

# National Skateboard **REVIEW**



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Dear Pete,  
I used some of the photos in this issue. I'll keep the rest to use at a later date. Good luck with the weather for your winter contest. Send results?

Dear Di,  
I keep swearing I am going to give up this sport, but keep on trudging on at a rather slow pace, because not much is happening on the Eastcoast really worth talking about. Enclosed is the results of a contest that I did for the Rolling Surf Skateboard Park. My two sons worked there during the summer as the resident Pros. They are now being sponsored by Park Rider Wheels. Josh was also in a contest last week, he got 1st in the half pipe and 1st in bowl riding. It was a Pro-Am contest and if they send me the results I will in turn send them to you. Keep up the good work and let me know when you are close to my area and I will come to see you. I called Skateboarder Magazine to find out why they never published my letter about Tony Alva.  
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Dear Di,  
Enclosed are some photos from our last meet. We have one scheduled for this Saturday, Our "Mid Winter" Meet will be outdoors...should be interesting. There is snow on the ground.

A few of the local skateparks ran some small contests that were very expensive to enter. Many kids got disgusted and did not enter. Example: 2 day meet at \$7 per day per skater to enter. Prizes: skate time.  
Sincerely,  
Pete Pan Narragansett R.I.

DEADLINES: Articles and photos due Jan. 1; camera ready ads due Jan. 8.

## CALENDAR



### Cover Photo:

THE TATUM at Del Mar Skate Ranch - Photo by Lance Smith.

### National Skateboard

# REVIEW

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### JANUARY

- 6 - Paramount, Calif; USASA CONTEST; at Paramount Skatepark; bowl, freestyle, slalom; call 213/633-1224
- 7 - Pomona, Calif; USASA CONTEST; at Grand Prix; bowl, freestyle, slalom; call 714/623-6691
- 7 - Palos Verdes, Calif; SLALOM RACE; practice 11 a.m., race at noon; La Costa style race; call 714/753-6214.
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- 14 - Long Beach, Calif; USASA CONTEST; at Shady Acres; bowls, freestyle, slalom; call 213/428-6261
- 20 - Buena Park, Calif; USASA CONTEST; at Skatopia; bowl, freestyle, slalom; call 714/994-5061
- 21 - Upland, Calif; USASA CONTEST; at Pipeline; bowl, freestyle, slalom; call 714/981-6014
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- tba - Escondido, Calif; USASA CONTEST; at Whirlin Wheels; bowl, freestyle, slalom; call 714/741-5400
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# LET'S HEAR FROM:



SHOGO KUBO reaching to get laid back — Cherry Hill Skatepark, N.J.



## NEW JERSEY

By SIO Barry

A short note pertaining to a cruise Shogo Kubo, Chris Strople, Tom Inouye, Mark Lake, and myself took up the coast to Cherry Hill Skatepark, Camden, New Jersey. Tom found all da kinas physical satisfaction a true pro could ever enjoy while Chris caught his share of unlimited A/B's

(ask any Cherry Hill local) and Shogo was reaching to get totally laid back. When, just like the beginning, the cruise was over. P.S. Stuart Singer and myself will be holding a free participation and safety orientation clinic at Cherry Hill on Dec. 15, 16, 17 — going to have a good time.

## FLORIDA

By SIO Barry

A quick note from where the energy is ...in "Tally Town," Fla (Tallahassee). With the hot temperatures of dog days blanketing this part of the country and a new ramp at Skateboards . . .Inside-Out, the officers of the Tallahassee Skateboard

Club (TSC) organized a jam on Sept. 23.

The hot weather brought out the best from the local TSC airdogs. All participants enjoyed the rock and roll and the fresh fruit.

Signed,  
The Participants

Chuck Bell, Age 9  
Sherrod Huckaby, 10  
Shawn Rayborn, 10  
Jeff Walsh, 13  
Clint Dunlap, 13  
Lee Nettles, 14

Fred Newitt, 14  
Pete Yates, 15  
Brad McCleod, 15  
Vivian Moore, 15  
Scott Houghston, 15  
Eric Crosier, 16

Steve Rayborn, 16  
Shawn Peddie, 16  
Tim Hewitt, 20  
Lee Harding, 20  
Mark Miller, 20  
Barry Zaritzky, 27



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# Contests

## Texas

By Jeff Newton

FreeFlight Skatepark, Carrollton, Tex., hosted the 3rd Annual D.A.R. Skateboard contest last July. Over 100 skaters took part in the two day event. Free Flight and Donel Distributors co-sponsored the event. Skaters came

from Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas to compete and view the contest. Over \$1000 worth of prizes were given to the winners. The second day lasted until 2:30 IN THE MORNING.

### JULY RESULTS

#### Doubles Bowl Riding

1. Brian Abel and Tim Williamson
2. Bobby Simmons and John Gibson
3. Kenneth Owens and Ralph Clack

#### Bowl Riding

##### 10 and Under:

1. Keith Cameron
2. Ralph Littlejohn
3. Travis DeArmon

##### 11 to 14: none

##### 15 to 17:

1. Tim Williamson
2. Mark Biggs
3. Brian Hicks

##### 18 and Over:

1. Allan Johnson

#### 360's

1. Brian Abel - 26½
2. Todd Terrell - 9½
3. Dalton Amburgey - 8½

#### Girls Bowl Riding

1. Tracy Wilkerson
2. Carla Schacherl
3. Tammy Farley

#### Freestyle

##### 10 and Under:

1. Travis DeArmon
2. Richy Wood
3. Keith Cameron

##### 11 to 14:

1. Brian Abel
2. Todd Terrell
3. Scott Hutchens

##### 15 to 17:

1. Tim Williamson
2. Scott Carlton
3. Tom Cook

##### 18 and Over:

1. Jeff Newton
2. Rich Bachman
3. Pete DeLaCruz

#### Slalom

##### 10 and Under:

1. Richy Wood
2. Ralph Littlejohn
3. Keith Cameron

##### 11 to 14:

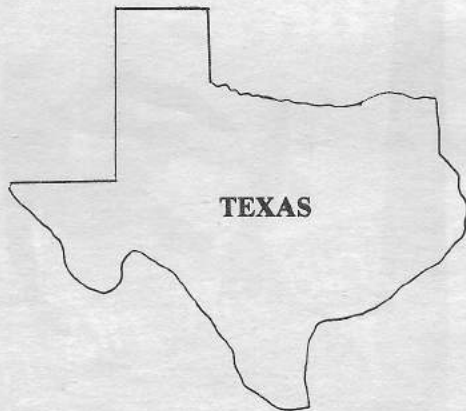
1. Brian Abel
2. Scott Hutchins
3. Brian Youngblood

##### 15 to 17:

1. David Cordova
2. Davis Chambers
3. Stanley Rivers

##### 18 and Over:

1. Allen Johnson
2. Art Keeton
3. Rick Bachman



In September, Free Flight hosted another contest. Over 50 entrants entered this event. After the day's intense competition, the crowd was

entertained by films of Hester's Pro Bowl at the Big O taken by Stuart Singer while in California this summer.

