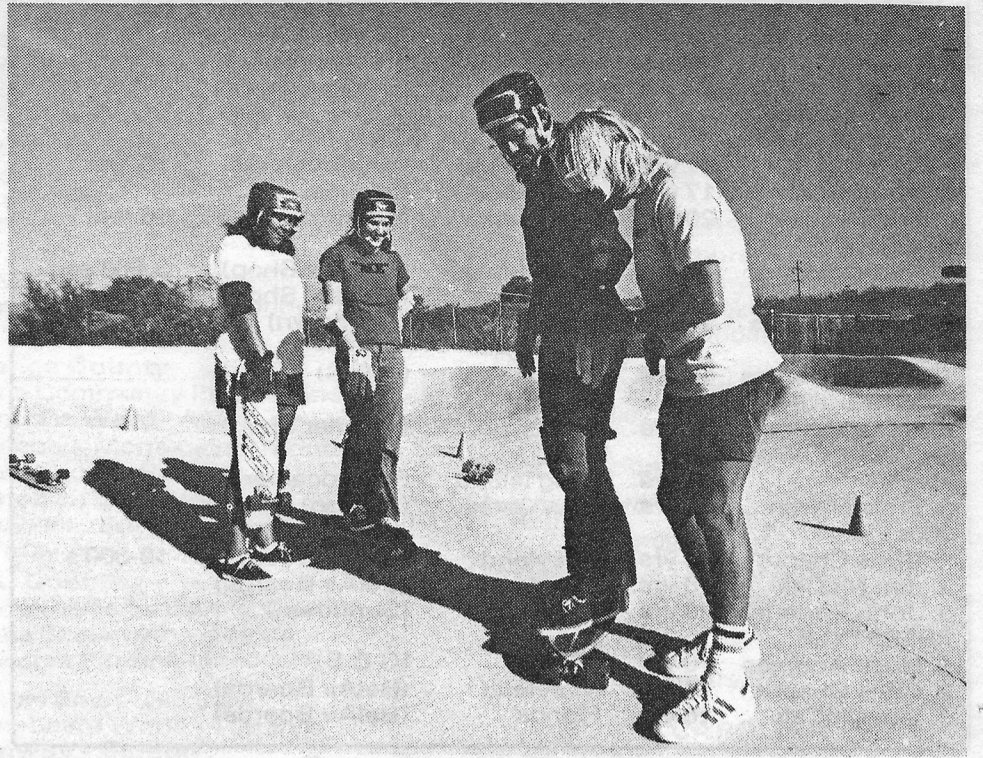
In considering the overall layout of the park and its buildings, it should be remembered that many people will want to spend long periods of time at the park. The planning of runs and buildings should make that a pleasant and comfortable possibility. In addition, there are important safety factors that are affected by the layout and design of a park that need to be taken into consideration:

1. Walkways should be placed around skateboard runs in such a way that they afford easy and safe access to the run by people using it, and at a distance that will not interfere with the safe use of the run or the safety of people using the walkway.
2. Spectator areas are becoming increasingly necessary for skateboard parks. They should be planned to provide a good view of the run but, at the same time, be at a distance that protects spectators from flying boards or falls, and that protects the skaters using the run from distraction or interference.
3. To protect both skaters and spectators, soft safety netting, checked periodically for its condition, needs to be placed between each of the runs. This is a much safer protection from flying boards, and for the boards and skaters, than chain-link fencing provides.
4. Grade and slope differentials that are safe for different categories of skateboarding skill need to be planned with the assistance of professional skaters who are qualified to assess their relative difficulty and safety.
5. Lighting and landscaping plans need to be designed so that all areas where skateboarding or spectator traffic are likely to occur are illuminated well enough not to constitute a hazard either to skaters or pedestrians.
6. Signs indicating the degree of difficulty of particular runs can help enormously in preventing unnecessary accidents. Each run should be marked either with signs or by color borders on the concrete to clearly indicate whether the run is suitable for novices, intermediates, or advanced skateboarders. Here again, professional skaters are reliable and qualifies sources for that kind of criteria.
7. Accidents can happen in skateboarding and no skateboard park should be operating without adequate facilities to deal with them efficiently. Every park should have a well-equipped First Aid Room located so that it has direct access to the street for easy ambulance pick-up in cases of serious injuries.

A well-trained staff who is on duty and available at all hours is essential to safe management of a skateboard park. Staff members should all have Red Cross First Aid Certification, wear special clothing for easy identification, and be present with a first aid kit at each of the operating skateboard runs.

Staff members should also be trained in skateboard safety and be prepared to give instruction and provide supervision in the use of helmets, knee pads, elbow pads, gloves and proper shoes, as mandatory equipment to be worn while using the facilities of the skateboard park.

Before anyone is admitted to the park, a staff member should check all equipment for maintenance and safety, including the board itself, its trucks, wheels, and participant-owned safety gear. All park-owned safety gear and equipment should be cleaned regularly by some method that complies with Health Department standards.



Park Pro, TOM RYAN, teaches adult women at Carlsbad.

After a park is open and running, regular checks for safety conditions need to be made. The condition of the skating area is the most important. Is the placement of the safety netting adequate for the protection of skaters and spectators at each run, and is it still in safe condition? Has any foreign material fallen on the runs? Are there cracks or bumps in run surfaces? Is the lighting adequate and operating? The landscape drainage and irrigation should also be a part of this check since water or dampness on a run can be almost unnoticeable and extremely dangerous.

A safety-conscious staff and management will run a skateboard park in such a way that regular customers will begin to share their approach. But rules and regulations that promote safety among the skateboarders themselves should also be posted and enforced. ISA suggests the following general instruction:

1. Safety equipment must be worn in skating areas including helmet, gloves, knee pads, elbow pads, socks, and shoes.
2. Skating is not permitted in any areas other than assigned runs.
3. No intoxicants are permitted on Park property, and no food, beverages or smoking are allowed inside skating area.
4. Obey the instructions of the Skate Patrol and staff at all times.

