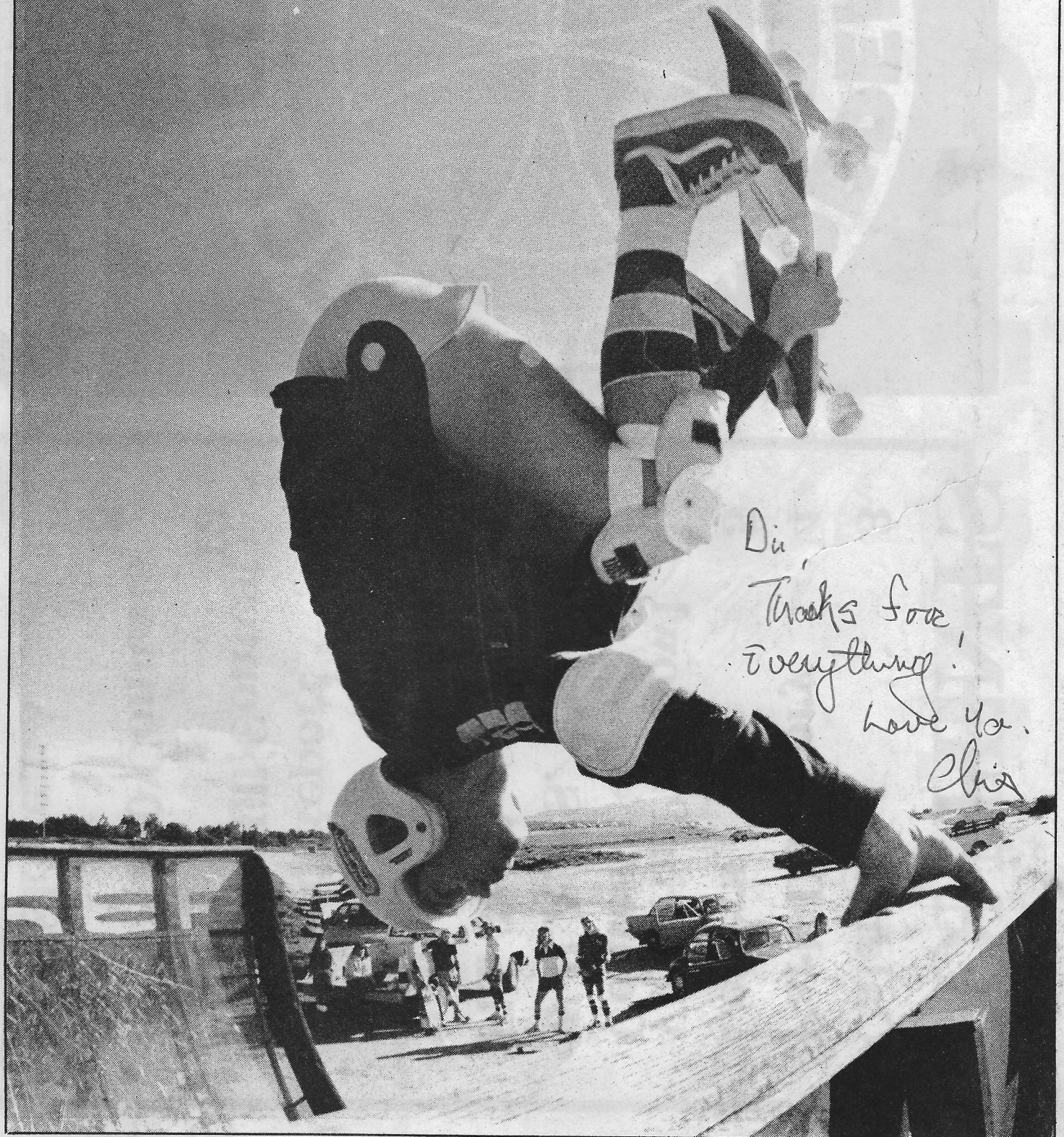


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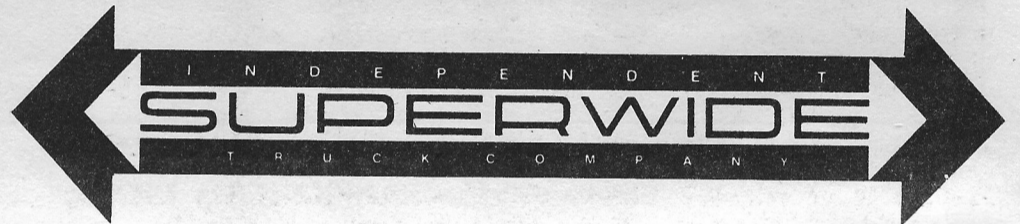


*Di,  
Thanks for  
everything!  
Love ya.  
Chris*

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# CALENDAR



## MARCH

- 2,3 - Tampa, Fla; **PRO-AM CONTEST**; at Rainbow Wave Skatepark; bowl riding, half pipe, and cross country; call 813/977-8844
- 3,4 - Killeen, Texas; **GRAND OPENING OF LONE STAR SKATEPARK**; pros, contests, prize drawings, freebies; call 817/526-5454
- 6,7,8 - Long Beach, Cal; **SKATE AND SURF CONVENTION**; not open to public, just skateboard and surfing businesses; call 213/760-1016
- 8 - Milpitas, Cal; **WINCHESTER-VICTORIA OPEN SERIES**; open class (pro and am); bowl riding; call 408/946-1310
- 10 - Ontario, Cal; **DEMO AT CAL 500**; at Ontario Speedway; arranged by Lou Peralta; promo for Heart Assoc. Marathon; call 213/344-7040
- 10,11 - Reseda, Cal; **PRO-AM CONTEST**; at Skatercross; \$1000 1st overall to pros; trophies to amateurs; pool riding, cross country; entry must be in by Mar. 8th; call 213/344-7040.
- 11 - Palos Verdes, Cal; **SLALOM RACING**; mixed ama and pro; call 213/372-8082
- 17 - Concord, Cal; **NO. CAL SKATEPARK AMA. CIRCUIT**; at Clayton Valley Skatepark; three events; call 415/676-7714
- 18 - LaCosta, Cal; **SLALOM RACING**; mixed ama and pro; call 714/753-6214
- 23,24 - Clearwater, Fla; **PRO-AM CONTEST**; at Clearwater Skatepark; dual slalom, giant slalom, freestyle, cross country, half pipe, rock concert, BBQ; call 813/461-1215
- 31 - Winchester, Cal; **WINCHESTER-VICTORIA OPEN SERIES**; bowl riding; pros and am; call 408/379-8670
- 31 - site to be arranged; **USASA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**, Calif; by Richard Acunto; rules keep changing, keep calling; 213/394-8332

## APRIL

- 21 - Cupertino, Cal; **NO. CAL SKATEPARK AMA. CIRCUIT**; at Spinning Wheels; three events; call 408/732-1111

## MAY

- 13 - Pebble Beach, Cal; **DOWNHILL RACING SOCIETY RACE**; downhill speed racing, stand up; must pre-reg; must be 18 years or older; banner space available; call 408/373-8272
- 19 - Stockton, Cal; **NO.CAL. SKATEPARK AMA. CIRCUIT**; at Inland Surf Skatepark; three events call 916/445-7203

## JUNE

- 16 - Ronhnert Park, **NO.CAL SKATEPARK AMA. CIRCUIT**; at Empire Skatepark; three events; call 707/584-7233

## JULY

- 21,22; 28,29 - Oceanside, Cal; **OCEANSIDE PRO-AM**; by ISA; freestyle; call 714/646-0258

## AUGUST

- 10 - Ontario, Cal; **HEART ASSOC. SKATE MARATHON**; at Ontario Speedway; call 213/344-7040

## PLANNED....DATE NOT SET

Cherry Hill Pro-Am; Cherry Hill, New Jersey  
ARO Series I; So. Calif.

**PARKS!** Some of these parks MUST be planning something. Don't forget to call in to the NSR (714/753-6214)

Blue Skies Skatepark .... GetAway .... Spring Valley .... Marina del Rey .... Pipeline .... Del Mar Skate Ranch .... North East Skate Slopes .... Canadian Pro-Am (not a park, but very busy setting up Canada's '79 season).....Sensation Basin ..... Philadelphia Skatepark .... Tucson Skatepark ..... and Chris Yandall (Mich.).

## JUNE 10-16, 1979 SKATEBOARD SAFETY WEEK IN CALIFORNIA

Do something for skateboarding!! Plan a demo; lecture at a Kiwanis meeting, PTA, or other local parents group; wear your skate safety equipment to school all day. Do something to let people know how much skateboarding means to you.

## California Skateboard Safety Week

Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
Governor of California  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA

Dear Governor Brown:

Please take time out from your busy schedule and proclaim the second week of June 1978 as California Skateboard Safety Week.

The second week of June is important because it coincides with the time many schools will be closing for summer vacation.

For the past ten years California has been the nexus of skateboarding. It started in Southern California and has since, literally, spanned the world. Skate parks are being developed in Tokyo and on the European continent. As an industry, skateboarding represents an annual sales market of one billion dollars in 1978.

Public awareness for skateboard safety is a vital issue for the summer of 1978. A study done by the Consumer Products Safety Commission, called H.I.A. Hazard Analysis Report — Skateboards, concludes

- 1/3 of the people injured had been skating less than one week;
- 45% of the injured were in the 10-14 age group (approximately 106,000 persons);
- 28 persons have been killed in skateboard related accidents.

The list goes on and on.

Skateboard safety should be brought to the attention of the public; show the parents that safety equipment is available; show the parents that there are alternatives to letting their kid ride in the street.

As an active skateboarder myself, I urge you to consider the value of such a proclamation.

Sincerely,  
Robert F. Ruggs  
6325 New Salem Court  
Carmichael, CA

March 23, 1978

I am pleased to join in observing the second week of June as California Skateboard Safety Week.

During this season of increased outdoor activity, it is important that we be reminded of the precautions to be taken to ensure safety. Therefore, I commend efforts to educate the public about ways to avoid danger when riding a skateboard and offer my best wishes to skateboard enthusiasts throughout the state.

Sincerely,  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor

# PARK DIRECTORY

These are all the new parks that have notified the NSR they are open and operating. If you know of more new ones write or call to get your free listing: 714/753-6214; NSR, P.O. Box 2204, Leucadia, Ca. 92024.

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**INLAND SURF SKATEPARK**  
corner Hammer Lane and West Lane  
Stockton, Ca

**CLAYTON VALLEY SKATEPARK**  
5294 Clayton Rd  
Concord, Ca  
415/676-7714

**SKATEPARK SOQUEL**  
2590 S. Main St  
Soquel, Ca  
408/476-3893

**MOGUL BOWL SKATEPARK**  
2333 N. Weber  
Fresno, Ca  
209/237-6128

**CANADA**

**SKATEPARK**  
6880 Blvd. Jean XXIII  
Trois-Rivieres Quest  
Quebec, Canada

**MARYLAND**

**CASCADE SKATEPARK**  
1015 Leslie Ave  
Baltimore, MD  
301/788-2622

**MASSACHUSETTS**

**CENTRIFUGAL FORCE**  
Rt. 44  
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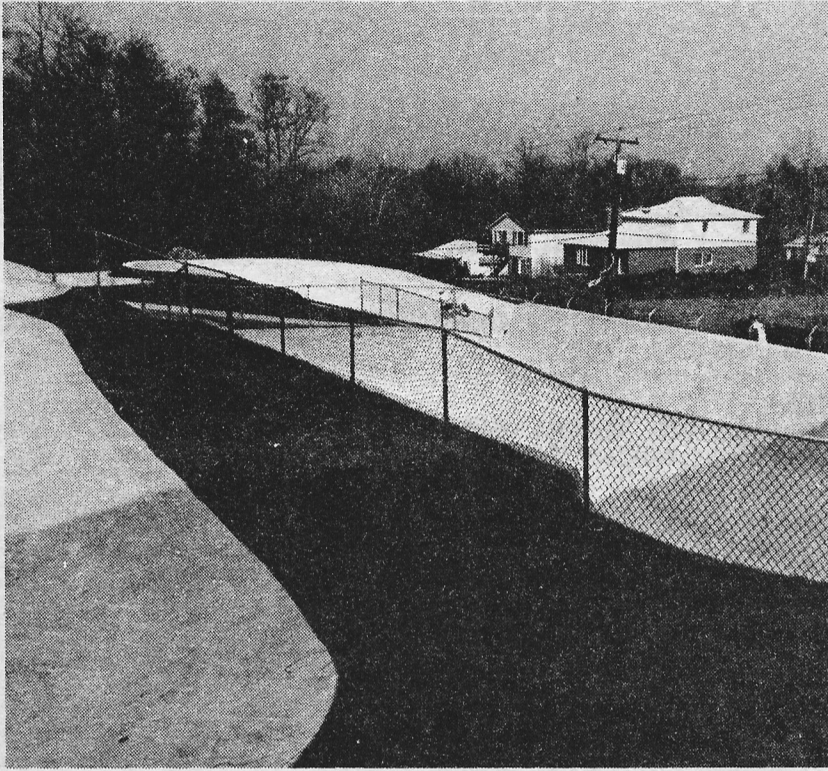
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Vernon, Conn