### SEPTEMBER RESULTS

#### 360's:

1. Brian Abel
2. Stuart Singer
3. Toad Terrell

#### Girls Bowl Riding

1. Tracy Wilkerson
2. Sally Stout
3. Allison Hoffman

#### Doubles Bowl Riding

1. Tim Williamson and Brian Abel
2. Chris Caudle and Craig Johnson
3. Scott Carlton and Stuart Singer

#### Freestyle

##### 12 and Under:

1. Travis DeArmon
2. Billy Sullivan
3. Tracy Wilkerson

##### 17 and Over:

1. Scott Carlton
3. Eric Walker
3. Tom Smith and Andy Springer

##### 13 to 16:

1. Stuart Singer
2. Brian Abel
3. Toad Terrell and Tim Williamson

##### 17 and Over:

1. Jeff Newton
2. Pete DeLaCruz
3. Cody Bell

#### Bowls

##### 12 and Under:

1. Kevin Cameron
2. Ralph Littlejohn
3. Billy Sullivan

##### 13 to 16:

1. Brian Abel
2. Tim Williamson
3. Stuart Singer

## California

By Don Bostick

On November 11, Skateboard City of Sacramento held its first Pro Downhill race. The location was Bass Lake Rd, 15 miles east of Sacramento in El Dorado County. With temperatures in the 40's, the surface was hard and fast. Only miles away snow was falling in the Sierra's down to 2,000 feet.

The turn out was good with experienced racers such as JAMIE HART (2nd at Catalina Downhill, 5th at Signal Hill '78), CLIFF COLEMAN (4th at Catalina, 4th at Signal Hill '78), DOUG JONES (1st Downhill at Northern Nevada State championships '77), and, fresh from the Colo, Circuit, JOHN WIGGINS.

The group was divided into two divisions with the established pros in the Flying A Division and first time pro racers in the Flying B Division. As expected, all times in the A Division

were faster than those in B Division. So it made for an even race.

The electronic timing was furnished by Cal Pro Skateboards. A speed trap was set up on the fastest section of the 1/4 mile road. DAVE CRIDDLE (Santa Cruz Fat City Racing) led the pack in the B Division taking home \$40. His teammate, JOEY WOODMAN, took 2nd with \$20, and in 3rd with \$10 was CHRIS PETTYJOHN of Oakland.

Jamie Hart took the honors and \$75 in the "winner take all" heavy weight division. Don Bostick was 2nd; Doug Jones took 3rd.

The contest ran without problems and Rod, from Skateboard City, should be congratulated for his efforts. Plans for future races are in the makings. Any and all racers are invited so keep tuned to the NSR.

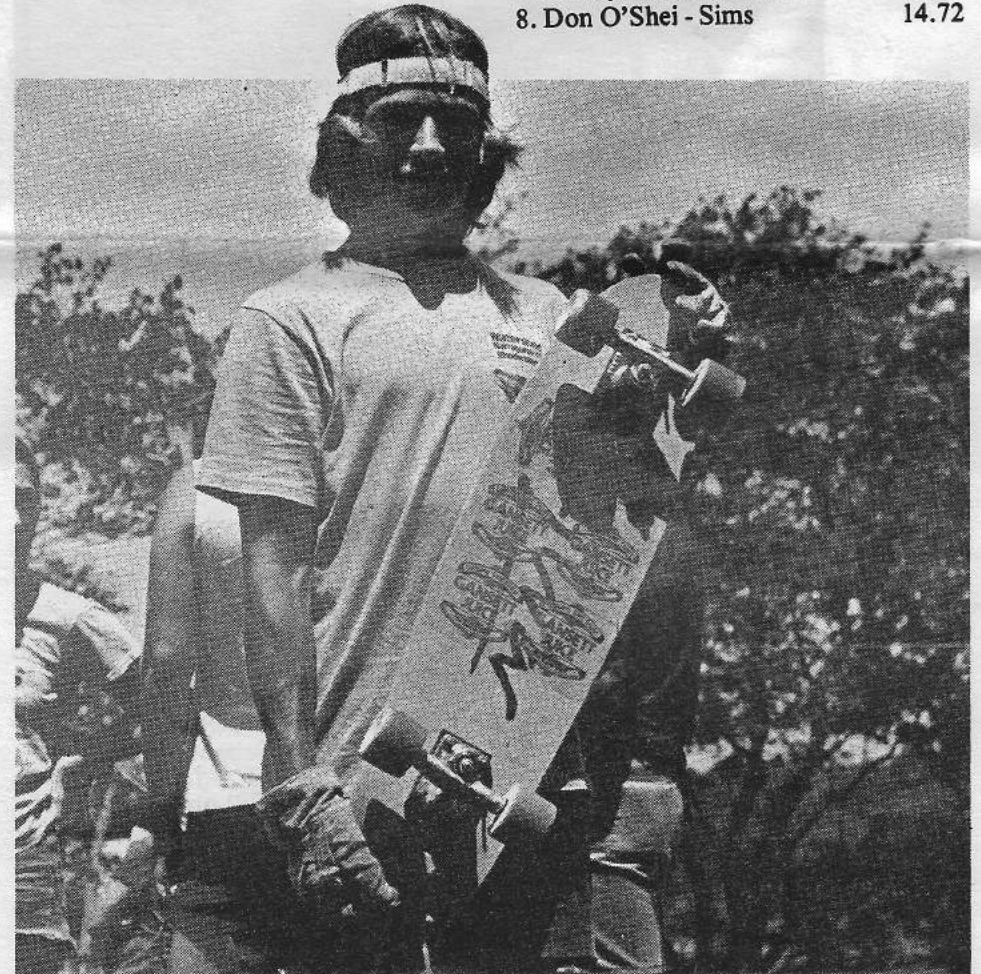
### RESULTS

#### Flying A

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| 1. Jamie Hart - Santa Cruz                              | 12.92 |
| 2. Don Bostick - Santa Cruz                             | 13.03 |
| 3. Doug Jones - N-Men                                   | 13.16 |
| 4. John wiggins - indep. and Cliff Coleman - Santa Cruz | 13.19 |

#### Flying B

- |                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| 1. Dave Criddle - Fat City  | 13.62 |
| 2. Joey Woodman - Fat City  | 13.68 |
| 3. Chris Pettyjohn - indep. | 13.70 |
| 4. John O'Shei - N-Men      | 13.79 |
| 5. Mark K. - Dead Skates    | 14.28 |
| 6. Tom Merrick - Fat City   | 14.62 |
| 7. Randy Katen - N-Men      | 14.65 |
| 8. Don O'Shei - Sims        | 14.72 |



GARY STEVENS — "Gansett Juice" Boy. Photo by Durocher.