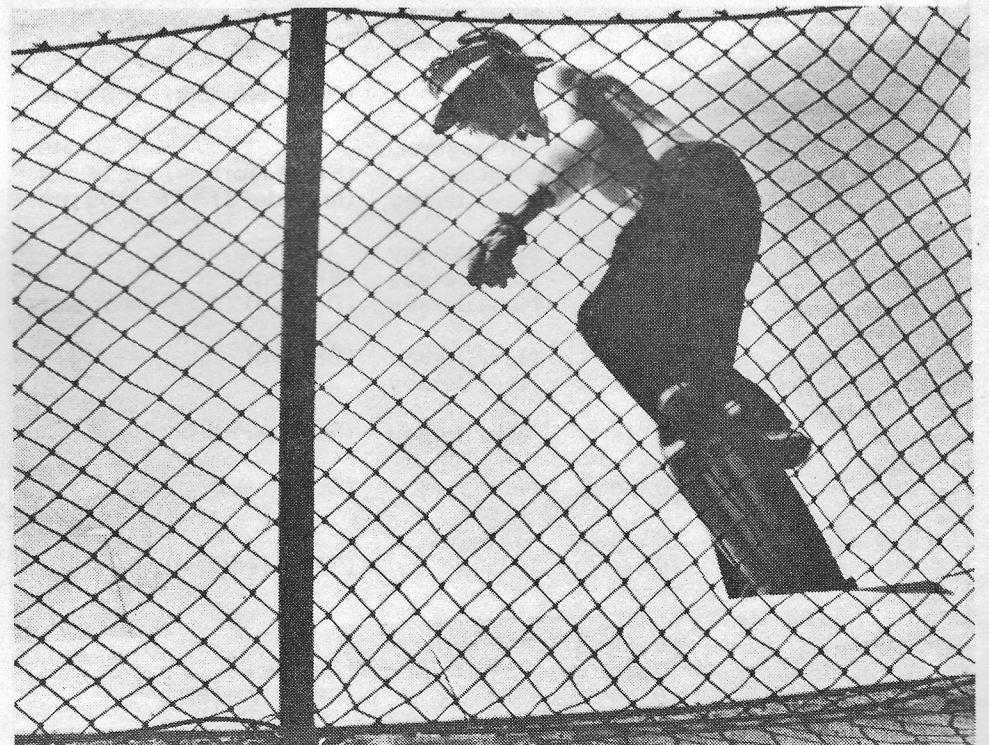
Meetings at regular intervals among staff members and management to discuss the safety of the park and its skaters helps to review accident procedures, training, and to bring up problems that may have been overlooked either in design of the park or in training.

Professional riders, since they have the longest in-depth experience of skateboard parks and techniques, make excellent consultants, safety demonstrators, and teachers for skateboard parks. All of them, since they earn their living through the sport, share a real concern for its safety and reputation and are also the models that younger skaters look toward for advice.

The Professional Riders Organization (PRO), a Commission of ISA made up of America's leading professionals, has been formed to help promote the safety of the sport in general. Members of PRO are trained in all the aspects of skateboard safety both for parks and competitions, and help to formulate criteria for all aspects of skateboarding. They are available either as individuals or teams to consult with park planners, manage events, train event judges, and to give safety lecture-demonstrations or to teach skateboarding.

For more information about skateboard safety, how to contact PRO members, or to become a member of the International Skateboard Association, contact ISA at 711 W. 17th Street, Suite E-7, Costa Mesa, California 92627. Or phone (714) 646-0258.

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#### 3. Cary Smith - indep.

#### 13 and Under Advanced:

1. Squeaky Haynes - Banzai
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3. Pat Haynes - El Cajon Blvd. Skate Team

#### Girls:

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3. Lani Kiyabo - El Cajon Park Team

#### 14 to 17 Beginners and Intermed:

1. Jeff Smith - indep
2. Ron Fletcher - indep
3. Mark Girsch - indep

#### 14 to 17 Advanced:

1. Dennis Paulson - indep
2. Chuck Webb - indep
3. Dave Lewis - El Cajon Park Team

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#### 13 and Under:

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2. Tom Repp - indep
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#### 14 to 17 Intermed:

1. Lani Kiyabu - El Cajon Park Team
2. Shaun Cherry - indep
3. Ron Fletcher - indep

#### 14 to 17 Advanced:

1. Dave Lewis - El Cajon Park Team
2. Howard Zalopany - indep
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### STAND-UP RULES

1. As a safety precaution, stand-ups will be required to wear a surfboard-type leash.
2. Stand-up means exactly that -- no lying down, the only permissible points of contact are your feet (hands may be used for initial balance), no knee touching board, no foot straps, no prone positions.
3. No weightbelts in person or adulteration of skateboard during or after official weigh-in.
4. The skateboard must be a stock flat surface, no handlebars, no fairings. Two standard trucks (no split axels) and four wheels only. Specifications are: board weight-25 lbs., width-10 inches, length-6 feet, axel width-10", wheelbase-5 feet, wheel diameter-4 inches.
5. No pushing from team members or mechanical devices allowed.