**RHODE ISLAND**

**OCEAN SKATEPARK**  
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Warwick, RI

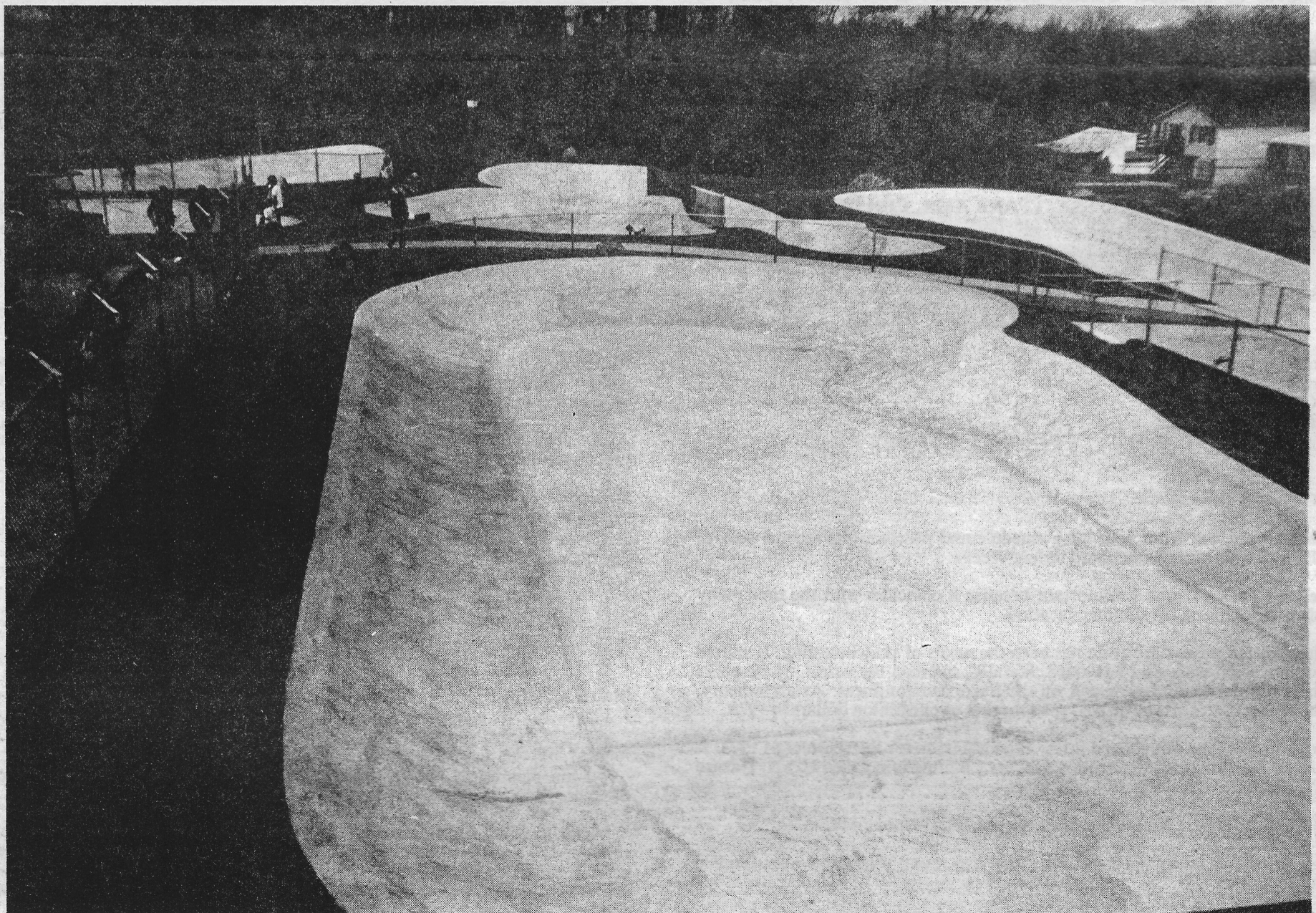
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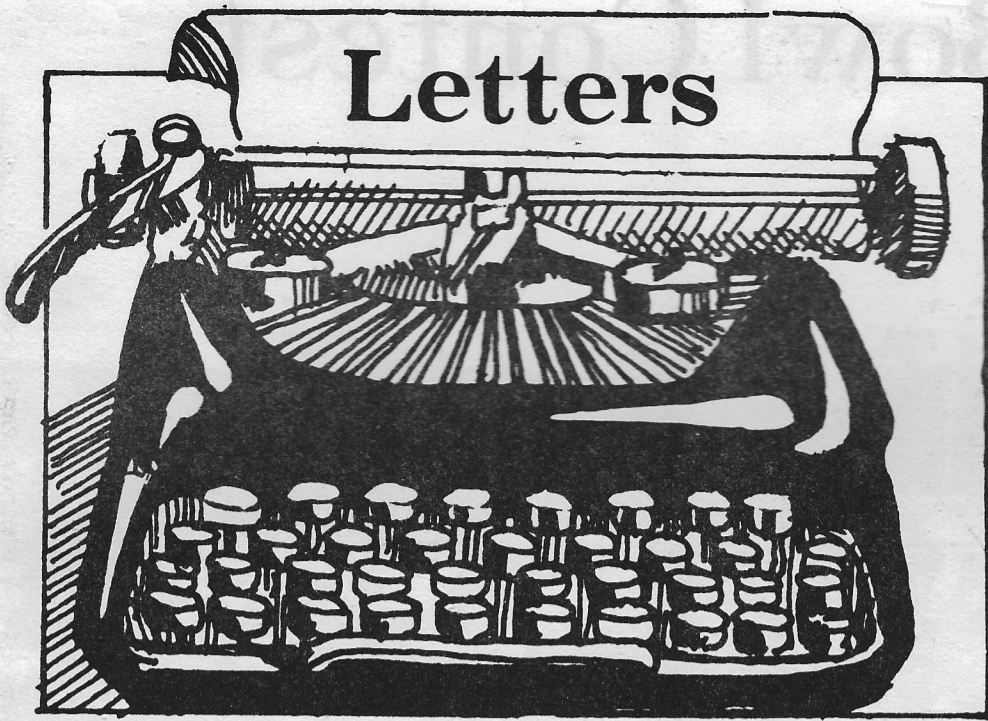
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E. Providence, RI



*Cascade  
Skatepark*

Cascade Photos by Chris Beckley





Dear Ms. Dootson,

The weather is cold here in Maryland, but skating is hot! Our indoor pool is really cooking with hot skaters. It has been well received in the area and many out of towners say it's like something out of their dreams to have an indoor area to skate with tiles and coping, and a perfect finish.

Our first contest is scheduled for Feb 17 and 18 - indoors only. Pro-Am type with limited entries. It will be sponsored by Ferragamo Skateboards and the director is local pro and Pepsi Team skater Denny Riorden.

Enclosed are a few pictures, I hope you will find room for 1 or 2 in a future issue. Good luck and keep up the good work.

E. Lee Plate,  
Cascade Skatepark, Md

Dear Cascade,

Thanks for your letter. I hope to get your contest results. The photos are in the park Directory this issue. Now that I have good overview shots (and I do need to print them first) how about some good action by your locals - let's see Denny! Do keep in touch.

Di.

Hi Di and folks,

How goes it back there in skate country? There's not much skating going on up here in the mountains, but I haven't forgotten about it. The skiing's hot and that's about all I think about in the winter. We have had probably the coldest January in 60 years, but snow is a gas.

Our ramp is covered, but on a warm day in March I'm going to brush the snow off and cruise it.

Anyway, I'd like to know if anybody is serious about putting on racing or if any races are scheduled. A friend out here who was involved in A.R.A. this summer is interested in putting on one big one here this summer, but nothing to do with A.R.A. We need some input on racing there and people's attitude. Wonder if Henry (Hester) or anyone has anything cookin'?

Peter (Camann) is busy at carpentering and I'm doing some myself. I hope racing happens. Send me a subscription to A.R.A. and bill me. You could even send me back issues from Christmas and I'd be stoked. Say Hi to any skaters for me. Thanks much.  
Randy Smith,  
from the HIGH Country,  
Colorado

Dear Randy,

Glad to hear you're getting such a good winter. Hope to see you back in S.D. again this spring or summer. For racing, check the Calendar for the Downhill Society's plans for a stand up downhill in May, here in Calif. Henry is planning to put all main events in his series this year, racing too. Just park stuff is scheduled now but more is

brewing. How about some photos of your Spring ramp work out? Subscriptions are \$6, soon to go to \$8. Clip a coupon inside front page and mail it in. Back issues are \$1, unless I get a visit out of you and you can pick them up. Hope to see you soon.

Di

Dear Di,

I just wanted to tell you what happened the other day. A friend and I went to the Park and Recreation Dept. in Alhambra (Cal.). I asked a lady receptionist if they are ever planning to build a skatepark and she replied, "Skateboard parks are not popular now-a-days, there's a skateboard park in Monterey Park." A second receptionist (a man) replied, "There's a skateboard park in Pomona and I saw no one riding it." They were really putting me down, so I left. They didn't even know what they were talking about, the lady doesn't even know that the skateboard park is in Montebello and closed, and the man just saw the park empty for that day. I felt like cussing them out, but I was too embarrassed. All I wanted to tell you what happened, and as for the Park and Recreation crew, they can kiss my ---!  
A Mad Skater,  
Alhambra, Cal.

Dear Amad,

Sounds like the skateparks in your area have a serious public relations problem. If the local recreation group is not even aware that safe skating places are available at what hours then how can the recreation people keep their skating public informed. The public recreation dept. is there to fill the recreation needs of its community; they welcome information and assistance from local commercial recreation businesses. Your local skateparks are blowing a perfect, and free, opportunity to get some more business. Try showing this letter to your local parks....see if they'll wake up to free publicity.

Di.

Note: Speaking of free publicity....for the three years that the NSR has been in business it is like pulling teeth to get skateboard businesses to make use of the FREE promotion available through newspapers..The REVIEW is not a magazine...it's a newspaper. You all have local community newspapers that thrive on your news. Get in the habit of sending a press release monthly to the NSR and your local papers. Get in the news. Let them know you're open for business..It's free.

Di,

We enjoyed your article on the 'Bama contest in Gadsden. Excellent coverage and great judging during the two daze. Thanks for your energy and effort which made for the successful contest. Thank L & P.  
Randy Kurtts,  
Mobile, Ala

Randy,

You're most welcome. Couldn't have enjoyed it more myself. Hope to see you skate again.

Di

Dear Di,

In the issue of December, there was a park directory. I'm from the province of Quebec. There is another park in the province. It's situated in Trois-Rivieres. Here in Quebec city we don't have any skateparks. I hope we will have one soon. Keep on your good work.

Keep on skateboarding!!

Paul Cauffope  
Ste-Foy Quebec

Dear Di:

This is something I feel you and your readers might be interested in. During a lull in the dull season when there were not any contests happening the young men on our team came to us with the idea of putting on their own thing. Ed Womble skated for us before going off to college. We released him from our team and recommended him to Jim Skiles of Sensation Basin where he has been doing some fine skating in the last year. We get Ed back on all vacations when he is home to visit.

What we did was turn the park over to him. We still had open skating in areas where he and the team were not running their contest but most people preferred to get into the fun and watch and cheer the skaters on. We did nothing but watch, which gave Ed and several other guys a good introduction into the headaches of running a contest. There was no charge except for skate time and rentals, and we donated free Pepsi for all entrants and a few pads and stickers and a helmet to have something for the riders to shoot for. The local guys got into the mood by helping bring in old unusual T-shirts and unwanted equipment for prizes. Ed used enough common sense to include a couple of good hard-to-get stickers with each prize, but with tongue in cheek they gave away the old equipment as if it were gold plated.

The guys set up an evening with us that is considered a little slower night, then they hand lettered signs, passed the word around and all of them came out for the fun. Needless to say, the comments speak for themselves, for when the evening was over the first we heard was "When is the next Womble Series".

The next time you hear of some bored skaters or a park with a little slower time that needs filled up, they might take an example of these local guys and put on their own thing. Don't make it too involved and plan on fun instead of taking it too serious.

The following is an article from Clearwater's Skateboard Park "NEWS AND REVIEWS" which tells how the contest turned out.

Thanks,  
Muriel,  
Clearwater Skatepark, Fla

Dear Muriel,

I love it! This is the kind of thing that skating's about. Good luck with your Mar. contest.

Di

Hello Di.

Well, the FreeSkate legal action group (hoho) is armed and ready to go again, this time on a national scale. As you can see by the enclosed article, I am not going to get to rest much this year.

I hope this makes it to your mail in time for the next issue, as the time factor is crucial in this matter. Please call me if you have any questions about this.