## Rhode Island

### RESULTS

#### Freestyle winners:

- 9 and Under - Raji Malik, Kingston  
 Boys Division - Mark Rayta, Narragansett  
 Junior Division - Gary Southwick, Wakefield  
 Men's Division - Artie Gracey  
 Master's Division - Pete Pan

#### Ramp Riding winners:

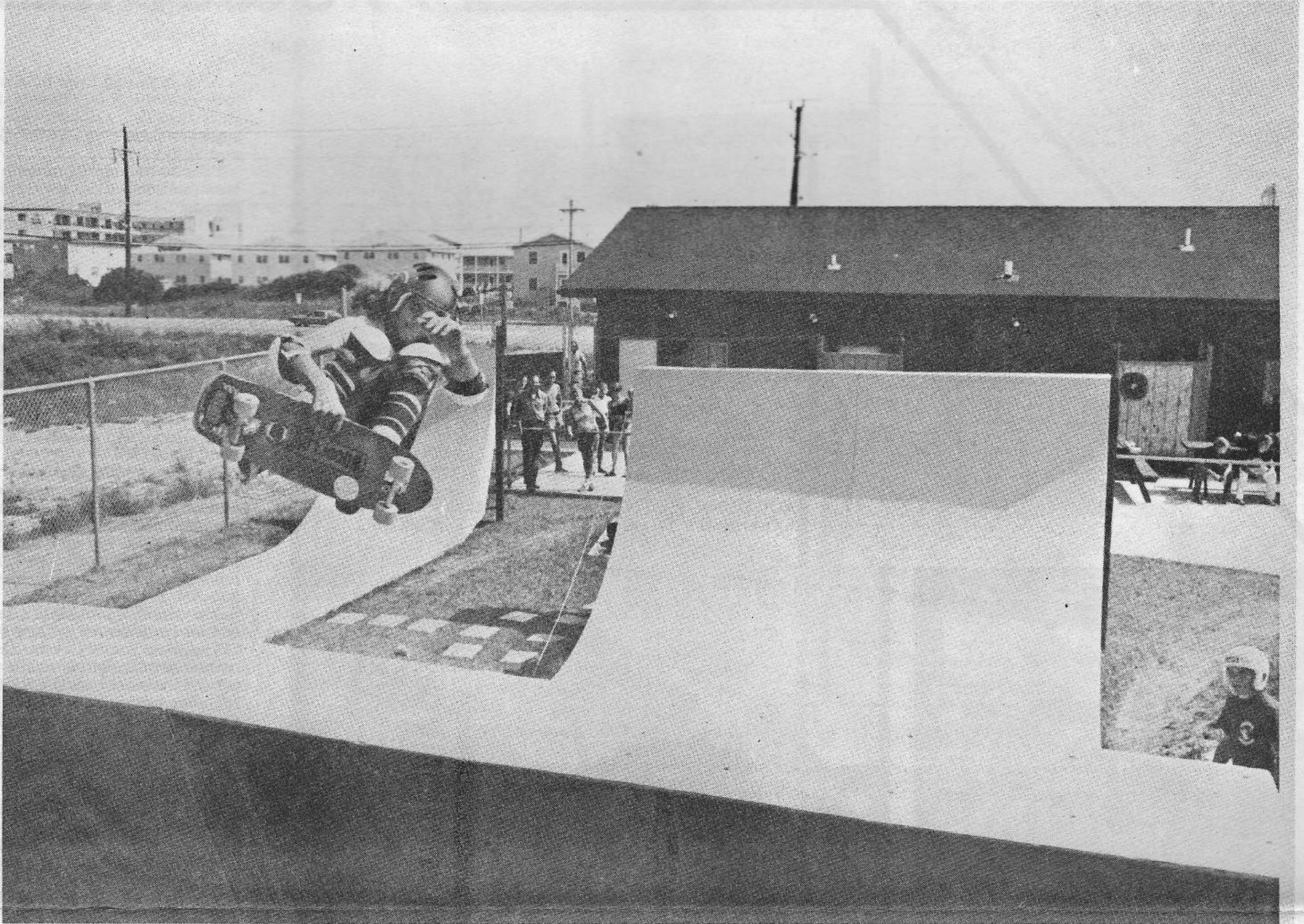
- Boys Division - Gary Stevens, Narragansett  
 Junior Division - Gary Southwick, Wakefield  
 Men's Division - Artie Gracey  
 Masters Division - Pete Pan

#### Slalom winners:

- 9 and Under - Raji Malik, Kingston  
 Boys Division - Mike LaBonte, Narragansett  
 Junior Division - Gary Southwick, Wakefield  
 Men's Division - Artie Gracey  
 Masters Division - Pete Pan

#### High Jump: Mark Rayta

- 360: Gary Southwick



JOSH MARLOWE, 14 years, rides for Park Rider Wheels. Photo by Landi Taylor.

# Maryland Contest

The Rolling Surf Skateboard Park of Ocean City, Maryland hosts its first skateboard contest, held Sept. 16, 1978 called Skate-78 and under the direction of Haystack Marlowe, It was a men's professional and ladies amateur contest. Also the Ocean Bowl, Ocean City's Recreational skateboard park, held a challenge contest between the professional and amateurs on Sept. 17, 1978 for trophies and prizes.

A special thanks to the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City, Md. who donated the money for the trophies for the Rolling Surf-Skate 78 contest and the Ocean Bowl Challenge, the many O.C. Shops for gift certificates and prizes, to Lazar Trucks for their donation of trucks for prizes, to Park Rider and Quality Products for their donation of many prizes, to Mark Ferragamo who did a great job at the M.C, Tom and Betty Foley owners of the new Rolling Surf Skateboard Park.

### Long Jump

1 Dan Hopkins	20	Sundance Team
2. Jeff Ward	21	Sundance Team
3 Josh Marlowe	14	Ocean City park Rider

### Special Awards:

Most Radical Skater	Josh Marlowe	Ocean City Park
Best Overall	Salty	Rolling Surf Team
Best Freestyle	Denny Riordan	Ferragamo Boards
Good Sportsmanship	Chip Frederick	Ferragamo Boards

**Miss Rolling Surf-** Ladies Amateur Contest winners with combined scores for freestyle and bowl riding

- 1. Miss Rolling Surf 16 year old Lorri Wright Rolling Surf Team
- 2 runner up 14 year old Leslie Fisher Sundance Team
- 3 runner up 16 year old Donna Goldberg Rolling Surf Team

### RESULTS:

<b>Events: Half Pipe</b>	<b>Age:</b>
1 Dan Hopkins	20
2 Josh Marlow	14
3 Brian Marlow	18
<b>Event: Full Pipe</b>	
1 Josh Marlowe	14
2 Dan Hopkins	20
3 Salty	19
<b>Event: Bank Freestyle</b>	
1. Denny Riordan	20
2 Salty	19
3 Josh Marlowe	14
<b>Event: Flat Freestyle</b>	
1 Denny Riordan	20
2 Salty	19
3 Brian Marlowe	18
<b>360's</b>	
1 Salty	19
2 Denny Riordan	20
3 Jeff Ward	21
<b>High Jump</b>	
1 Mike (Grasshopper)	
Bryan	17
2 Jeff Ward	21
3 Dan Hopkins	20

<b>Teams:</b>
Sundance Team
Ocean City park Rider
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Sundance Team
Rolling Surf
Ferragamo Boards
Rolling Surf
Ocean City park Rider
Ferragamo Boards
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Rolling Surf
Ferragamo Boards
Sundance Team
Ocean City Park Rider
Sundance Team
Sundance Team

### Special Awards:

Best Bowl Riding	Lorri Wright	Rolling Surf Team
Best Freestyle	Leslie Fisher	Sundance Team
Good Sportsmanship	Daphne Hurley	Sundance Team

### The Ocean Bowl Pro-Am Challenge

<b>Small Bowl Event:</b>		
1. Josh Marlowe Pro.	58 points	Ocean City Park Rider
2 Pat Truitt AM.	55 points	Atlantic Skateboards
3 Jim Mc Naulty Pro.	48 points	Ocean Bowl Team
3 Mark Hordeman Am.	48 points	Ocean Bowl Team
<b>Big Bowl Event:</b>		
1 Josh Marlowe	54 points	Ocean City Park Rider Team
2 Pat Truitt	51 points	Atlantic Skateboards
3 Brian Marlowe	50 points	Ocean City Park Rider Team