### MODIFIED RULES

1. As a safety precaution, modifieds will be required to have a drag chute and a braking system.
2. Lean steering only; two trucks and four wheels only, no split axels.
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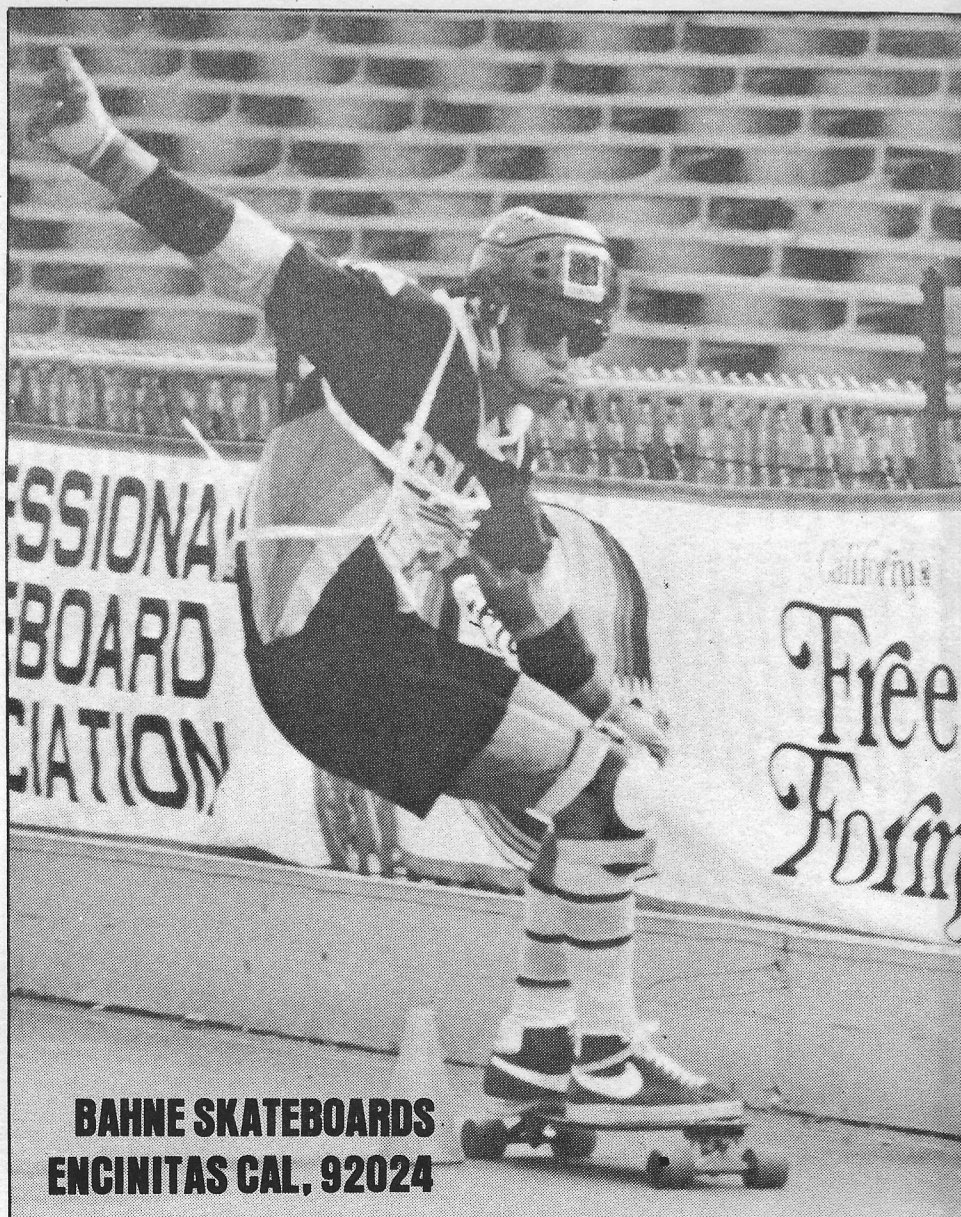
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# Huck Andress

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Life for Huck Andress of Boca Raton, Florida is simple. He rides a skateboard practically every free moment.

This type of dedication for the 16-year-old professional skateboarder resulted on October 8 in his taking home \$1,300 in prize money and a Moped for his electrifying first place wins in the freestyle and aerial contests at the SKA-bo Eastern Skateboard Association championships held in Asbury Park, New Jersey.

The \$10,000 tournament, the biggest skateboard event east of California this year, attracted 52 professional skateboarders from 18 states. These states were Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Alabama, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, and Maine.

Huck added the two SKA-bo titles to his Florida freestyle and high jump titles won last July at the state tournament.

"This is a fantastic win for me," Huck said, "because of the kind of competition at this tournament."

The win for Andress was also impressive because he beat out Chris Chaput, 16, of Bowie, Maryland, the winner of the 1976 Freestyle event at the World Champion Skateboard contest in Long Beach, California.

Andress at the SKA-bo tournament also won the trophy, sponsored by Pro-Keds, for the best all around performance.

Huck won his new titles at the Casino Arena Skateboard Center, the first and only indoor, professional-caliber course on the East Coast. It was designed for the amateur championships held on October 1 and 2 and the professional event by the International SKA-bo Club of Shrewsbury, New Jersey. The course features inclines of 75 degrees, 22-foot-high walls and an 80-foot-long, 40-foot-high slalom course that is the longest and highest in competition.

"This is the most fantastic layout I have ever been on," Huck said.

Huck's interest in skateboarding was the result of looking for a substitute for skiing.

"I saw my first skateboard in a Toms River (New Jersey) store," said the former Jackson, New Jersey resident, "and, I thought it would be a good way to keep in shape for skiing. I practice every day when I'm not in school until it gets dark," he said about his skateboarding life as his new home in Boca Raton.

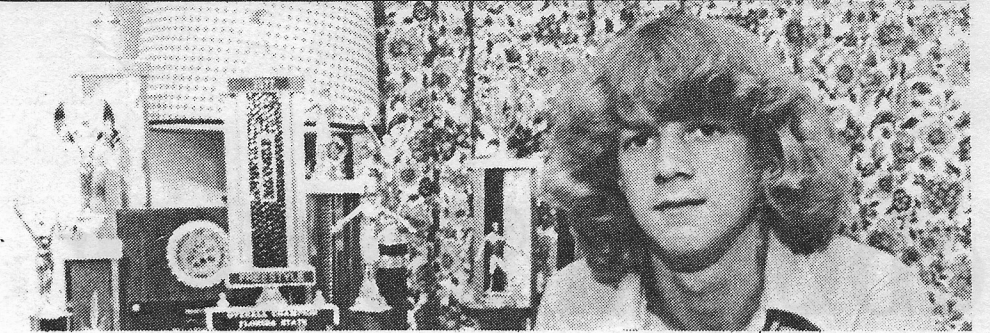
Skateboarding for Huck Andress is also an exciting solo sport where he succeeds solely on his own ability.

"I hate to share in sports," he said. "I like being totally responsible. If I win, I like it to be my win. If I lose, I like it to be my own fault for losing."

This is the only major skateboard championship-caliber contest on the East Coast this year for one of the fastest-growing, popular sports in the country.