In the meantime, take life as easy as possible...  
Debbi

Dear Di,

This letter is to let you know that although the rest of Canada may be snowed in, the Canadian Pro-Am Skateboard Association is alive and skating in Vancouver.

Enclosed you will find information dealing with the Association's formation, objectives, performance record and it's membership. If you don't already have a file on the CPASA, we hope you will start one with the information enclosed.

National Skateboard Review has been added to our PR Mailing List and will receive our quarterly Newsletter "The Canadian Pipeline" and all Press Releases and other information put out by the Association.

If you should feature an article on Canada or any of the CPASA's activities in the pages of National Skateboard Review would you please mail us a copy for our record.

Skate Safely,  
Monty Little  
Association President

Dear Di,

Thanks so much for thinking of me. At a time of many changes and unsettling happenings your thoughts were well appreciated.

I hope things are going well for you, as they are for me. I am working as a carpenter building custom homes and interiors. Almost immediately upon the conclusion of the Dillon Pro-Am I went to work. My perseverance for working has allowed me to free ARA of all it's red lines. I am thankful I still have my health and mind. I am thankful I still have my health and mind after this summer's circuit.

I tried earnestly several times to write the NSR a story on the events but I mentally burned out on everything to do with ARA. I can state for a fact that I will not organize another circuit for 1979. ARA/Manbar (Peter's Colo. mountain nickname) is going to do something else. I really feel like I am quitting on something I did not finish and that bothers me. I have always, and still do, have the energy to do more; but I am totally alone in this endeavor. I am tired of not having a home and really tired of crashing with friends and sleeping in my car. When I think about last winter with you and Tommy (Ryan), staying where I wouldn't be in the way, just tells me that's not me at all. I may do it well; however, it's not my idea of fun.

Here I am the great promoter/organizer with a couple dollars in my pocket, travelling, calling long distance to people all around the U.S. hoping/trying to sell a Pro skateboard circuit....and in Colorado, no less.

Few can appreciate the criticism was completely void of the real reasons why things were rough. No, I am finally putting my foot down for myself and say who needs that degrading BULL. I am really disgusted with certain people's behavior. I know what I was doing; and was, and am, proud of everything I accomplished. The Pros and Amateurs are going to have to do without me and my endless hours devoted to them and their racing future. Everyone who wanted my Circuit can now deal with what I started and do it themselves. I guess it comes down to what some tried to tell me: a Pro Circuit has to be elsewhere besides Colorado. I don't want to live anywhere still to this day but in the mountains where I am me. I am so very sad. I just look at myself and know I am the most knowledgeable man in my field, cut out for this kind of circuit life and yet I can't find a sponsor or anyone to help me market this professional endeavor. No one understands I do not have the money it takes and that's what it takes.

I know that I could continue to work on this because I am just beginning to get the hang of the way things work, but I am after one thing for myself...a home. So, I committed myself and efforts to take care of that first. Even though that puts ARA aside. All I can say is I regret I will not do it in 1979. I believe the industry needs me, but maybe it is for the better. I see one or two things happening. Either the industry will find another Manbar to do as much, or they won't - creating a big void in competition.

Con't. on page 15

# Victoria Pro Bowl Contest

Victoria Photos by Dootson.



SCOTT PARSONS (Haut) on the lip

A cold, California winter welcomed pros and spectators to Milpitas, Calif, for the second of the Northern California Bowl Series. The first was held in August of '78 at Winchester Skatepark. (Tim Marting took First Place, Steve Alba took Second, and Steve Olson Third). Jan. 13, 1979 was scheduled for part two and held at Skatepark Victoria (1289 So. Park Victoria, Milpitas, Ca).

The contest program was developed by Dan Peterson. He set up the Bowl Riding event in an eliminations heat, then cut the top 16 to the semi's, then the top 8 to the finals.

Thirty-five entries signed up at \$75 each. Although there was a women's division scheduled to pay \$500 for First and pay to Fifth Place, only Teri Lawrence showed up to enter.

Riders were grouped into four heats. Each entry got three 30-second runs. Lowest score of the three runs was dropped. The high and low score of the five man judging team were also dropped for each of the three runs. The need for a staging manager was eliminated as all heats were listed on a large board in the staging area. Riders kept their own place in line. Scores were written on that heat sheet so entries could keep track of their competition. Spectators had a huge sign built for them so they could follow scores as the event progressed.

Dan, Dave Reddy, and the rest of the staff at Victoria park prepared one of the smoothest contests ever. The VIP and Press Pass system was clear, reasonable, and easy to oblige. The rules were printed and available to the whole world at the front door. The new, unique judging system was printed in good detail and carefully explained to contestants.

Riders had been practicing all week. Bryan Buck practiced too hard and got hurt. So did Paco Prieto, who had to be content with supporting AlotAflex teammates. When will we ever get to see Paco do his stuff?! Some say he's better than teammate Tim Marting.

Due to almost certain rain, the officials decided to run the whole Bowl event in one day — trials right on through to finals. It was a long day and one in which endurance played a big factor.

The Bowl used in the contest is the main one at Victoria. It was ten feet deep, twenty-eight feet wide, with tiles at the point of verticle. Trickiest of all was the drop in over a shoulder of 'crete.

Strong riders make their showing early in the Trials. Advancing to the Semi-finals were (listing lowest score first, ending with best score): Robert Schlaefli (Haut), Kevin O'Reagin (Santa Cruz), Steve Olson (Santa Cruz), D. Miller (Hobie), Scott Dunlap (Kryptonics), Mike Weed (Bad Co.), Greg Ayres (Sims), David Andrecht (Sims), Shogo Kubo (D.T. Skates), Chris Strople (Tracker), Pete Gifford (Haut), Tim Marting (AlotAflex), and Steve Alba (Alva Skates).

Round One of the Semi's went to Scott Dunlap, Greg Ayres, Dave Andrecht, Strople, Gifford, Marting, and Alba. A good portion of the field was strong. Ayres put on his best competition effort yet. "Kiwi" Pete Gifford looked best with lots of air, roll outs, and strong hand plants.

In Round Two, most of the field came on good again: few falls, good, difficult moves. Marting was making his fakie 360's, air rides and slides look great. Strople really started coming on with faster and higher moves than most could keep up with. Same tricks as the others but completed with a speed and altitude that dominated the rest of the contest.

In Round Three, most of the Semi's most of the field fell back a bit. It's hard to keep up that pace the whole time. Strongest runs were by Andrecht, Kubo, Strople, and Marting.

Round One of the Finals featured Martin (283 pts), Schlaefli (272 pts), and Pete Gifford (279 pts). In Round Two, Alba, winner of two out of four of the Hester contests, scored highest with 285 points. Tim Marting was right behind him with 282 points. Strople scored tight with 280 points.

Round Three was topped by Marting again (286 pts), then Pete Gifford (284 pts), and Shogo (274 pts). Strople was making runs better than most but his moves were mostly in one category so he didn't score that well in this system.

When the air cleared, Marting took home his praiseworthy First, Gifford had Second, Third went to Steve Alba, Fourth to Shogo, Fifth to Schlaefli, and Strople was out of it! Then the announcement that there had been a mistake (so sorry) and Strople actually had taken Fifth Place. Fifth Place!! Is that all? New scoring system or not, when the right people don't sit in their proper place when it is all over then the system doesn't work. Tim Marting had his proper place in First but no way Chris deserved Fifth Place. A pro even when faced with such "busted" luck Chris' comment was: "I only know I skated my best and if they don't pick up on it, well... what can I do but my best?"

Dan explained the finals standings this way: Strople did the hardest maneuvers of anyone but alternated his keymoves with only a set up kick turn on the opposing wall. The system was set up to reward riders for making a trick every time — no set up moves. Points were taken off every time Chris had to use a set up move. Dan has since revised his judging system and will make a copy available to the NSR for publishing.

The Doubles event was held on Sunday. Only six pairs of riders signed up. Randy and Bryan Buck were favored to win because they had studied the contest rules feverishly and had the most polished routine. Bryan's shoulder injury in practice took care of that.

Greg Ayres and Tony Jetton easily took First Place. They were the only pair who had planned the partnership around original moves and practiced them together. The rest of the field picked partners on site and really had no time to get together on it.

Impending bad weather called an end to the contest. Another special event was planned but not held.

Victoria hosted a smooth, fun, rewarding (\$1000 went to Tim Marting) contest. Keep an eye out for another pro event from these Winchester/Victoria boys in Northern California.

## RESULTS

- 1st. TIM MARTING - AlotAflex/Sabre West - 569 pts - \$1000
- 2nd. PETER GIFFORD - Haut - 563 pts - \$500
- 3rd. STEVE ALBA - Alva Skates - 554 pts - \$300
- 4th. SHOGO KUBO - Dog Town Skates/Gullwing - 552 pts - \$200
- 5th. CHRIS STROPLE - Caster/Tracker/IPS - 546 pts - \$100
- 6th. ROBERT SCHLAEFLI - Haut - 545 pts
- 7th. ERIC HALVERSON - Haut - 540 pts
- 8th. STEVE OLSON - Santa Cruz - 527 pts

## DOUBLES

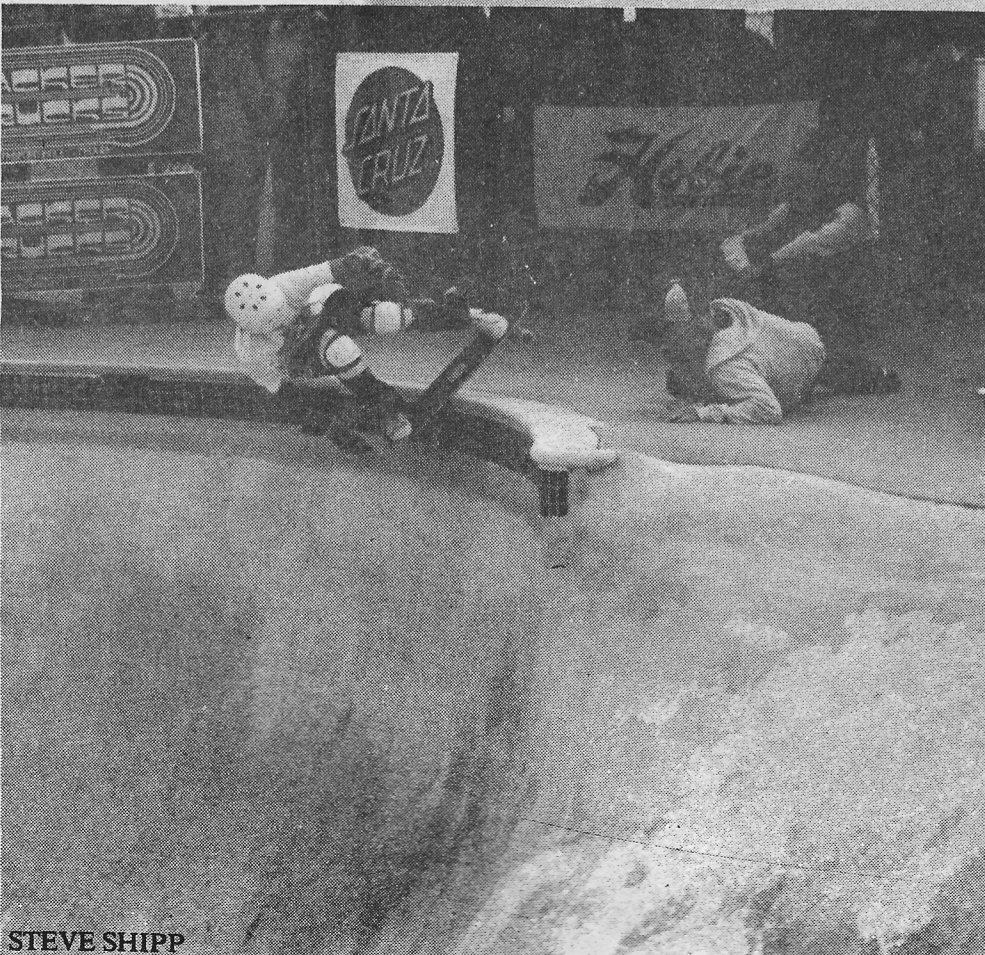
1. Greg Ayres and Tony Jetton - \$400
2. David Andrecht and Tim Marting - \$250
3. Danny Dubbert and Chris Martino - \$150
4. Mickey Alba and Doug DeMontmorency