### Overall Winners:

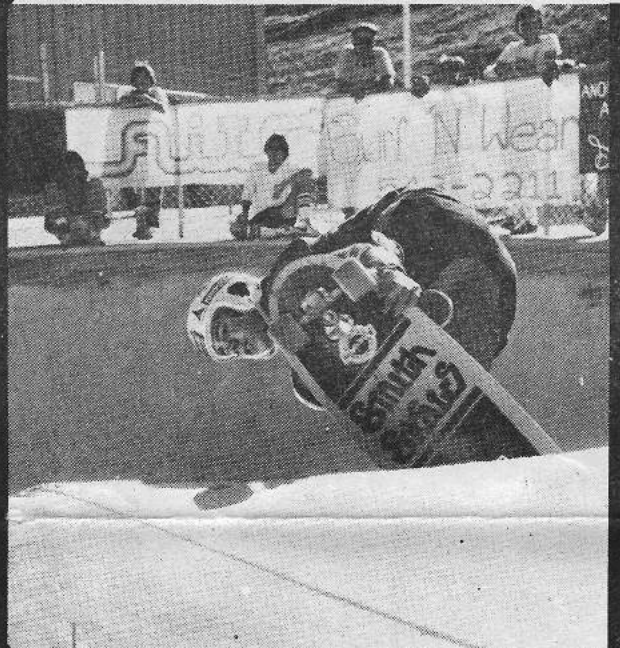
**1st place** Josh Marlowe 112 points Josh is a fourteen year old Pro., skates for Park Rider wheels.  
**2nd place** Pat Truitt, Pat is fourteen year old skates for his father owner of Atlantic Skateboard Co. 106 points.  
**3rd place** Mark Hordeman, Mark is an attendant at the Ocean Bowl and is 22 years old skates for the Ocean Bowl Team. 96 points.

# 1978 Central C

By Jack



PAUL DUNN, (Surf N Wear) co-organizer of the tour, placed 5th Overall with 141 pts. Future pro treat — look out B.P.



JEFF CROWE, (Smith Skates) "Best Skater of the Tour," took 3rd Overall with 159 points.



ERIC MEYER (Surf N Wear) was 4th Overall with 155 pts. He was awarded "Man with the Most Questions" award.



GARY FLUITT (Surf N Wear) edging out JEFF CROWE for 1st in the dual slalom at Stop #5.



JOHN PARMENTER (Surf N Wear), took 7th Overall with 123.5 pts after competing in only two contests.

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The awards banquet was held at the MIKE KELLERMAN wound up First C followed in Second with 196 points. JEF Rounding out the top five were ERIC N (141).

JEFF CROWE was voted "Skater of th "Good Guy Award" went to DAV throughout the Tour. "Racer of the Y "Bowl Rider of the Year" trophy went to

We plan another tour in March and more manufacturers like Bad Co. we pla pro events. Thanks again to everyone wh to Peter Camann who gave me the idea to

# Central Calif. Coast Tour

By Jack Smith

After returning from the Colorado Pro Tour, I was determined to organize a tour in my area of California. I enlisted Paul Dunn to help me out. He also had a truck in which we could haul the starting gates around. The plan was simple: stage five competitions throughout the county, awarding points to each finisher placing in the top 16.

Prize costs were figured out and the search for sponsors was on. Many local businesses helped out by supplying money and merchandise. Major sponsors of the tour were: SURF N WEAR, THE SPORTS SECTION, CENTRAL COAST SURFBOARDS, THE MOUNTAIN AIR, FLITE SKATEBOARDS, and BAD CO. Special thanks to Jeff Russell of Bad Co.; he was a tremendous help to Paul and myself.

The first competition was held on September 1, 1978 at the Solid Wave Skatepark owned by Jerry Jones. Events included pool doubles, pool freestyle, coping carving, and dual slalom.

Dewey Lea and John Parmenter easily out pointed the competition in the doubles. Pool freestyle was next. Jeff Frazier put together fine runs in the prelims and finals to grab 1st place. He was followed by John "Scruffy" Parmenter and Mike Kolsbun. Frazier was really on that day and took 1st in the carving event; Second and Third places were a repeat of the pool event.

The slalom course was slightly offset and tight. Paul Dunn was unbeatable as he usually is, and wound up in First Place. Mike Kellerman was second and Gary Fluitt placed 3rd.

September 30th, the circuit moved to Los Osos for competition in downhill, giant slalom, freestyle, and cross country. Newcomer to the area, Ken Martin, layed down some fine footwork to win the freestyle event. Hal Woods placed Second, followed by Mike Kwan in Third.

Giant slalom was up next and it provided some upsents. Paul Dunn and Gary Fluitt were the favorites to win. Both Paul and Gary took bad falls in practice, but were still able to compete. Mike Kellerman placed First edging David Baker into 2nd. Eric Meyer took 3rd.

The downhill provided some more surprises. Mike Kellerman and Gary Fluitt tied for 1st, followed by Dave Sherill in Second and Eric Meyer in Third.

The cross country event started with a run 3/4 the way down the downhill course, turned sharply to the right, across a flat area, up a winding sidewalk, around the school, and back down the hill. The start was a mass start which made for some interesting wipe outs in the first turn. David Baker was the winner, he was chased closely by Eric Meyer and Jeff Frazier who placed 2nd and 3rd, respectively.

Mike Kellerman moved into the overall point standings lead with '89 points. Eric Meyer was Second with 72 points, and Jeff Frazier was Third, so far, with 71 points.

Stop Three was in Pismo Beach on October 7. This day belonged to Paul Dunn who captured Firsts in both the dual slalom and dual giant slalom. Gary Fluitt was Second in dual slalom while David Baker placed Third. Mike Kellerman grabbed Second in G.S. and David Baker scored another Third Place finish.

The final event of the day was a 100 yard uphill dash. Longlegged Mike Kellerman took first being pushed hard by David Baker who placed Second, and Jeff Frazier who came in Third.

Points Standings after Pismo were as follows: Kellerman (140 points), Baker (114), Dunn (101).

Stop Four was in San Luis Obispo on October 21. This contest had the biggest turnout of the Series. Many of the events ran at the same time, making in interesting for the spectators.

Zero Gravity Team rider Ken Martin won the 360's event. In the freestyle, Paul Anderson (Surf N Wear) won First Place honors followed by Hal Woods and Jeff Crowe.

Mike Kellerman continued to rack up points by winning the high jump. Jeff Frazier took Second and Hal Woods placed Third.

Paul Dunn won this third slalom event in a row. Willie Lester, a racer from Pasadena, Calif, and who won two of the high school division races in Colorado, was runner up to Dunn. Consistent performer, Jeff Crowe took Third Place.

Going into the last contest of the tour, the point standings showed Kellerman in first with 200 points, Baker 2nd with 135, and Dunn in Third with 126 points.

Stop Five was at the Solid Wave Skatepark on November 4. Four bowl events and a dual slalom were on tap for the final competition of the Series.

Leading off the day was the aerial event held in the half pipe. Scruffy Parmenter won his first event of the tour by out-launching the competition. Second Place went to Eric Meyer, followed closely by Jeff Frazier.