A market survey, conducted for SKA-bo, by Marketing Information Systems, Inc. of Fort Lee, this year showed that there were an estimated 2.8-million skateboarders in the northern New Jersey-New York City area.

The U.S. Product Safety Commission recently reported that there were



20-million skateboarders in the country in 1976. This means that there are more people riding on skateboards than playing golf, baseball or who ski and jog.

The popularity of skateboarding is easy to understand. For \$19.00, the average cost of a skateboard, a skateboarder can experience the thrills of a downhill skier, a surfer riding a wave and a figure skater executing a 360-degree turn.

Skateboarding can be competitive or it can be a solo exercise in excitement and agility. It can be physically demanding, or it can be a leisurely series of maneuvers and glides. Skateboarding is whatever your ability or inclination asks it to be.

Despite the challenge and thrill of skateboarding, it remains a relatively safe sport.

The federal Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that riding a skateboard is safer than riding a bicycle, standing in your bathroom or climbing a ladder.

Riding a bicycle ranks first in accidents, standing in your bathroom 19th, climbing a ladder 22nd and riding a skateboard 25th.

Skateboarders who competed in the tournament, or skateboarders who use the course at any time, are required also to wear a helmet, kneepads and elbow pads.

The wheels used on the boards are also a safety factor, because they are made of polyurethane for good traction and fast stopping. Brakes can also be attached to a skateboard.

"What we have also found," said Barry Segall, president of the International SKA-bo Club, "is that parents are much happier to have their children on a professionally-designed skateboard course, indoors, away from inclement weather, and under close supervision, rather than in an outdoor area or on the street."

Parents have also had to adjust to learning a new vocabulary because of skateboarding.

A "fakey" is not something fraudulent, but a skateboard trick that requires the skateboarder to go up a vertical wall, almost scaling it, and then rolling back down.

A "space walk" is not a stroll on the moon, but a lifting of the skateboard nose and a gyration by the rider from side to side.

"Shoot the duck" is not the killing of a bird, but a maneuver that requires a deep-knee bend near the front of the skateboard with one leg and extending the other leg straight ahead.

The amateur and professional events included slalom races, freestyle competition, barrel-jumping, high jump, wall-riding, a tag team race and consecutive 360-degree-turn competitions.



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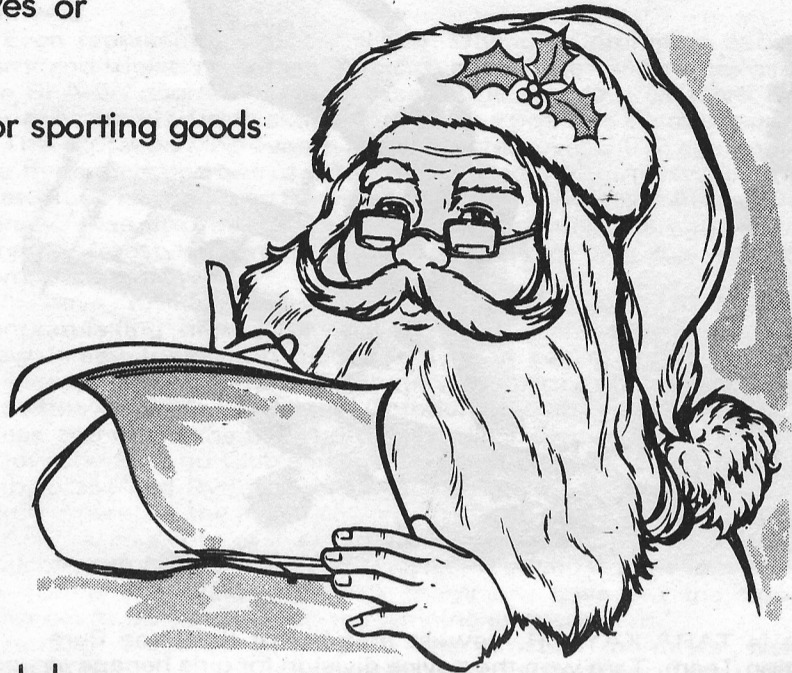
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## DOCTOR STUDIES SKATEBOARD INJURIES

Dr. M.A. "Tom" Rockwell is an emergency room physician who has seen a number of various skateboarding injuries — so, when he decided to enter the skateboard park business, he took a long look at safety in the sport and the potential dangers of skateboarding.

Product of the evaluation was a major paper he presented to a section of the American College of Emergency Physicians on causes of skateboarding injuries — the first of its kind — and a series of efforts to make the world's first skatepark at Carlsbad (California) also one of the safest.

"My own concern about the parks was whether or not skateboarding in a park is dangerous," commented Dr. Rockwell in an interview. Chairman of the Board of SPARKS Skateparks Inc., of Santa Monica, Dr. Rockwell said when the firm was being formed one of the questions he wanted answered was, "Is this a safe place to take my three children?"

The answer, his study determined, is that skateparks are the safest possible location for participation in a sport which can be quite safe. In the paper he presented at the June meeting of the medical organization, Dr. Rockwell wrote: "The sport has much potential appeal, and the majority of the injuries are relatively minor. If a skater chooses proper equipment, wears protective gear and skates in a safe environment, the risks can be minimized."

SPARKS is a skatepark construction and operations firm which in March of this year purchased the Carlsbad park and instituted major redevelopment of the facility, increasing its size twelvefold.

Dr. Rockwell personally became involved in the planning process to insure that design of the new surfaces at the facility would promote safety. He also coordinated development of administration of the park to promote safety, examining the mandatory safety gear used at Carlsbad, initiating design of new safety gear, and directing formation of the first "skate patrol" to supervise skaters at the park.

Some of the findings of his study influenced the development of the SPARKS instructional system for teaching skateboarding. "There are many people who would like to enjoy this sport but don't know how to skateboard," commented Dr. Rockwell, who himself has learned how to ride a skateboard, "and skating in a park is quite different from skating in swimming pools, on the street, or in large pipes."

One finding dealt with types of equipment — "In general, taller individuals should use a wider skateboard axle. Novices should adjust their axle assemblies to provide substantial rigidity and should practice on wide, smooth skating surfaces with no more than two or three degrees of slope." This advice was incorporated into the teaching program at Carlsbad.