CHRIS STROPLE



STEVE ALBA

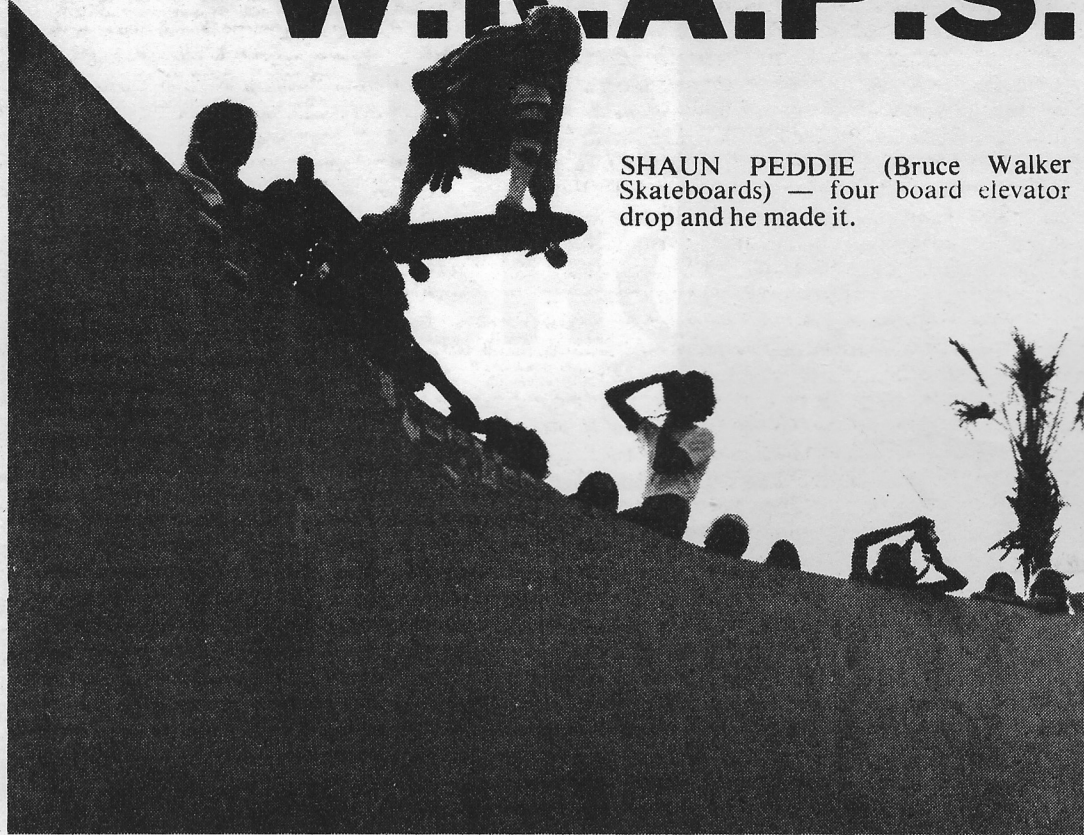


STEVE SHIPP



STEVE ALBA

# W.R.A.P.S.



SHAUN PEDDIE (Bruce Walker Skateboards) — four board elevator drop and he made it.

Skateboarding saw advancement not only in skating products in 1978 but in skaters ability to master the concrete walls of parks which also grew in numbers. Sensation Basin, a second generation park with lots of verticle terrain celebrated their opening in '78 decided to wrap up the year by hosting the contest of '78. WRAPS '78 (Wild Radical Annual Party Session) was designed by contest director, Jim Skiles to bring together all radical skaters for one last session in what appeared to be the most prominent advancement in 1978. BOWLDRIVING.

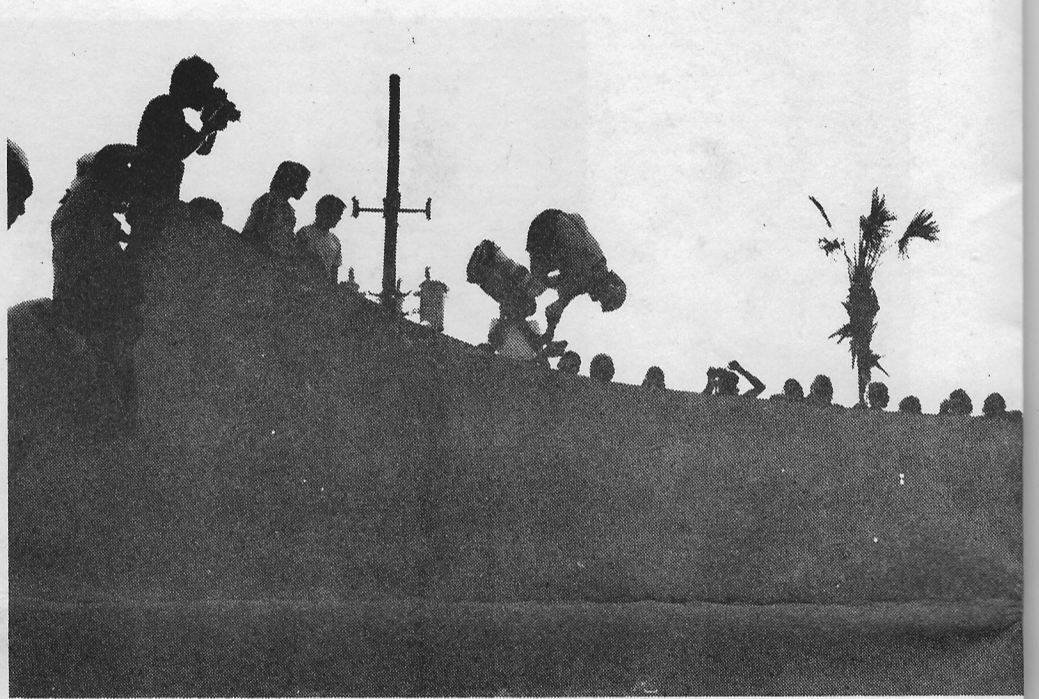
Skaters arriving on Friday, Dec. 29, had their doubts about WRAPS '78 due to gray skies and occasional drizzles but by evening all had cleared for the show of Phil Chiochio's (Park owner and photographer) '78 Film Highlights of the West and East Coast Contest. The films captured many hoots from the crowd but the response came from occasional impersonations by Jim Mc Call and Tim Scribner of Howard Cosell and Jimmy Stewart and the news brief of the skateboarder during the SENSATION BASIN-PEPSI Team Challenge in June. After the many enjoyed sitting around the campfire sharing the pot . . . of stew that Phil Chiochio had prepared for his skaters from the Tallahassee-SIO Skate Club. Followed by a great evening of watching movies, skating, and reminiscing skateboarding thrillers in '78 around the fire, the scene was set for WRAPS '78.

Saturday, Dec. 30, turned out to be a perfect day for skating with clear skies and temperatures in the low 70's. Preliminaries were judged like a surfing contest with heats being drawn up in each age group consisting of 5 or more skaters. Another interesting and successful aspect of WRAPS was it's separate classification for those who had never competed in a contest. Although Phil Chiochio of Rainbow Wave Skatepark in Tampa and SCOTT GREEN of Z-Trip clearly dominated the 13 and under age group, most attention was drawn to the 17 year old JIM MARKUS of Clearwater Skatepark who rode verticle with fearlessly.

Needless to say, there was plenty of action in the prelims as skaters challenged each other to the limits in order to make the cut and skate the finals. The final held was in the Doubles Division. The bionic air team of RONNIE BROOKS and TIM SCHILLER certainly had made their mark in history until MIKE DALY and GUY HOFFMAN rewrote the books by skating flawless routines with precision closeness. STEVE FISHER successful rock n roll on the board.



BRAD McLEOD (S10 — Tall. Skate Club) elevators into the Pool Bowl.



SHAUN PEDDIE catching air.



"Take a number please!" Drop in waiting line at WRAPS '78.

MIKE C



GEORGE McCLELLAN as he prepared for a double-axle drop also added their share of excitement to Florida's first Doubles Session.

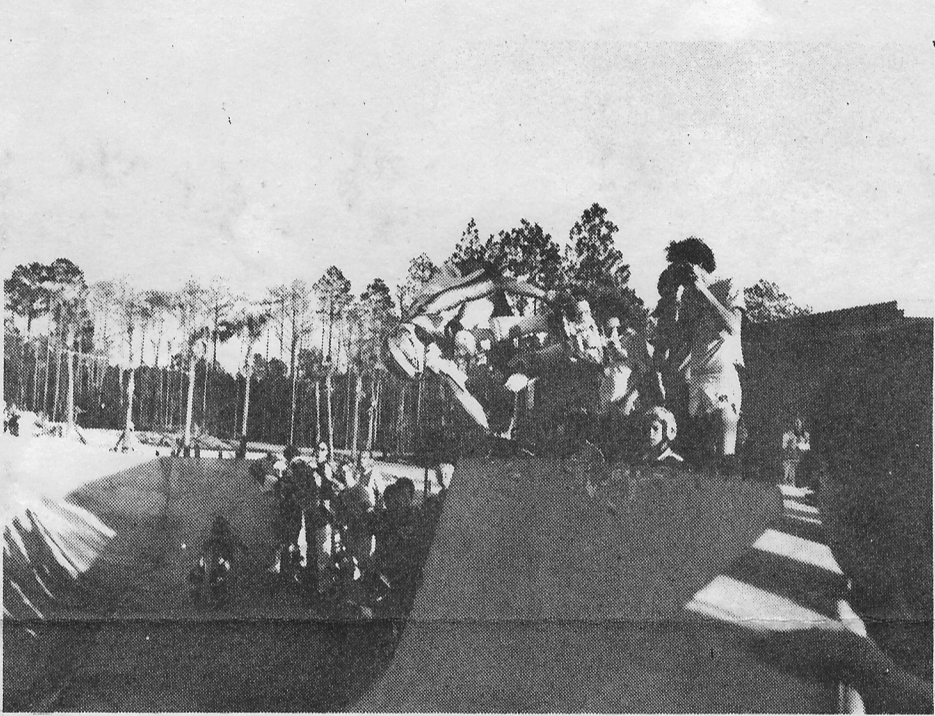
The Pro Finals faced off 13 year old KELLY LYN, who rides for Markel out of Daytona Beach, against 16 year old SHAUN PEDDIE, who rides for Walker Skateboards. In personality, both skaters were kind, quiet, and friendly but on skates they treated the concrete like terroist. Kelly Lynn combined alley-oops, hand planted aerials and cess slides for a near perfect routine. Shaun recovering from a brusing aerial attempt suffered during his first ride, came back strong successfully completing a four board elevator drop on the third verticle wall of the snake, capturing him the Most Outstanding Skater Award from the Pepsi Co. Even the local news captured that on film as the entire park waited in deadly silence for his crucial drop.

In brief, other highlights of WRAPS '78 were: TIM SCHILLER yard stick high aerials, RONNIE BROWN's rock n slide and GEORGE McCLELLAN aerials on his 36" Taperkick in the 18 & 19 year old division. In the 16 & 17 year old finals, it is MIKE DALY's alley-oops that won him top honors while BRUCE MASON and MIKE COX scored high with their double axle grind carves and inverted stiff arm aerials respectively. Other outstanding maneuvers witnessed were JAY SMITH's snapbacks and PETER ANDREWS' cess roll-outs onto his axles and then reentries.

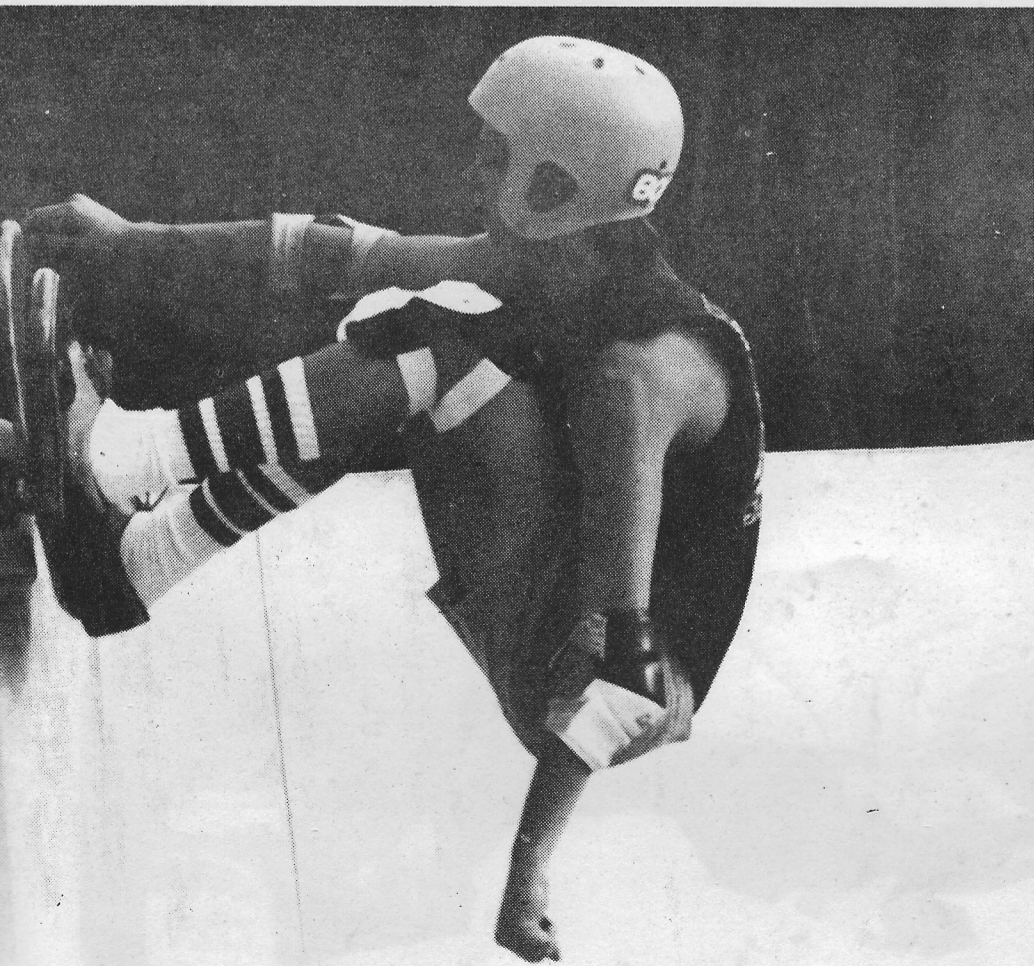
As the WRAPS '78 award ceremony concluded with the winners implanting their handprints and name into cement stepping stones (a new tradition established to continue after each major contest at Sensation Basin), it was evident that Bowlriding had certainly evolved from simple carves and kickturn routines in the beginning to complex slides and aerials during the Bowlriding year of 1978.