In the half pipe freestyle, Jeff Frazier turned in outstanding, flawless performances from the prelims to the finals to win the event. Runner up was Scruffy Parmenter as Third Place went to Jeff Crowe.

One-wheelers was the next event and Frazier continued his domination of the bowl events by placing 19 one-wheelers in 30 seconds, Scruff Parmenter grabbed Second and Jeff Crowe got Third Place honors for the second time that day. In the final bowl event, Frazier was still unbeatable as he easily won the carving event. Roland Bennett was Second and David Baker was Third.

The slalom event proved to be most interesting as Paul Dunn was eliminated in the semi-finals. Gary Fluitt was top dog, while Jeff Crowe took Second and Paul Dunn finished Third.

The awards banquet was held at the Motel Inn in San Luis Obispo, Calif. MIKE KELLERMAN wound up First Overall with 227 points. JEFF FRAZIER followed in Second with 196 points. JEFF CROWE was in Third with 159 points, Rounding out the top five were ERIC MEYER (155 points), and PAUL DUNN (141).

JEFF CROWE was voted "Skater of the Tour" by his fellow skaters. A special "Good Guy Award" went to DAVE SHERRILL for his constant help throughout the Tour. "Racer of the Year" trophy went to PAUL DUNN and "Bowl Rider of the Year" trophy went to JEFF FRAZIER.

We plan another tour in March and April of '79. If we can get backing from more manufacturers like Bad Co. we plan on enlarging the tour to include a few pro events. Thanks again to everyone who helped with the program and especially to Peter Camann who gave me the idea to do something like this.

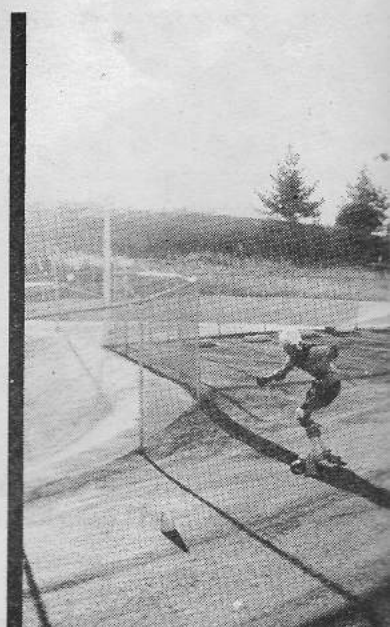
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JACK SMITH (Flite), tour organizer, checking the course at the San Luis Obispo race.



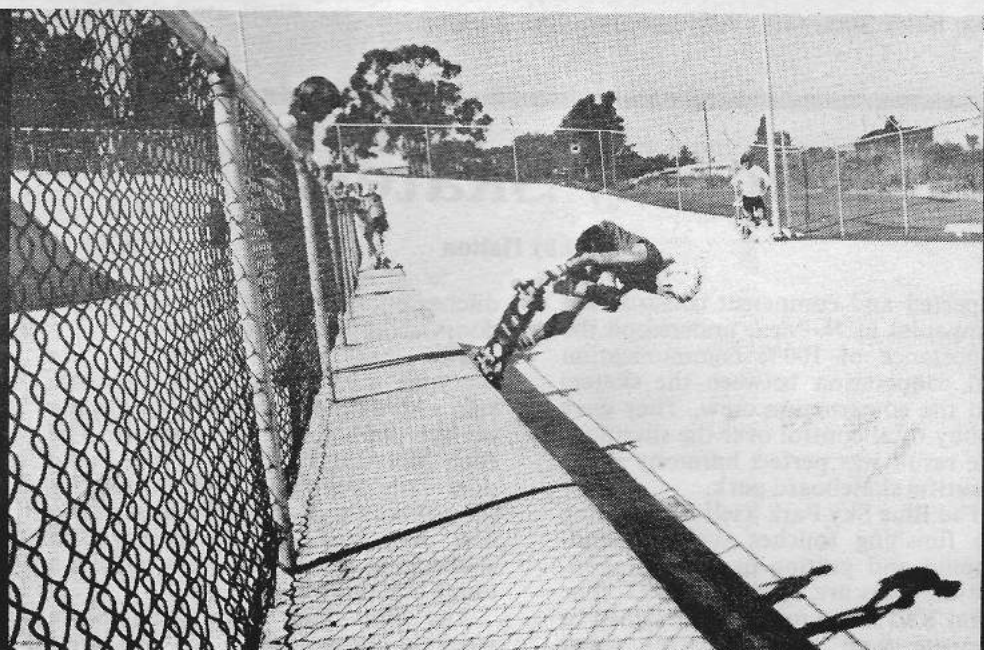
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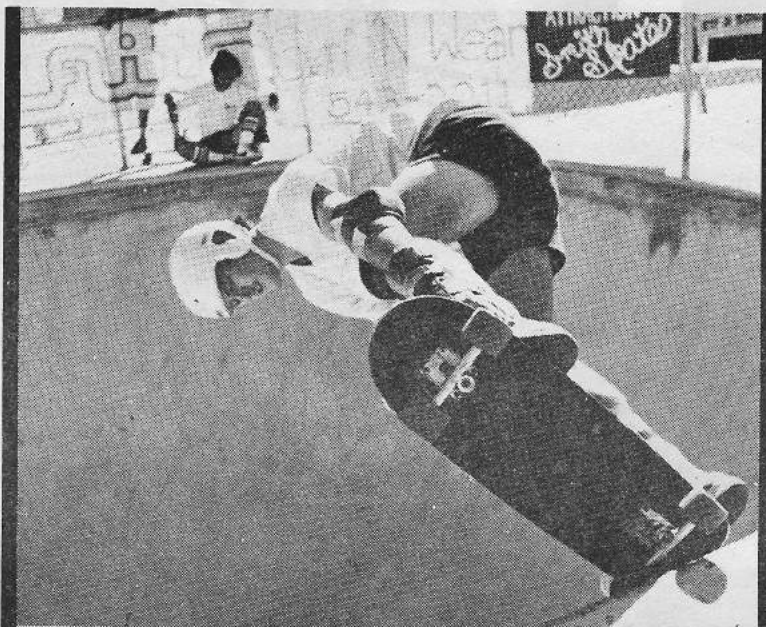
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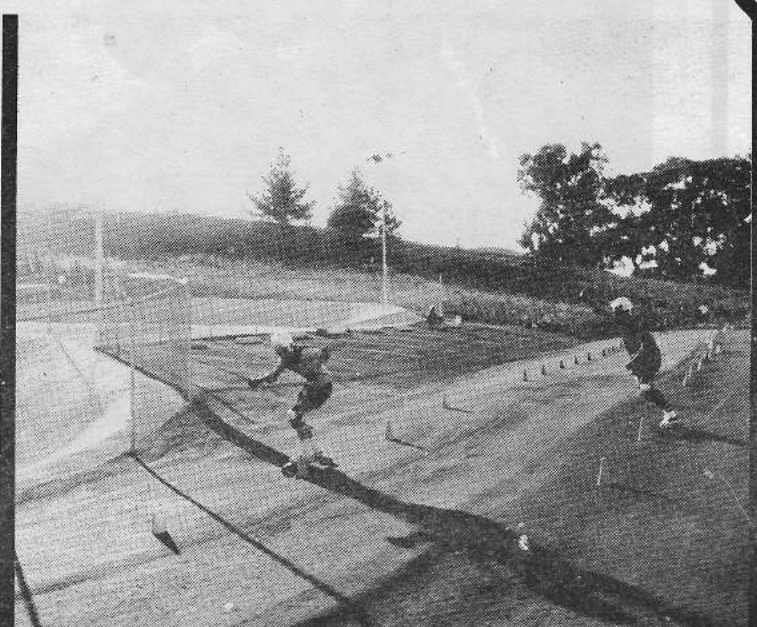
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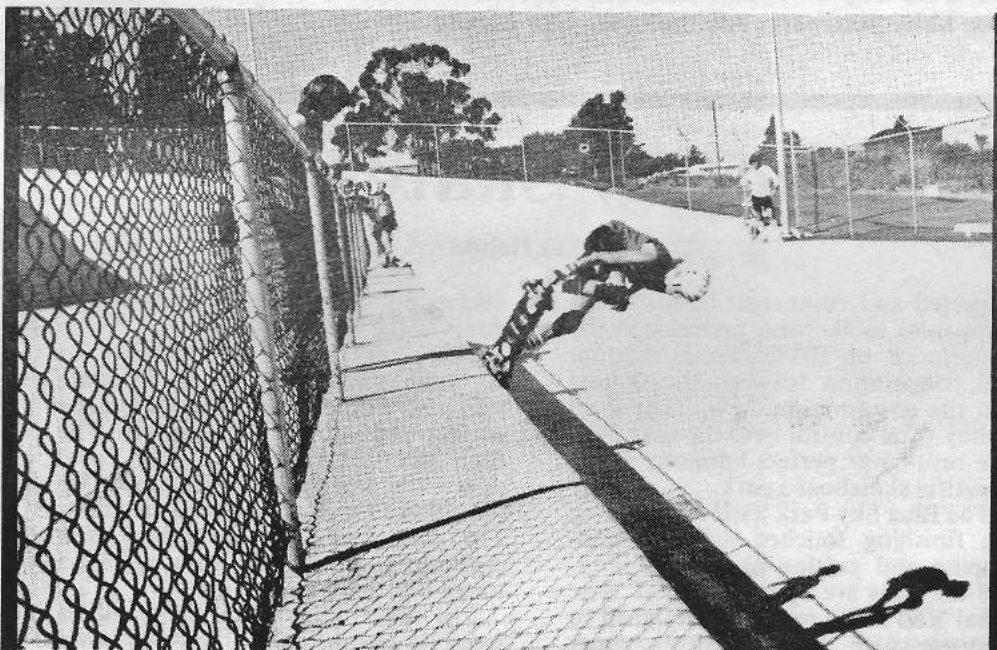
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# PARK DIRECTORY