Another finding, that the more serious injuries which are most frequently seen involve fractures of the forearm when a skater tries to cushion a fall with the palm of the hand, has led to design work on a special reinforced glove.

"Those are fairly fragile bones," explained Dr. Rockwell, "but with a reinforced gauntlet on the hand and arm, the stress of falling can be distributed and perhaps half the injuries prevented." He expects to see the new item tested in early 1978.

If skateboarders at parks or at home would wear the knee and elbow pads, safety helmets and even a simple pair of gloves when skating, such as are required at Carlsbad, he said, "most minor injuries might be reduced by as much as two-thirds."

Design of skating areas is another area influenced by Dr. Rockwell's probing. Experienced skaters in skateparks perform many maneuvers on slopes and lips of skating areas. He discovered it was necessary to extend some of these surfaces to the vertical or near vertical to make sure the skater would not be carried by gravity beyond the skating surface, possibly resulting in a nasty fall.

"Some of the surfaces that result from this investigation look very scary, maybe dangerous, but are really much safer than some of the tamer-looking locations."

He said that in comparison with other sports, skateboarding is not exceptionally risky. "Bicycles are the most dangerous, because the rider develops considerable velocity and has a long way to fall from the frame. Skateboarding has about the same incidence of injury as skiing, but the mishaps are less serious because again in most cases the skateboard rider does not move as fast as the skier."

Dr. Rockwell noted that almost all serious skateboarding injuries occur not in skateparks but in streets, where skaters have accidents with cars, and in swimming pools. "There are a few more injuries among the younger skaters at skateparks because their level of skill is not up to the unfamiliar environments," he said, "but at Carlsbad we are trying to cut this down through the work of our skate patrol."

Dr. Rockwell's credentials supply substantial support to the credibility of his studies. He has headed the health research program at the RAND Corporation, and is president of a medical group specializing in emergency medicine in Santa Monica. That group, Janzen, Johnson & Rockwell, supplies emergency medical personnel for five Southern California hospitals.

His study on skateboarding injuries encompassed nearly 32,000 patients treated in the Emergency Department of Santa Monica Hospital over a year's time. He concluded after evaluating the results, "There seems to be no reason to oppose skateboarding on medical grounds."



# Park Directory



Pictured above is TARA KAYLOR, newest member of the Sims Pure Juice Competition Team. Tara won the novice division for girls her age at the recent Oceanside Championship contest. It was there that the Sims team spotted her and invited her join them.

SQUEAKEY HAYNES was riding for a novice team when he entered the contests at El Cajon Skatepark. Members of the Banzai Team were there and he now rides with them.

If you are aspiring to get on one of the big teams enter all the contests you can find. That is where you can improve under the train of performing in public and also where you are out to be seen. How can a big team find you if nobody but you and a friend know how good you are?

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Fiberglass Park - Phoenix  
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### CALIFORNIA

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Carlsbad  
El Cajon - El Cajon (east of San  
Diego)  
Movin' On - Home Ave, San Diego  
Skateboard Heaven - Spring Valley

### Orange County

Irvine Community Park - Irvine  
Concrete Wave - Anaheim  
Skatepark Montebello - Montebello  
SkaterCross - Reseda  
Skatopia - Buena Park  
Sidewalk Surf Park - Fountain  
Valley

### L.A. County

Wild Wheels Skatepark - Covina  
Aloha Skatetown - Agoura  
Glendora Pipeline - Glendora

Boogie Bowl - Glendale  
Skateboard World - Torrance  
Runway - Carson

### San Bernadino County

Skater Crater - San Bernardino  
The Pipeline - Upland

### Ventura County

Fieldhouse - Thousand Oaks  
Kern County

Endless Wave - Bakersfield  
Sacramento County

Heat Wave - Sacramento  
Skateboard Palace - Carmichael  
Sierra Wave - Sacramento

### Stanislaus County

Heat Wave - Modesto

### Alameda County

Alameda Skate Park - Alameda

### COLORADO

Concrete Curl - Denver  
Up The Wall - Colo. Springs

### FLORIDA

Kona - Jacksonville  
Safe Surf - Fort Pierce  
Ground Swell - Fort Pierce  
Skateboard Safari - West Palm  
Beach  
Skateboard Heaven - Fort  
Lauderdale  
Ride the Glass - Daytona  
Earthin Surfin - St. Petersburg  
Solid Surf - Fort Lauderdale  
Skateboard USA - near Fort  
Lauderdale  
Paved Wave - Cocoa Beach  
Skateboard City - Port Orange  
Tomoka Moon Forest - Ormond  
Beach  
Suferdrome Skatepark - Sarastoa  
Skate Wave - Tampa  
Saturn Skate Park - Titusville  
Kissimmee Skate Park - Kissimmee  
Longwood Pipekine - Longwood  
Fiberglass Park - Ft. Meyers

### GEORGIA

Concrete Curl - Marietta  
Concrete Surf - Atlanta  
National Skateboard Park - Lake  
City  
Odyssey Skateboard Park -  
Columbus  
Southwestern Skateboard Park  
Columbus

### LOUISIANA

Thunderboard Skate Park - Gretna  
Solid Surf - Baton Rouge

### MARYLAND

Freestyle Skate Park - Gaithersburg  
Ocean Bowl - Ocean City

### MASSACHUSETTS

Zero Gravity - Cambridge

### MICHIGAN

Skateboard City - Warren  
Redford Skate Park - Redford

### MISSOURI

Skate Wave - Hardester

### NEVADA

Flow Motion - Reno

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

Wizard - Manchester  
Wizard - Hooksit  
Skateboard Center - Manchester

### NEW JERSEY

Paved Wave - Oakhurst  
Paved Wave - Ocean  
Weber's Wave - Brooklawn  
Wonderwave Skateboard Park -  
Ocean City  
Super Surf - Vineland  
Vernon Valley State Park - Mt.  
Vernon  
Casino - Asbury Park  
Monster Bowl - ?