Thanks goes out to our sponsors who donated prizes to those who participated in WRAPS '78; Powell Corp., 360 Sportswear, Pepsi Co., Markel, Walker Skateboards, Skate Rider/Wave Rider, SIO, Acme Records, and to our judges; Clyde Rodgers, Jim McCall, Mike Knapp, Dave Hart, Dean Jordan, Rodney Mullins, Greg M Barry SIO, and the Ynatz's family for their overall help and Marlin Chiocchio for her score keeping abilities.

Until the next one,  
Jim Skiles



SHAUN PEDDIE flying by some backside air.



K (Z — Team East) casually wheeling the Snake.

#### 13 and Under First Timers:

1. Danny Smith-Hogtown Skate Team; Gainesville, Fla
2. Chris Homen - Hogtown Skate Team; Gainesville, Fla
3. Carter Brown - Tall. Skate Club, SIO
4. Matt Hennessy - Tall. Skate Club, SIO
5. Walter Rentz - Indep.
6. Paul Tyre - Tall. Skate Club, SIO

#### 13 and Under:

1. Ray Diez - Rainbow Wave; Tampa, Fla
2. Scott Green - Z-Team; Atl. Beach
3. Al Davis - Markel
4. Jim Markus - Clearwater Skatepark
5. Jeff Walsh - SIO-TSC
6. Sean Rayborn - SIO-TSC
7. J. Thomas
8. Mike Coccia - Clearwater Skatepark

#### 14 and 15 First Timers:

1. Todd Webb - Clearwater Skatepark
2. John McGuigan - Hogtown; Gainesville, Fla
3. Scott Huggin - Indep; Jacksonville, Fla
4. Steve Svoboda - Hogtown-Inland Surf Shop
5. Tim Hullard - Clearwater Skatepark
6. Craig Tuenzler - Clearwater Skatepark
7. Barry Buchman - Tampa, Fla
8. Brent Rademaker - Clearwater Skatepark
9. Fred Hewett - SIO-TSC

#### 14 and 15 years:

1. Frank Cerveny - R&R Sports; Jacksonville, Fla
2. Lee Nettles - SIO-TSC
3. John McClellan - Clearwater
4. Brad McLeod - SIO-TSC
5. Davin Reed - Z-Team
6. Scott Hughston - SIO-TSC

#### 16 and 17 First Timers:

1. Bruce Koenig - Rainbow Wave; Tampa, Fla
2. Wilson Studstill - Indep; Jacksonville, Fla
3. Wayne Hildrith - Runway; Miami, Fla
4. David Lansberry - Clearwater
5. Bobby Maddox - LCV Skates
6. Pete Yates - SIO-TSC

#### 16 and 17 years:

1. Mike Daly - Rainbow Wave; Tampa, Fla
2. Bruce Mason - Sensation Basin; G-ville, Fla
3. Mike Cox - Z-Team; Atl. Beach
4. Jay Smith - Markel; Daytona Beach, Fla
5. Peter Andrews - Sensation Basin; G-ville, Fla
6. John Moore - Z-Team; Atl. Beach
7. Steve Fisher - Clearwater-Gullwings
8. Paul Patala - Flite
9. Guy Hoffman - Flite
10. Mike Jolly - Utopia; Jacksonville Beach, Fla
11. Wes Aho - Sensation Basin; G-ville
12. Steve Rayborn - TSC-SIO
13. Bobby Maddox - Daytona, Fla

#### 18 and 19 First Timers:

1. Mark Depka - Sensation Basin
2. John Villoria - Indep; Miami, Fla
3. Rick Watson - Hogtown S.T. - U.F. S.T.

#### 18 and 19 years:

1. Tim Schiller - Sensation Basin
2. George McClellan - Clearwater Skatepark-Gullwing
3. Ed Womble - Sensation Basin
4. Ronnie Brown - Inland Surf Shop-Hogtown
5. Terry Essick - Z-Team; Atl Beach
6. Shaun Jackson - Walker Skateboards
7. Ray Horlour - Utopia Skates; Jacksonville Beach, Fla
8. Tim Durbin - Indep; Jacksonville, Fla
9. Alan Belcher - Indep; Jacksonville, Fla
10. Michael Plumridge - Univ of Fla Skate Team

#### 20 and Over First Timers:

1. Bobby Kelly - Inland Surf Shop
2. Michael Vidal - Indep; Jacksonville, Fla

#### 20 and Over:

1. Tim Nunn - Nat'l Skatepark Georgia
2. Tony Romano - Sensation Basin
3. Mark Lewis - Markel; Daytona Beach
4. Tim Johnson - Indep; Jacksonville, Fla

#### DOUBLES

1. Mike Daly (Rainbow Wave) and Guy Hoffman (Flite)
2. Ronnie Brown (Hogtown) and Tim Schiller (Hogtown)
3. George McClellan (Clearwater Skatepark) and Steve Fisher (Clearwater Skatepark)

#### PROS

1. Kelly Lynn - Markel; Daytona Beach, Fla
2. Shaun Peddie - Walker Skateboards

**MOST OUTSTANDING SKATER:** Shaun Peddie

# FLORIDA TRADE SHOW

Trade Show photos by Dootson

The REVIEW wants to especially thank the pros and folks who showed their support of the NSR by wearing a sticker: Mark Lake (Flite), all the Markel boys, Doug DeMontmorency (Sims), Dave Hartz (Z-Flex, Energy), Ernie Martin (Ernie Martin Designs), Tim Scroggs (Bones), Stuart Singer (G&S), Huck Andress (Sundancer), Woody Woodstock (Sundancer), Pat Wachter (GetAway Skatepark), Dave Norton (Flying Wheels Skatepark), Haystack Marlowe (the sport).

Kissimmee, Florida hosted the Fourth Annual Surf & Skate Expo. Held on February 2, 3, and 4, the promotor arranged for a trade show for the surf, skate and related industries.

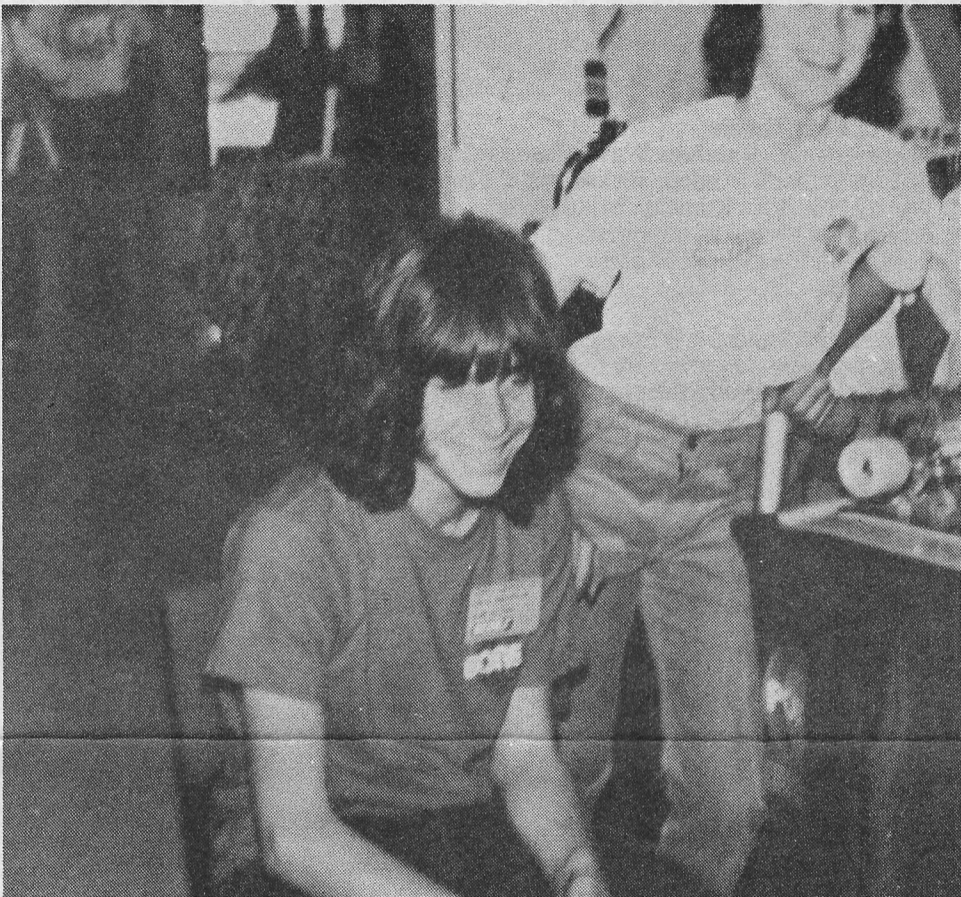
125 booths were set up. 35 of those were skateboard related companies — all good, top of the line equipment. Seems all the junk may be phasing out after all. The following companies had booths: AWH Sales, Alva Skates, Atlantic Skateboards, B.T. Skateboards, Bahne (although not pushing skate equipment), Belair, Cherry Hill Skatepark, Control Products, Copi Intn'l, ECG Foot Tred, Energy Trucks, Flite, Fox Skateboards, G&S, Haut, Hobie, "International Skate," Motion Promotion, Norcon, Playtime Products, Powell Corp, Rax, Sanjon/Kanoa, Shore Lines, Sims, "Skateboard Industry News," "Skateboarder" Magazine, "Skates East" Magazine, Southeastern Sales, Sundancer, Terry Peek & Co., Tuflex, Van's, Bruce Walker Skateboards, and Z-Flex. Companies who had sent representatives but did not buy a booth include Tracker Trucks, Donel, ACS,

Powerflex, Markel, 360 Sportwear, Flying Wheels Skatepark, GetAway Skatepark, and the NSR.

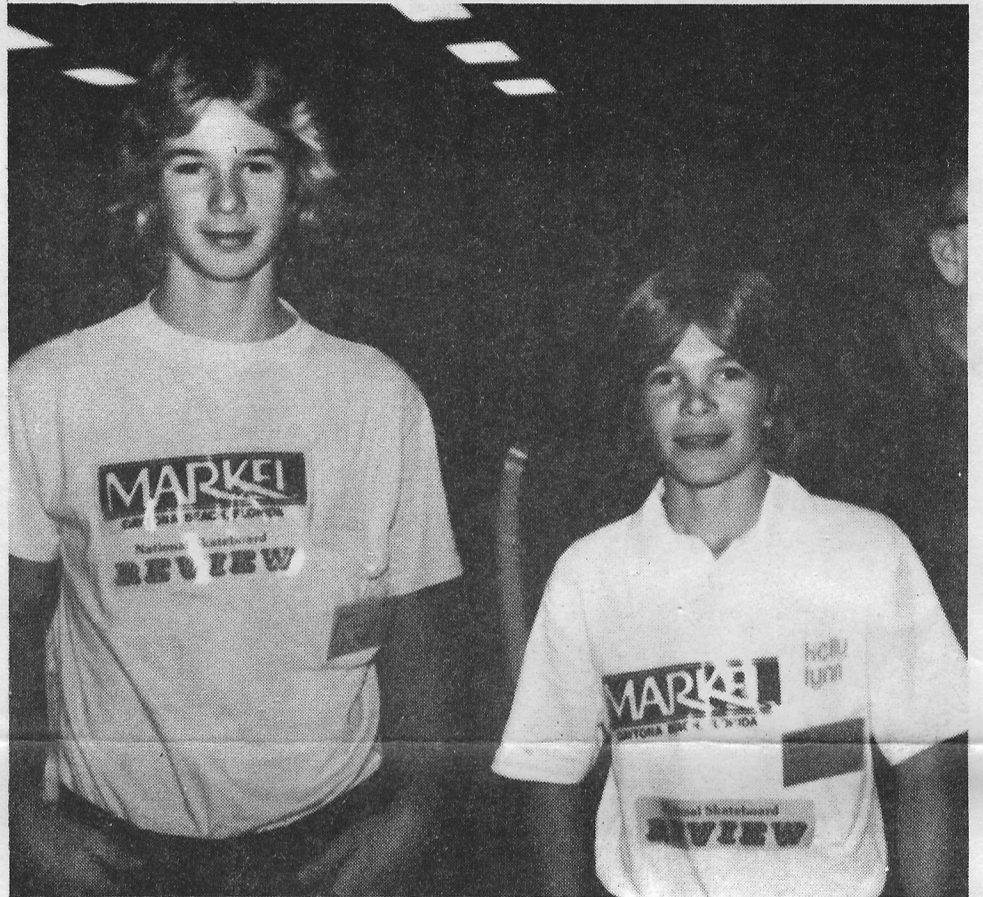
There were a lot of clothing companies there. They, reportedly, did an excellent business at this show. The surfing booths were busy. The skate booths did a reportedly moderate amount of selling.