This section is only an "up date" of new parks that are open. There are about 141 verified parks open across the U.S. - too many to print with each issue of the NSR. Another complete, verified listing of open parks will be printed in the June, 1979 issue of the

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Surface shot of one of the bowls at Blue Skies Skatepark, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

All Blue Skies Skatepark photos by John Abrams

## Blue Sky Skatepark

By Bobby Halton

Open now and delighting New Mexico's skaters is Blue Sky Skate Park. Laid out over 4 acres of the Land of Enchantment on McLeod Rd., one block west of San Mateo, is the most beautiful concrete sculpture in America. Blue Sky was built under almost perfect conditions and the proof is in the park. B.S. was designed by Harwood Constr. of L.A. in conjunction with two New Mexican skate professionals: Marc Pegram and Bobby Halton. Three years of researching by these two paid off. Bobby was quality control and working every day on the construction. Scott Price and Assoc., one of the most

respected and competent construction companies in N. Mex. understood the importance of 100% communication and cooperation between the skaters and the construction crew. They gave Bobby total control over the situation. The result was perfect harmony and a beautiful skateboard park.

The Blue Sky Park itself is still doing the finishing touches such as landscaping and putting in the pro shop. But the runs are open and HOT. The Total Rad is the main run designed to compete with New Mexico's super intense flood control channels. The 200' long, 50' wide, and 17' deep bowl not only turned out hotter than, the

ditches but opened up all kinds of new doors to the local wildmen.

The park has something for everyone and the 120' intermediate run, with a pear shaped 12' bowl, is the perfect place to get into aeriels. The Blue Sky team (formally Pop Tops) does daily exhibitions and are reaping the reward for three years of patience. The 180' half pipe is intense and challenging. It's 4' vert walls make it a tough one to wire.

The Blue Skies team, originally a freestyle team, now has its own especially designed freestyle area: 70' x 50' with beautifully sloped 8' walls, a judging area, keyhole pool, and

starting ramp all make Blue Sky a freestyler's paradise.

Many plans are under way to make Blue Sky a success. The plans include the grand opening (date not confirmed), visits from friends Tony Alva and Jay Adams, and dozens of special programs to aid everyone from beginners to the handicapped.

Bobby and Marc would personally like to thank everyone who stood by and encouraged our efforts. The names are too many to mention but y'all know who you are. We like everyone who can, to come down and see our baby and again, thanks to everyone.

# HAZARD REPORT

**Editor's Note:** This is Part 3 of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's report on skateboarding. Thus far it has done a good job of reporting skateboarding as most skaters feel it exists. This section deals with what part the skateboarder him/herself have to do with accidents. The sub-sections on "Age" and "Balance" are interesting in that they mention some traits particular to certain ages. This may help explain the difference in the level of ability seen in competitions.

Imagine a boundary enveloping the rider, his skateboard, and the immediate environment or terrain over which the skateboarder is traversing. This boundary encloses what may be termed "a system." Further, in order for this system to remain intact, all components within the boundary must be in, what is known as, dynamic equilibrium; that is, all forces must be balanced and the net force associated with the system equal to zero.

The skateboard transmits forces to the rider, as well as from the rider to the ground. Because of uneven terrain, the skateboard moves through vertical and rotational motions to which the rider must respond. Such responses take the form of subtle shifts in weight and/or accommodations through flexing of the ankles, knees, etc., presuming the skateboard motions are of a magnitude *within the ability of the rider* to control. If, however, the skateboard motions become violent or very sudden, a net force beyond the rider's compensation ability will be generated and the system will become unbalanced.

## MOTOR ABILITIES AND SKATEBOARD RIDING PERFORMANCE

It is probable that the task of riding a skateboard, successfully, requires more complex motor skills than other sports activities in recent history. Skateboard riding involves, predominantly, a complex motor skill for a vehicle control task. Control of direction and stability is dependent on the rider and his motor abilities.

There is a strong relationship existing between perceptual-motor and sensory-motor abilities and the required skills for controlling and stabilizing a skateboard. The processing of sensory stimuli is not fixed or absolute, but is a continuous process. Sensory input must be integrated, sorted, and selected before the appropriate motor response is elicited. The ability to process the sensory input and respond with complex and integrated patterns of motor output is dependent on several factors.

## AGE

For an individual who is less than 5 years old, the ability to perform the motor skills required in skateboarding is questionable, mainly because his bodily systems are not completely developed. In children over 5, certain developmental factors, as reflected by chronological and developmental age, may play a critical role and are key factors which will dictate the user's ability to safely execute selected skills.

It appears that many motor skills are acquired and developed up to puberty when a maximum achievement level may be reached. In the early to middle teens, this motor ability is again subject to improvement and refinement depending on the skater's motivation. The degradation of motor skill acquisition and performance will vary from individual to individual but the aging process beyond the teens can begin to affect skateboard riding performance. This factor is in play to some degree as reflected by the high percentage of injuries to victims over 25.