### NEW YORK

Concrete Wave - Farmingdale  
East Coast Skateboard Park -  
Huntington,  
Long Island  
Asbury Park - Asbury Park

### NORTH CAROLINA

Wizard - Dunn  
Wizard - Wilmington  
Wizard - Raleigh  
Wizard - Fayetteville  
Freewheelin' - Wrightsville Beach  
The Skateboard Park - Carolina  
Beach  
Skateboard Carnival - Morehead  
City  
Solid Surf - Emerald Isle  
Double Tuff - Wilmington  
Polar Palace - Charlotte  
Banks 'n Bowls - Winston-Salem  
Dogwood - Winston-Salem  
Barney's Concrete Curl - Nagshead  
Concrete Pipeline - Emerald Isle

### PENNSYLVANIA

Thunder D'ohm - York  
Eastern Skateboard Park -  
Norristown

### RHODE ISLAND

Yagoo Valley Park - Slocum

### SOUTH CAROLINA

Wizard - Florence  
No. Myrtle Beach Park -  
North Myrtle Beach  
West Side - Florence  
Cosmic Wave - Columbia  
Funland - Myrtle Beach  
Red, White & Blue - So. Myrtle  
Beach  
Skateboard Park - No. Myrtle  
Beach

### TEXAS

Wizard - Garland  
Wizard - Dallas  
Skateboard USA - Irving  
Mid City - Grand Prairie  
Skateboard City - Houston  
Skateboard Slopes - San Antonio  
Sierra Wave - Rancho Cordova

Thanks again to Ron and Sondra  
Forkner for the updates. And new  
thanks to Rene at Custom Line  
Skateboards. I need you folks to  
keep us all informed.

### VIRGINIA

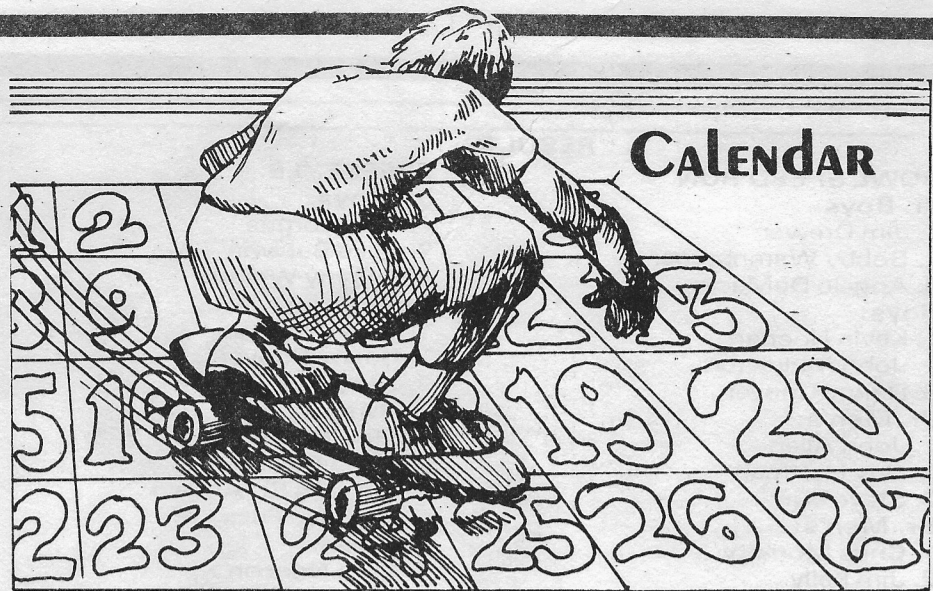
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The NSR gives many thanks to the  
people who have taken the time to  
support the "Review" by keeping  
us up to date on new parks. It is  
this kind of input that keeps the  
NSR "for skaters by contributions  
from the skaters". There are about  
50 more parks to be confirmed as  
operating so keep in touch. Thanks  
to: Ron and Sondra Forkner,  
Nelson Burton, Brian Sieg, Charles  
Shapiro, Wayne Ball, Don  
Bourgeois, the I.S.A., John Krisik,  
and Jon Malvino.





CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 3 - El Cajon Skate Park contest; bowl riding, freestyle, 360's; sign up 10-11 AM, practice 10 to Noon, start 1 PM; call 714/440-0325
- 8 - Skateboard Expo Show; Anaheim Convention Center; starring pros like Bob Mohr, Ellen Berryman, Russ Howell, Kim Cespedes, Bob Piercy, Conrad Miyoshi, and others; call 213/782-0920 for info on all their shows
- 9 - Skateboard Expo Show; at San Diego Sports Arena
- 9, 10 - Skatepark Symposium, by John Seneff; in San Diego; call 714/454-2078 for info
- 10 - Skateboard Expo Show at Santa Barbara
- 11 - Skateboard Expo Show at Sacramento
- 24 - Akron, Ohio CBS Sports Spectacular coverage; check TV listings for time and channel

JANUARY

- ? - Challenge of the Sexes on CBS; Robin Logan vs. Ernie Martin, Ellen Berryman vs. Huck Andress; 2 separate shows; check for listings
- 8 - The Hester Open Challenge 500; a pro giant slalom and geriatric race directed by Henry Hester; race at 10 AM at Box Canyon; register on site entry fee \$25 for pros, \$10 for geriatrics 27 years or older; in case of rain, contest will be held Jan. 15: Pro purse pays \$500 for 1st, \$100 for 2nd, and \$50 for 3rd; Geriatrics division pays \$100 for 1st and \$50 for second; entries must be members of the I.S.A.; call 714/455-9587 for info; contest administrated by Di Dootson.
- 20, 21, 22 - Surf and Skate Expo '78 (Trade Exposition); Melbourne, Florida; by Ross Houston; call 305/758-7873 for info.
- 26, 27, 28, 29 - National Sporting Goods Assoc. trade show with a skateboard section; Houston, Texas

FEBRUARY

- 10, 11, 12 - Skate & Surf Trade and Accessories Show; by Pat Miller; at Anaheim Convention Center, Calif; call 714/760-1014 for info
- 23, 24, 25, 26 - Sport Show; all skateboard major manufacturers attending; the largest sporting goods show in Europel Munich, Germany; call G & S 714/483-3230 for info