The show was very smoothly run. Registration was easy. The program was most helpful, the Parking situation was supervised and well directed. There was no ramp or other skate surface for pros to work out on. The lack of skate energy present resulted in a calm, quiet, almost boring convention. It was good for talking business but it lacked the juice that makes skateboarding such a rewarding sport.

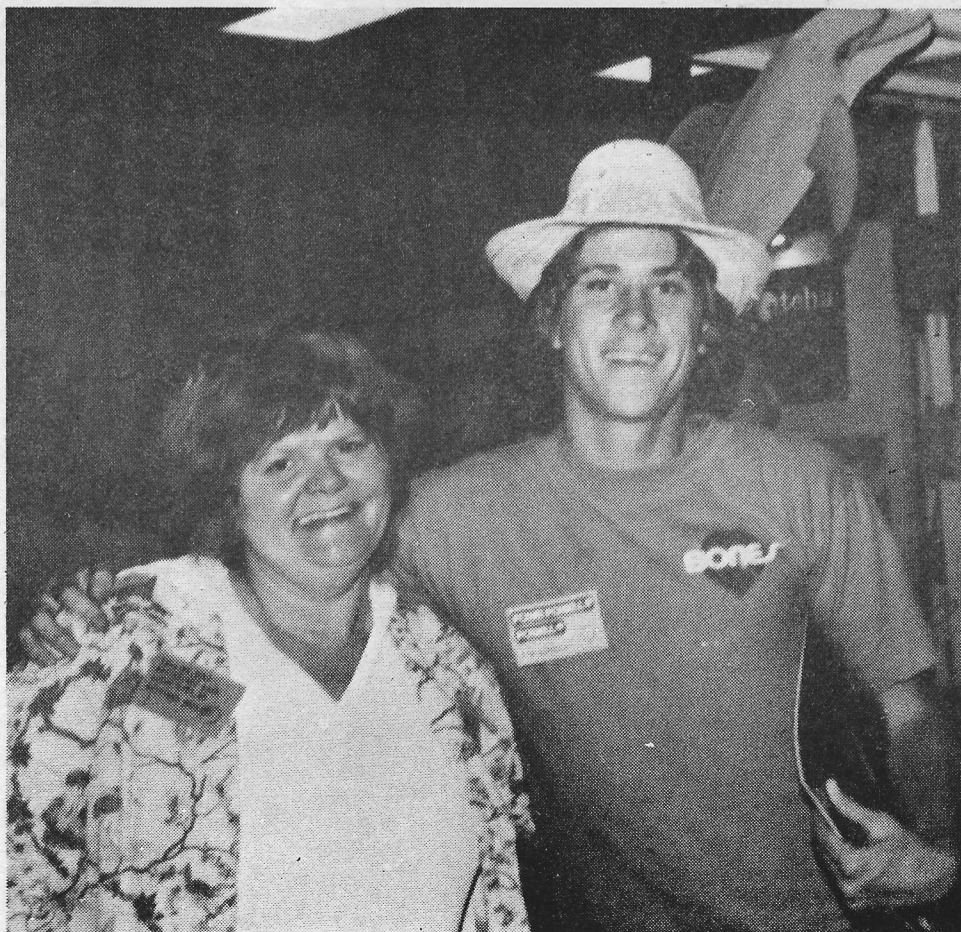
Most company representatives were going on to Chicago for the Sporting Goods Show, then to Vegas, then to Germany. The Floriday Surf & Skate Show was the first in a long (two months) line of airports, rented cars, and restaurant food for the reps. that make and break our sport



Got a smile out of ALAN GELFAND



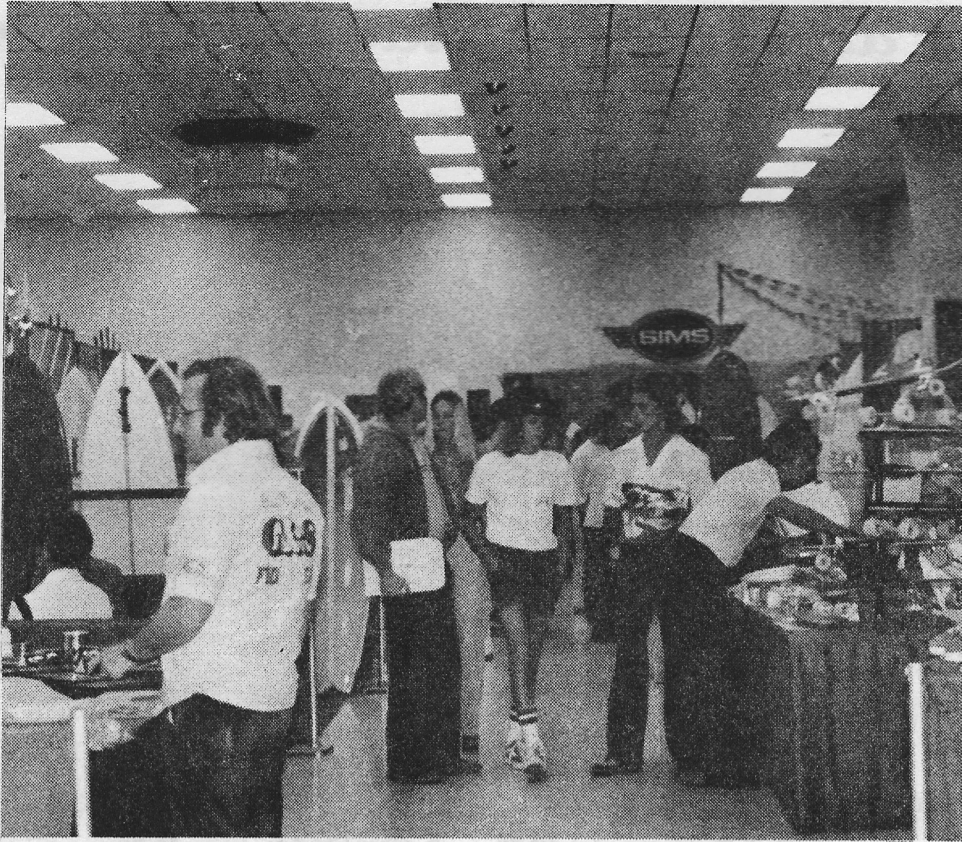
CLYDE "Slide" ROGERS and KELLY LYNN



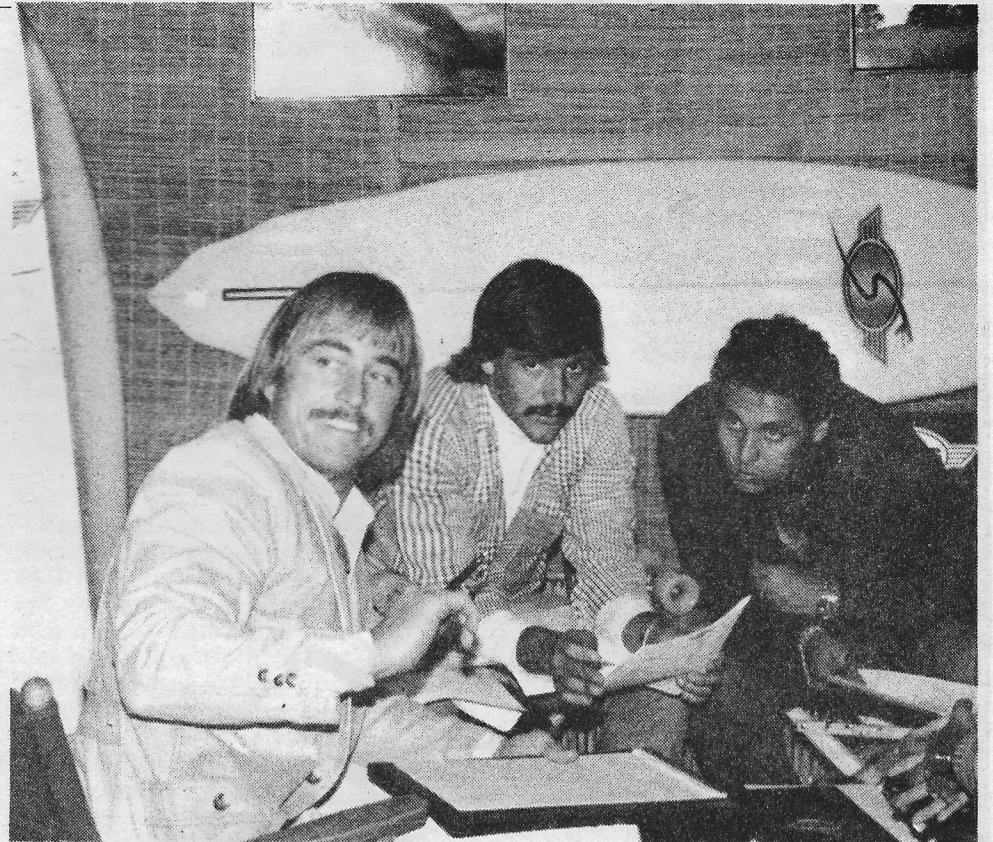
HAYSTACK MARLOWE and TIM SCROGGS



STUART SINGER, BARRY ZARITZKY, and friend Julie Swaim



DAVE McINTYRE (front left), HUCK ADDRESS (center with hat)



TIM SIMS (left) selling up a storm.



Business never stops — even over dinner. Don Singer, Bill Posey, Elaine Singer.



Surf and Skate Expo - Kissimmee, Fla.

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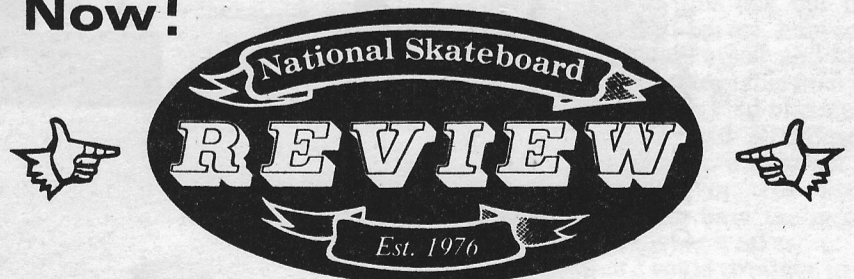
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CHRIS FOLEY

# Palos Verdes Races

By Gib Lewis

Here are the results of the PV race on Feb. 11. Will have another on MARCH 11. We have some good racing going on. As you can see, TR drive up and won both events — he's been practicing, as has been Scott Hostert.

The Tight course was 40 cones with long straight cones separated by offsets. We had trouble trying to catch

TR and Scott.

The G.S. was about 25 to 30 cones, and the racing was a bit closer. At any rate, it seemed like there was a good crowd there and a lot of fun was had. P.S. TR was complaining about no cash involved — he couldn't win gas money home! Also, Spot may be sending some photos.

## RESULTS

### GIANT SLALOM

1. Tom Ryan	11.65	4. Chris Foley	11.20
2. Gib Lewis	11.70	5. Peter Drotleff	11.35
3. Scott Hostert	11.84	6. Paul Butler	11.53
4. Paul Butler	12.02	7. Kevin Karnes	12.51
5. Chris Foley	12.49	8. Larry Crow	13.35
6. Kevin Karnes	12.52	9. Chuck Clancy	DNF
7. Peter Drotleff	13.44		
8. Larry Crow	13.60		
9. Chuck Clancy	DNF		

### TIGHT SLALOM

1. Tom Ryan	10.78		
2. Scott Hostert	10.83		
3. Gib Lewis	11.19		

### ROLLER SKATERS (G.S.)

1. Rick Adlof	13.81
2. Roy Vandenooff	14.41
3. Greg Storley	15.86
4. Mack Beaumont	16.08
5. Bob Wheeler	16.94



Slalom race course at Palos Verdes, Cal. SUE HALL running cones on roller skates.

DAYNA BENNETT, Women's Freestyle (Roller Skate) Champion.



MIKE SMITH — a local rider to Hermosa Beach, Cal. He's 12 years old, excels in Bowl Riding, and has freestyle credentials as well. Toying with the idea of getting into racing, but it seems he's hooked on his specialty. Past rider for the Jucy Lucy Team, he now rides for Energy Trucks and is a recent addition to the Hobie amateur team. He's been brewing for two years and deserves your attention.