## EXPERIENCE

The lack of prior experience is of paramount importance in the injury scenario and is substantiated by the relatively high percentage of injuries incurred by first time skaters. Physical

educators, child developmentalists and experts in other disciplines dealing with motor skill acquisition identify **experience and/or practice as having a direct influence on learning.** The theory is that as the development of motor skills proceeds to advanced stages, the performance of skills requires less and less active attention and thus provides the basis for more advanced skills. Therefore, the lack of experience increases the probability of an accident throughout the age range but is especially critical for the very young.

The inexperienced skater may be more likely to be injured than an experienced skater, if a given sensory motor response has not been assimilated. If a situation arises which calls for an immediate and accurate motor response the skater may take too long to react. Since the appropriate motor response has not been learned from past experience, the increased time taken to react appropriately increases the probability of an accident. This ability to process information is affected by both the developmental age and the past experience of the individual.

## BALANCE

A task analysis of skateboard riding reveals that a multitude of factors are in play. Timing and rhythm, which rely on reflexes and coordination, are essential and play an important role in the user's skill and safety. Fitts (14) points out that the frequency of a response is dependent on the time required to collect samples

of information from the environment. Therefore, closer scrutiny of reaction-time as affected by amount of sensory information to be processed at different speeds may prove it to be a critical component in skateboard associated injuries. Strength, endurance, and flexibility may be important factors; however, it appears that balance or the ability to balance in a constantly changing environment at various speeds is the most critical task for the user.

Skateboard riding requires dynamic balance. The correlations between measures of static and of dynamic balance are reported by Espenschade (11) to be uniformly low: static and dynamic balance are separate entities. Additionally, research investigations indicate that **balance in combination with other vestibular-kinesthetic perceptions may not mature until the age of 11 and that ability to balance is affected during puberty.** This may be attributed to changes in growth rate (Cratty, 8).

As the user moves, the platform must be able to translate all motions into steering actions so the user maintains dynamic balance. Thus, the presence of the trucking mechanisms which convert shifts in weight to rotations and allow the skateboard to be guided.

Generally, the lower the user's center of gravity, the more body stability present, thus short stocky people are said to have better balance than tall individuals. **By flexing the knees,** the user can lower the center of gravity and

increase stability. (It should be noted, of course, that with sufficient speed and path curvature centrifugal force comes into play and this would call for additional consideration.)

## ENVIRONMENT

Information from the special study indicates that perhaps 35% of the skateboard related injuries may be reduced or eliminated if **environmental controls were in operation.** It is obvious that by introducing unexpected obstacles, constantly changing environment, and unpredictable terrain as well as intrusion from dogs, motor vehicles, and the like, the probability for an accident is increased appreciably.

If the skateboarder is following an unfamiliar course, one which he has never skated before, his ability to process the incoming information, integrate it, and respond in time with the appropriate motor act is questionable. The role of anticipation or preview is important because it allows the user to anticipate future responses during the performance of present responses.

## SOCIAL INFLUENCES

Most individuals are aware that there is a risk factor present while riding a skateboard and many will accept injury with complacency. *In fact, it has been recognized that it is the presence of the risk which has a predominant influence in luring certain individuals into the activity.*

Injuries and pain may even enhance the skateboard rider's image and peer acceptance. During these childhood years, youngsters are often challenging many aspects of the world. Risk-taking behavior is generally socially acceptable and is often praised and reinforced.



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**From: Dave McIntyre (G&S)**  
**Date: Nov. 22, 1978**  
**Subject: Novice Amateur  
 Competition**

I wish to express my personal appreciation for the interest and hard work in which you have involved yourselves concerning the development of a legitimate and realistic novice amateur competition program. As I indicated to you at the Vans meeting, Gordon & Smith and all of the other manufacturers and memberships of the International Skateboard Association fully support the concept of novice amateur competition throughout the United States and the world.

I am very pleased that there is sufficient interest and support from your group including many manufacturers who are not currently members of the I.S.A. The I.S.A. in 1979 will be emphasizing this type of competition. Hopefully through the experience you have had with the various novice amateur contests held in 1978, our common goals and interest will result in a realistic package that can be used as the nucleus for a national program.

Gordon & Smith as a company and team wish to fully support your goals

and needs in hope that some of the burden and required support can be had through the formation of the Amateur Racing organization (A.R.O) which would function basically as a subsidiary of the International Skateboard Association as P.R.O. has been functioning.

I must stress that in my opinion financial assistance from within the industry will only result in nominal funds being pledged. Therefore, you must anticipate and plan that your income will be based on membership, entry fees, limited skateboard industry funding, and a non-skateboard industry funding.


Again, I wish to stress the importance of developing a program that can be used nationally and worldwide which will involve the novice and amateur skater who are basically non-team supported and which emphasizes non-skatepark competition as well as packaging of a low budget/simple competition format.

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# Contest Rumors

Banzai dropped its team, except for Layne Oaks, and G&S picked up the whole team; especially Pat Haynes.....So. Cal. team leaders starting their own contest circuit.....T.A. made it to Del Mar Skate Ranch grand opening.....Carlsbad Skatepark is still open ....FreeFormer put on a contest and CBS filmed it; to be shown in spring.....Rampage ramps

available for demos....Alva Skates coming out with a 12" ...racing again at La Costa on certain Sundays.....Flow Motion (Nev.) changed it's name.....Zero Gravity closed down because of insurance and rent.....USASA now home based in Calif.....Rod Gilbert (Sales rep. for Rector) was murdered; funeral 12/5/78.

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*Ed. Note: Rod worked for years as Hang Ten's sales manager and was a founder of Rector and Wolf safety equipment in skateboarding as he also became their sales manager. His death at the hands of an intruder into his home has jolted the whole skateboard and surfing industry.*



TAY HUNT. Photo Lance Smith.

Jack Smith Contest cont. from page 7.

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3. Jeff Crowe, Smith Skates	159
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5. Paul Dunn, Surf N Wear	141
6. David Baker, Solid Wave	135
7. Scruffy Parmenter, Surf N Wear	123.5
8. Hal Woods, Solid Wave	116
9. Gary Fluitt, Surf N Wear	114
10. Ken Martin, Zero Gravity	93.5

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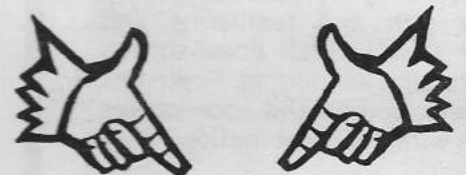
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Dear Haystack,  
 Seems I didn't use the results until this issue, not Dec. as I had mentioned to you on the phone. But, here they are. Hang in there on the East Coast.