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# LET'S HEAR FROM: Florida

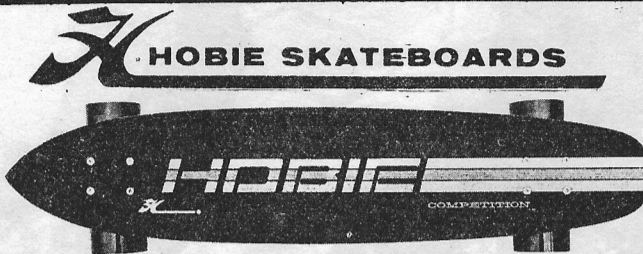
The owners of Earthin Surfin Skateboard Park, in St. Petersburg, Florida, (Jay Anderson, Steve Anderson, and Rick Moore) held a contest Oct. 29 and 30 with the proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. The two day event drew mostly local skaters but several teams from the east coast of Florida also showed up to make the spirit of competition more intense.

Surely the star of the whole contest was 6 year old TOMMY WATERS of St. Pete. who is at least three feet tall. He placed in the High Jump, bowl riding, and

freestyle events competing against boys up to 11 years old.

The most radical skating of the contest was displayed by CHRIS WEST of the East Coast Sims team from West Palm Beach. He blew minds with elevator drops from the top of a three foot verticle plywood extension in the bowl. At one point during the contest the move was not allowed as it was "too dangerous." But when Chris never missed the ruling was dropped.

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Now's the time to subscribe for yourself, and as a Christmas present for a friend!

## RESULTS

### BOWL SPEED RUN

- Jr. Boys:**
1. Jim Drewer
  2. Bobby Warenberger
  3. Angelo DeMaçio
- Boys:**
1. Kevin Noonan
  2. John Middleton
  3. Danny Coover
- Jr. Men's:**
1. John Allen
  2. Guy Hoffman
  3. Steve Burr
- Sr. Men's:**
1. Chris Moriarty
  2. Jim Kelly
  3. Chuck Lagana
- Ladies:**
1. Kendra Warren
  2. Joanna Braddock
  3. Tina Rufo

### BOWL RIDING

- Jr. Boys:**
1. Jim Drewes
  2. Bobby Warenberger
  3. Tommy Waters
- Boys:**
1. Mike Bacchus
  2. Eric Clevelle
  3. Jimmy Clark
- Jr. Men:**
1. Joe St. Angelo
  2. Alton Banks
  3. TIE: Mike Doley and Mike Futmore
- Sr. Men:**
1. Chris Moriarty
  2. Chris West
  3. Mark Lake
- Ladies:**
1. Joanna Braddock
  2. Lori LaCasse
  3. Kendra Warren

### FREESTYLE

- Jr. Boys:**
1. Max Borgus
  2. Mike Baldwin
  3. Tommy Waters
- Boys:**
1. Kevin Noonan
  2. Danny Coover
  3. Tony Day
- Jr. Men:**
1. Mike Folmer
  2. Alton Banks
  3. TIE: Joe St. Angelo and Mac Fuss
- Sr. Men:**
1. Mike Noonan
  2. Charlie Nicholl
  3. Chuck Lagana
- Ladies:**
1. Kendra Warren
  2. Tina Rufo

### HIGH JUMP

- Jr. Boys:**
1. Jim Drewes - 2'3"
  2. Max Borges - 1'3"
  3. Tommy Waters - 1'3"
- Boys:**
1. Kevin Noonan - 3'8"
  2. Matt Davies - 3'0"
  3. John Middleton - 2'10"
- Jr. Men's:**
1. Allen Banks - 3'10"
  2. John Allen - 3'8"
  3. Guy Hoffman - 2'10"
- Sr. Men's:**
1. Chris West - 3'8"
  2. Glenn Parker - 3'6"
  3. Chris Moriarty - 3'4"
- Ladies:**
1. Lori LaCarse - 2'8"
  2. Kendra Warren - 2'7"
  3. Joanna Braddock - 2'5"

### 360'S

- Jr. Boys:**
1. Jim Drewes - 2
  2. Max Boryes - 1 1/2
  3. Mike Baldwin - 1 3/8
- Boys:**
1. Danny Coover - 7
  2. Tony Day - 5 3/4
  3. Matt Davies - 4 1/2
- Jr. Men's:**
1. John Allen - 7
  2. Mac Fuss - 6
  3. Joe St. Angelo - 5 1/4
- Sr. Men's:**
1. Mike Noonan - 8 1/2
  2. Chuck Lagana - 6
  3. Charlie Nickels - 3
- Ladies:**
1. Kendra Warren - 3 1/4
  2. Joanna Braddock - 1/2

## Thank You's:

This regular section of the REVIEW is due to the constant contributions that readers and riders from all over the country send in. I would like to especially thank the following for their contributions:

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- PAUL HOSTERT, Sims Team
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  - ALLENBALL, Georgia
  - HAYSTACK MARLOWE, Maryland
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I can begin doing this by enclosing your fliers with all of our mailings to our members, both businesses and consumer. If you could provide me with 1,000 copies, I will begin immediately to embark on this project.

Sincerely,  
Sally Anne Miller,  
Executive Director, I.S.A.

Dear Di,

Please accept once again my appreciation for running our articles. If it's ok with you, we would like to do a few series of articles on basics (such as our "Use What Works") since many skaters are novices. We hope someday to meet you and NSR staff. If you ever attend a large eastern competition or of one of our boys ever head to your turf.

Keep up the good work. NSR has good NATIONAL coverage which some of the slick mags tend to ignore. You serve a real need.

Sincerely,  
Paul Geyer,  
President, AESA

Dear Paul,

I would greatly welcome such a series of articles. I heartily agree that the REVIEW serves as a voice to local skaters as well as from them. There are far too few places where the novice can get authoritative information. The deadline for each issue is the 15th of the month.

Always, Di

Dear Di,

Well, you're probably wondering where or who this is coming from.