Photo and Text by Spot.

Editor's Note: This is the Conclusion of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's report on skateboarding. Sections of the complete report have been reprinted in previous issues of the REVIEW. Even if you haven't been reading the full text of the report, read this conclusion. This is how the government evaluated skateboarding: good or bad? Are they out to get us? Are they fair? Did they ask the right people the right questions for their study?

The clearest indication which comes out of this matrix and the study data is that injuries associated with skateboards were used primarily in controlled environments specifically intended for skateboarding and not on public streets and sidewalks. In addition, were there a uniform set of safety rules for use of skateboarding facilities, requiring pre-use equipment checks and the wearing of full protective gear, and general safety construction guidelines to avoid "engineered in" environmental hazards, there can be little doubt that a large proportion of the injuries would be prevented, including the most severe types of accidents. While it is true that some patterns related to skating in proximity to heavy traffic of other skateboards may be increased in frequency by increased use of

# HAZARD REPORT

skateboarding facilities, this increase may be more than offset by the reduction in other types of accidents.

After checking for an eliminating duplication between hazard patterns, it was determined that 35 percent of the injuries occurred in four hazard patterns which would be affected if skateboard use on public streets and sidewalks were reduced or eliminated. These patterns were: "Struck Irregularity in Riding Surface," "Rode Onto Soft Surface," "Struck Obstacle," and "Collision with Motor Vehicle." In addition, any of the product-caused or product-contributed accidents could be addressed through pre-use equipment checks.

In addition to the frequency of injuries associated with these patterns, severity should be considered. All of the fatal injuries which have been documented involve either a collision with a motor vehicle, a head injury, or both. Use of skateboards only in controlled environments which require helmet use may address these injuries.

Another step in the reduction of injuries is incumbent upon the

skateboarder although physical education teachers or skateboard facility personnel could be of great help. Among the first things taught to any student of martial arts, to football players, and to paratroopers, is how to fall. In-depth investigations documented, in case after case, that victims who were falling extended their arms to break their falls, with fractured lower arms the result. The high proportion of the study injuries which were fractured lower limbs, 21 percent of all injuries, coincides with the indication of the in-depth investigations.

This fact is recognized by some skateboard enthusiasts, but apparently not by all. Volume 2, Number 2 of "Skateboarder" magazine contained an article titled "Learn How to Fall," in which a recommended technique for minimizing the consequences of a fall was described. It is likely that increased awareness among skateboarders of better ways to fall, and training in this and other aspects of skateboard maintenance and safety would reduce injuries.

Although the proportion of skateboard-related injuries which are product-caused is small, the absolute number of these injuries over a period of one year may be over 1,000 emergency room-treated injuries. More importantly, while not product-caused, a large proportion of skate-board-related injuries can be prevented. More than one-third of the estimated injuries would be addressed if skateboards were used only in facilities specifically intended for skateboarding. This would be through the elimination of irregularities, the through the elimination of irregularities, the absence of automobiles, the absence of obstacles, and the absence of soft surfaces. Preuse equipment checks and strictly enforced requirements for the wearing of protective gear would address an additional portion of the injuries, and training in how to fall, at least for serious skateboarders, may reduce the likelihood of injury.

Because there is an element of risk in the sport itself, even optimum conditions will not completely preclude accidental injury. An experienced skateboarder, wearing full protective equipment and riding a well engineered and maintained skateboard in a carefully controlled environment is still at risk for injury or death. The probability may be reduced but the risk cannot be completely eliminated.

## Cherry Hill Contest

Held: Dec. 16, 17

Place: Cherry Hill Skatepark, New Jersey

Class: Amateur

Pro Director: Shogo Kubo

### RESULTS

#### BOWL RIDING

##### 9 and Under:

1. Mark McLane
2. Dean Godfrey
3. Tom Martin

##### 10 to 15:

1. Jo LaLonde
2. Pat Truitt
3. K. Willis

##### 16 and Over:

1. Richard Brand
2. Kevin Cook
3. Victor Perez

##### Womens:

1. Teresa Snider
2. Terry Anderson

#### SLALOM

##### 9 and Under:

1. Mark McLane
2. Dean Godfrey

##### 10 to 15:

1. Bob Wilhoitz
2. Jim Chammond
3. John Bank

##### 16 and Over:

1. Richard Brand
2. Rick Stetson

3. Mike Branzcki

##### Women's:

1. Teresa Snider
2. Terry Anderson
3. Tracy Tuso

#### FREESTYLE

##### 9 and Under:

1. Dean Godfrey
2. Mark McLane

##### 10 to 15:

1. Steve O'Callahan
2. Paul Wirgin
3. Ira Burg

##### 16 and Over:

1. Bob Aston
2. Richard Brand
3. Darion Burke

##### Women's:

1. Terry Anderson
2. Tracy Tuso
3. Teresa Snider

OVERALL MEN'S: Richard Brand, Maryland

OVERALL BOYS: Mark McLane, New Jersey

## Hobie 360 Contests

By Rene Carrasco (Hobie)

Hobie Skateboards has been sponsoring some amateur contests at local skateparks in California. Dale Smith (Sausage Man), and Ricky and myself (the Flying Carrasco Brothers) have been running them for Hobie.

Even though these competitions are

"Sausage Spinoffs" for 360 spins, it gives a lot of freestylers a chance to compete. A lot of amateur skaters are frustrated nowadays from NO CONTESTS. I think these competitions help.

Results follow:

Place: "Ranch" Mediteranean Skatepark; Colton, Cal

Date: Jan. 25, 1979

##### Winners:

##### 12 and Under:

1. Jim Lyon
2. Bob Munoz
3. Yoshi Kabuta

##### 13 and Over:

1. Denny Franklin
2. Glen Shuchuck
3. Greg O'Neil

Place: Big O; Orange, Cal

Date: Feb. 3, 1979

##### Winners:

Un-sponsored Boys 10-under: Brandon Kent

Un-sponsored Girls 13-under: Jaime Luster

Sponsored Boys 13-under: Allen Losi

Sponsored Girls 14 over: Sue Barker

Sponsored Boys 14-Over: Carlos Santizo

Place: The "Ranch" Mediteranean Skatepark; Colton, Cal

Date: Dec. '78

##### Winners:

1. Brett Boween
2. Glen Shuchuck
3. Greg O'Neil

Place: Runway Skatepark; Gardena, Cal

Date: Jan. 11, 1979

##### Winners:

##### 12 and Under:

1. Ron Grigsby
2. Felix Deltoro
3. Glen Van Aken

##### 13 and Over:

1. George Herdatel
2. Ed Lin
3. Bill Samarino

## FreeSkate Still Working for You

The Consumer Affairs Committee for Democratic Action (Washington, D.C.) has put forth a proposal that, if passed as law, would ban the sale of skateboards in the United States.

We at the FreeSkate Information Club have been writing letters to our representatives like crazy, but that may not be enough.

If such a law were passed, riders would be forced to "make their own." For the most part, as you may well know, home made boards are dangerous. This committee does not seem to realize this fact, and they do not visualize the increase in injuries and the layoffs in many industries that will occur should a ban be set.

FreeSkate is asking all manufacturers, dealers, and distributors to send

us any and all evidence, reports or other information they have on file pertaining to: 1., safety tests, both in manufacturing your boards and on stress during use; 2., the number of persons currently employed by the skateboarding industry; 3., estimated effect on the quality of boards no longer manufactured or sold in the United States (ie. regulated boards vs. home-made or foreign made boards.); 4., any other material or information pertaining to skateboarding and the effect of a ban.

We are also asking all skaters, both professional and amateur, to take a moment now! Write us a letter detailing the efforts you make to assure yourself of a safe ride (ie. safety gear, falling techniques, etc.) Send it to FreeSkate, now.

This proposal will cost the committee thousands of dollars of their time. If the committee would spend that same time in publishing the real causes of skateboarding injuries, and the measures that can be taken to prevent these injuries, the taxpayer would be much better off. But they can not publish any results without facts from the skateboarding industry itself.

Please send your material to FreeSkate on or before March 23, 1979.

We believe that a cohesive study and documentation will be more effective than random letters. In the digestible form of a documented study, our information will be read and understood by the committee members. FreeSkate will either deliver this material to the committee in

Washington, D.C., or will have it sent by registered courier, thus being assured that our position will be heard and taken into consideration.

Please, send your information as soon as possible to FreeSkate, Box H, 1260 N. Las Palmas Ave., Hollywood, CA 90038. We also would welcome any legal help in compiling and writing this report.

Don't you believe that "it can never happen." Prohibition has happened in this country before, and it will happen again if this "proposal" is not stopped with hard facts. Skateboarding has been dealt an unfair and bad name. It is up to use to show the non-skating population that it is a valuable and healthy sport, and often far less injurious to our youth than football.

## Contest Rumours

Ellen O'Neal went to Mexico with Ty Page, Brian Beardsley to do demos. . . John Hutson and Bob Skoldberg went to Sweden for promo and demos and are back now. . . Neil Graham is alive and well selling for 360 Sportswear, designing a park in San Clemente, Cal, and is starting the Mirage Skateboard Co. . . George McClellan is still with Clearwater Skatepark and has joined the Gullwing Team. . . Chris Strople is in New Zealand for three weeks touring around. . . Curtis Hesselgrave is back in Calif. . . Robin Logan is in Tahiti to help with an Amateur contest and she promises results for the REVIEW. . . Kim Cespedes is teaching a beginner's skateboard class and is real humble about it. . . Mike Flomer is healing well. . . Muriel at Clearwater Skatepark is cooking up another dyno contest. . . Ernie Martin is happy pushing his own line of boards. . . the National Skatepark Assoc. is under way guided by Dave Norton (Flying Wheels) and held four organizational meetings. . . Josh Marlowe is getting real tall. . . SIO-Tallahassee Skate Club got to do a TV ad with Shawn Peddie doing the ramp work. . . Bruce Walker is planning a contest for June. . . Sen-

sation Basin has a contest being set up for April. . . Pete Pan has his skateboard contest '79 season all scheduled and ready to go (he doesn't change his plans). . . pros at the Fla. convention all jammed up to Cherry Hill afterward. . . thanks to "Skates East" magazine for using Mark Lake (Flite) on the cover. . . Chuy "King of Mexico" Madrigal has been sporting around the scene checking up on all that he should. . . ARO is alive and starting in March. . . Huck Andress working well and happy with Sundancer. . . Woody Woodstock on his way to Calif. . . Shogo is back in Cherry Hill after the Victoria contest. . . photos of the last session in the closed Cadillac Park coming in before it is 'dozed. . . Sims movie at Fla. Show was hot, ask to see it. . . Bruce Walker is now carrying the NSR. . . Skatours taking reservations for '79 summer. . . John Baron selling shoe skates now. . . Clyde Slide moving well toward the West, finally. . . Rock and roll concerts at Clearwater Skatepark live on Fri. nights. . . Sensation Basin has the best place to rollerskate; if your're lucky you can spot the otter that lives in their little lake.

## Skater Starts Own Contest

The Second Womble Series brought some interesting skaters and some interesting prizes into Clearwater Skateboard Park in December.

The First in this series was at Sensation Basin in November '78 and Ed Womble ran a contest consisting of Beginner's Freestyle, Bowl riding, One wheelers, Grinders, the Worst Bite and anything else Ed Womble wanted.

The guys hit the Half-Pipe (some hit the wall) for the more serious (?) skating with gusto and after the dust had settled it looked like TODD WEBB and BRENT RADAMAKER would be the favorites. But Todd was forced to drop out (his mom came for him) which left Brent to go after all the prizes so besides trying to wipe out the lip of the coping, he also tried to wipe out himself and got the Overall Best skater prize and the Worst Bite prize (after he examined the bottom of the half-pipe with his nose).

Flying in from the rear of the pack came the man in the white hat riding his trusty steed, JEFF CHAMBERLAIN who walked away with the best prize - a 2 1/2" truck with clay wheels without bearings. He showed his joy with winning this exciting event by making an unusual gesture at the

judges with his hand. The rules stated that there would have to be a large turnout of competitors in order for the park to put up some prizes, so there were several new faces in the event (mainly because Ed with a few muscles convinced several skaters about the fun of skating in a contest and how that was safer than saying no and maybe having some one called "Bigfoot" step on them.)

Everyone went away a winner. Although the donated prizes to the 1st place guys were somewhat unusual and many felt the last place prizes of free pepsi was better. Local team members donated some interesting prizes of unwanted stickers, passes at parks too far away to go to, several old worn out wheels, trucks, etc. It was the first time we have seen a contest run by skaters for skaters with prizes from skaters and it was a great reward to see these modest young men turn down their prizes (what is this???) Knowing they want the sport to go on. (We are not sure which sport they mean.)



RODNEY JESSE. Photo by Lance.