You think it's slow there, well we've taken a few backward steps ourselves out here in Calif. But here we both are. I'll keep in touch.  
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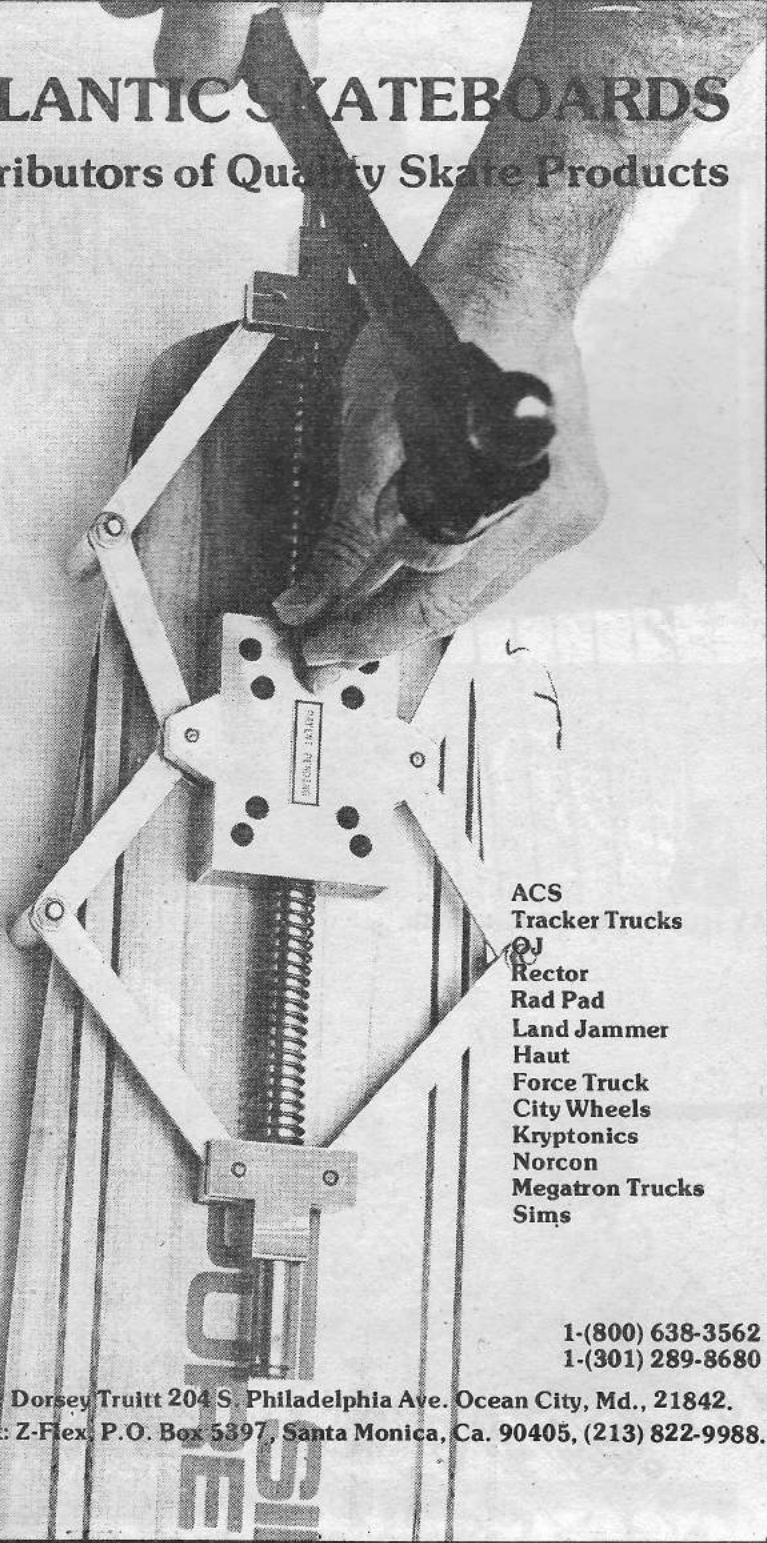
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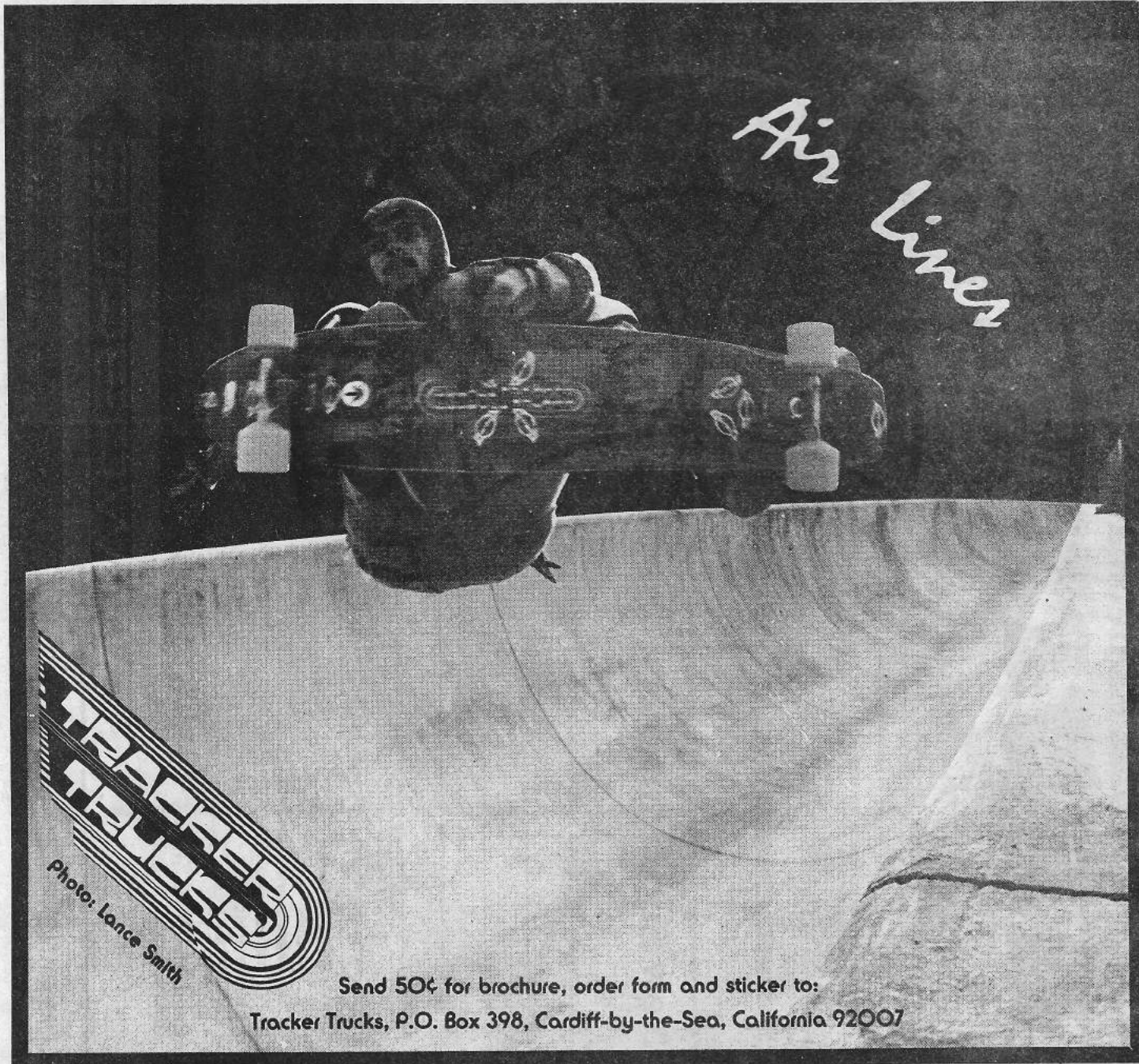
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