My name is Jim Whalen and I am from Boulder, Colorado. I met you at the Dillon race in August. I was the third place finisher. I am writing to you in reference to some back issues of NSR. I would really like to get the issues from June '77 to the present issue. I have seen your mag. and think it is great! It really seems to cater to the pro. Right on!

I have temporarily moved to Alaska. I am still very heavily into racing (ski, bicycle, skateboarding). I hope to progress so well with my training that I should be the best (hopefully) by next summer. I am planning a European excursion this spring. One reason is to see Europe again (I am Swedish) to promote skateboarding, do some ski racing also.

I am presently employed as a racer for Kryptonics, Inc., a member of the E & H Wallboard team, supplied by Primo Sports of Boulder and am working with a manufacturer of a new slalom board for skating. I am presently riding a Turner SummerSki but this new design by Alan Albrecht is 100 percent better. It is called "The Stick" and you'll see how they stack up against the boys next summer.

I am very interested in the (I.S.A.) but don't know any specifics about the organization. Could you please send me some info on it? Also is enclosed payment for the back issues of the NSR and a one year subscription.

Your support of the sport is welcome. I hope to be talking with you again soon. I am helping with the development of a skatepark here in Anchorage. How about that? An Indoor skatepark! Much more later. Thank you. Yours in skating,  
Jim Whalen

Dear Jim,

Of course I remember who you are. I am really pleased that you took the time to write. I will be sending you the back issues you requested as soon as I move them from the last office I used.

Your plans in Alaska sound super. Would you be able to write an article for the "Let's Hear From:" section of the REVIEW. It would be great to hear from Alaska.

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And thanks to the L.C.B.'s who requested my presence at Long Beach FreeFormer '77.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Junkins,  
Slalom Starter

Dear Di,

Thank you for returning the photos. Next year, when we have our contest in June, I'll send the information to you as soon as possible.

The coverage you gave our contest was excellent and the City of Campbell and City of Saratoga extend our appreciation.

Sincerely,  
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Program Coordinator

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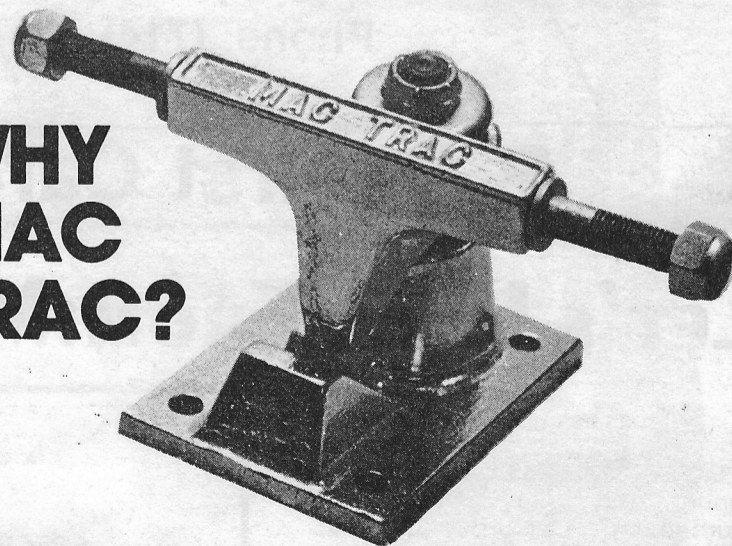
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## LET'S HEAR FROM: MICHIGAN

By Dan Van Guilder

Bay City, Michigan, held its 2nd Annual Bay City Skateboard Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 15, 1977, in the First Baptist Church parking lot. It was sponsored by Bintz Apple Mt. Sports, and John Jenwine, Associates. Teams from Don Thomas' Sporthaus, Nerlin's-Merlin's, and the Director's of the Board were represented.

CHRIS YANDALL, former national slalom champion served as head official and helped organize the event. Nearly 75 contestants entered both slalom and freestyle events in four age divisions. 200 spectators braved brisk winds and 50-degree temperatures to see the action.

HIGHLIGHTS: PAT BARRET had the fastest time of the day in the 35 cone slalom course which featured both straight and staggered gates (11.21 sec.) followed by teammate

### Results

#### FREESTYLE

##### Jr. Boys:

1. Brent Mondry
2. Larry Waibel
3. Megan LaRue

##### Boys:

1. Mike Woodruff - Don Thomas Sporthaus
2. Tim Farris
3. Dean Slickus

##### Jr. Men:

1. Rich Leeds - Don Thomas Sporthaus
2. Tom Farris
3. Mark Mondry

##### Men:

1. Dan Van Guilder - Directors of the Board
2. Joe O'Laughlin
3. Todd Farris

#### SLALOM

##### Jr. Boys:

1. Megan LaRue
2. Brent Mondry
3. Larry Waibel

##### Boys:

1. Mike Woodruff
2. Charlie Yandall - Directors of the Board
3. Dean Slickus

##### Jr. Men:

1. Pat Barret - Directors of the Board
2. Rich Leeds
3. Mark Mondry

##### Men:

1. Dan Van Guilder - Directors of the Board
2. Joe O'Laughlin
3. Todd Farris

DAN VAN GUILDER with a time of 11.84 sec . . . DAN VAN GUILDER and MIKE WOODRUFF were both double winners . . . in freestyle, an assortment of wheelies, handstands, "Ty hops", and kick flips amazed the local crowd, but RICH LEEDS, of Don Thomas' Sporthaus showed everyone "who's hot" with a gorilla grip 360 (helicopter) over a two-foot high jump bar . . . after the tournament CHRIS YANDALL gave an exhibition and a safety talk on skateboarding which included two films shown at the public library. This tournament was very successful in that the number of contestants was nearly double the previous year. Plans are being made for a even bigger tournament next June which will, hopefully, draw competition from as far away as Chicago, Cleveland, and Ft. Wayne, Indiana.



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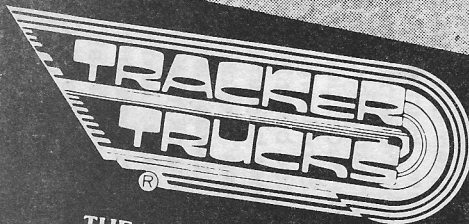
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