## No. Cal Skatepark Circuit

Ten Skateparks in Northern California have organized a '79 competition season. The involved parks at this time are Inland Surf (Stockton), Ride On (Newark), Clayton Valley (Concord), Empire (Rohnert Park), Rim Rider (Burlingame), Soquel Skatepark (Soquel), Sierra Wave (Sacramento), Mogul Bowl (Fresno), Spinning Wheels (Cupertino), and Campbell Skatepark (Campbell).

Their Circuit holds a contest on the third Saturday of each month. Each contest will hold three events; each park will choose the three events that are on the best surfaces of each park.

The parks are represented by a seven member amateur team. This group

defines "amateur" as any skateboarder who has never received any money for skateboarding or who has never competed with pros for money. If you are not sure you qualify call Robert Ruggs (916/362-3246) at Sierra Wave.

The first contest was held on February 24. After this contest, the member parks held an organizational meeting to elect officers. The meeting was hosted by Clayton Valley Skatepark.

The NSR will keep you posted on this new park organization. They have the solid base and direction needed to make a significant contribution to keep skating healthy and alive in Northern California.

## Pepsi Pros

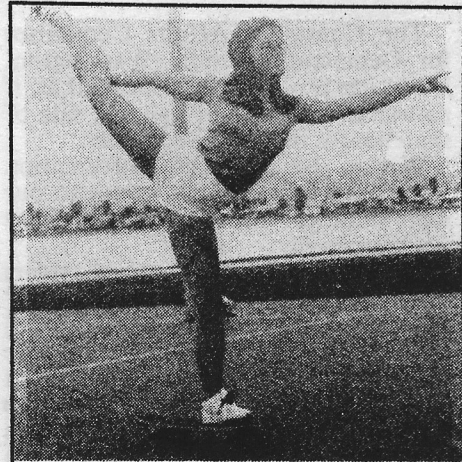
Pepsi National has been working on their '79 program. They are planning a series of 80 demos across the country. At these demos there will be a safety talk and a skills demo by the Pepsi team. Although not all the Pepsi Pros are chosen, the following riders are already established with Pepsi: Scott Downey (New York), Ray Allsberg (Detroit), Billy Hobbs (Detroit), Chris

Yandell (Detroit), Kenny Zachariah (Florida), Peter Meredith (New York), Tim Scruggs (Florida), and Reggie Barnes (Florida).

The Pepsi program is being advertised under the name Pepsi SKATE: Skateboard and Team knowledge Exhibition. Watch for it in your area. Keep checking the NSR "Calendar" for scheduling.

## Announcement

The NSR would like to thank Don Singer of Donel Distributors in Texas for his support of the REVIEW. In the Dec/Jan. issue of "Skateboard Industry News" Don added a little line at the bottom of his ad. It read: "We Support the National Skateboard Review." The NSR really needs this kind of encouragement. Thank you, Don!



TARA KAYLOR and STEVE DAY practice together every day...probably keeping an eye out for Oceanside competition. Photos by Steve and Kara.

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I would like to hear from you particularly on the sport's future. Do you think you could run a story on the disappearance or the possibility of losing the competitive spirit for racing in '79. i.e. ARA, California FreeFormer, Catalina Classic, etc? Does anybody care?

I will stay in touch with you and hope my layoff is not a permanent condition. I still have some excellent ideas for the sport.

I miss all my Leucadia friends. Stay well. Hellos to Lance (Smith) and Dawn (Dominy), and David (Dominy) and Mary (Balma).

Love, Peter  
Dillon, Colo.

Dear Di,

Enclosed is a collection of odds and ends that you may find of some value. Each is tagged with some kind of explanatory note. The only item I would like to have back is the original letter from Gov. Brown.

One thing I forgot to mention regarding the contest on the 24th of this month is the record keeping functions. I have noticed in the past how things get bogged down at the conclusion of a contest while everyone (usually one or two) frantically compute the results. I have written a series of programs that will work on an on-line computer system via a typewriter-like terminal over telephone lines. All my preliminary tests indicate

that this system will work when the time comes. Functions such as generating scoring sheets, computation of winners and so forth will be taken care of by the terminal. When all is finished, I'll send you a set of sample runs and a complete analysis of the total system. I think this will be a first in the contests scene for skateboarding. If all my expectations bear fruit, I plan to present this system to the skateboarding community as a model of what can be done with 20th century tools. Anyway, I'm in a hurry to get everything in the mail, so I'll cut it short and promise more later.

Regards,  
Bob Ruggs,  
Sierra Wave Skatepark

Dear Sir,

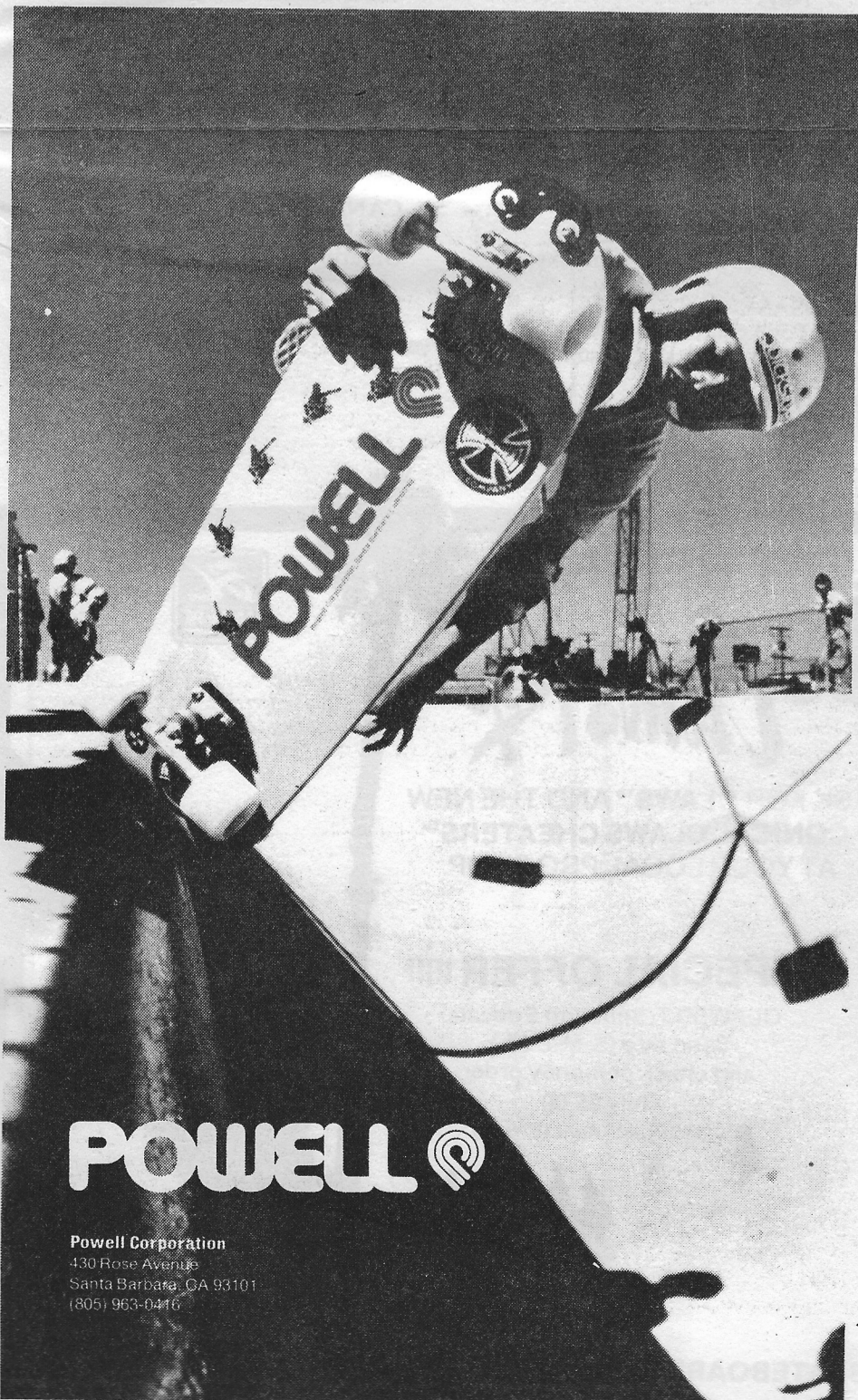
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Di

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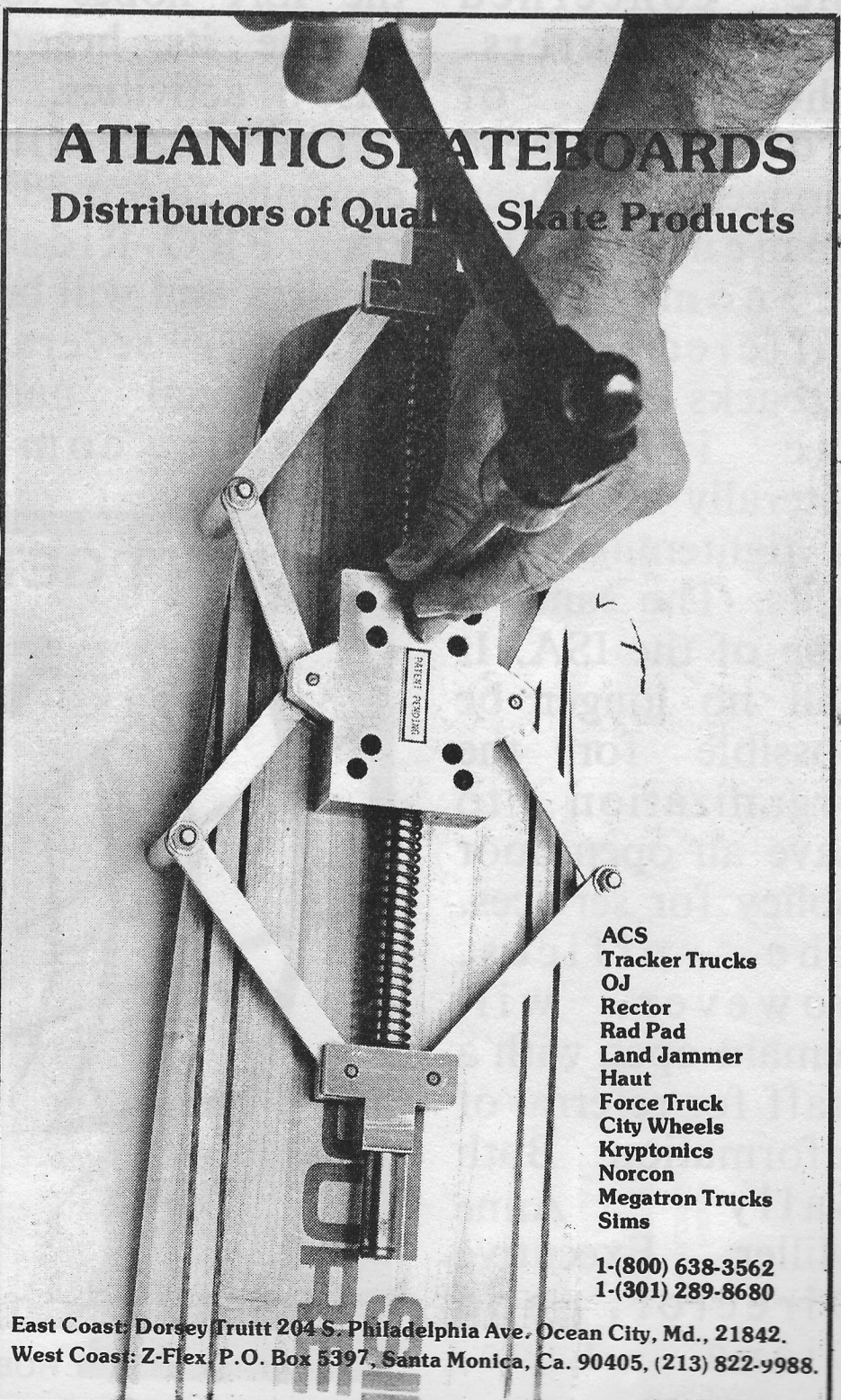
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The ISA since its formation three years ago, has functioned as a full-service, non-profit organization disseminating information on skateboarding and skateboard safety throughout the world. It has helped the industry, skateboard parks and professional and amateur skaters.

The Association has been predominantly funded by a few of the concerned manufacturers. The cost of providing these services has been immense. The economy has suffered some setbacks and so has the industry. Literally everyone is tightening their belts. The same is true of the ISA. It will no longer be possible for the organization to have an open-door policy for services. The offices, however, will remain open with a staff for referral of information. Both Sally Anne Miller, Executive Director, and Diana Line,

Competition Director, have agreed to act as consultants to the Association as needed.

It is the goal of the Board of Directors that in the coming months they will be able to expand the support of the organization to include every aspect of skateboarding. With the projected upswing in the market in the Spring and Summer of 1979, the ISA hopes to resume its broad base of activities.

The ISA will continue to provide its PRO-Rider services and will be holding several professional and amateur com-

petitions such as the Oceanside PRO-AM Competition July 21, 23, 28 and 29, sponsored by A.C.S., G & S,

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