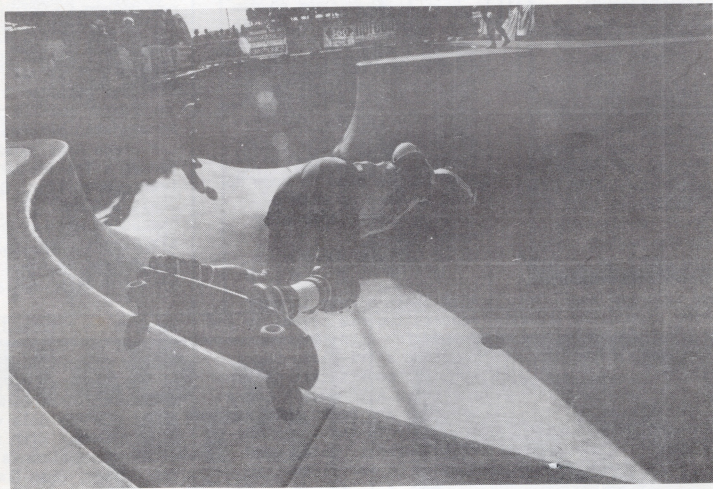


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In a short six (6) months, Eric Grisham VARIFLEX Team skater, has asserted himself as one of the top PRO skaters in the world. Here winning the Final Hester/Pipeline.

## GRISHAM BLAZES PIPELINE HESTER FINAL

PRO-SINGLES  
PIPELINE/UPLAND, CALIF.  
Sept. 22-23

By Leslie

**THIS WAS IT!** The grand finale of a summer's worth of skating competition and a new crop of skating stars.

Yes, the **HESTER SERIES PRO BOWL VI**, at the Pipeline in Upland, had been run and event winner, Eric Grisham (VARIFLEX) and 1979 Series

winner Mickey Alba (KRYPTONICS) were the stars of the show.

The entry list in the pro-category for this contest included twenty-four of skateboarding's top PRO skaters.

They would have a chance to compete for top money in the singles and the ever popular doubles events.

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## STEVE HIRSCH TOP AMATEUR HESTER

1ST HESTER MATEUR OPEN  
Sept. 22-23  
PIPELINE, UPLAND  
By Leslie

The reason behind having an Amateur Open contest, as stated by Henry Hester. " is so that top Amateurs could compete in the same arena, under the same conditions as the Pros", in that way they might gain experience to enter the **HESTER PRO BOWL** in the future.

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# WEEKLY GRINDERS

BY

ANITA GRYND

TRACKER informs us that the new Sixtrack is officially out and demand is heavy. Likewise for their "skate-plate" for roller skates. Their magnisium(VERRRY EXPENSIVE) Sixtracks will be the lightest of the wide trucks on the market. Lance also wants us to know that Chris Strople is still alive and well and shall be seen flying around the Upland area as will Wally, who's holding his own in the HESTER.

# # # # #

We hear that HESTER got a well deserved round trip to Hawaii after this last event. I think Henry is planning a couple of winter Surfing contest. We'll let you know as soon as we hear from the island cat.

# # # # #

THE NEW DATE for the Winchester Open is October 13-14. \$4,450.00 is the purse to be divided in three events. Singles Pool will have 1st place \$1,000.; 2nd \$500.; 3rd \$400. then \$300., \$200., \$150., and \$100. for 7th. Doubles Pool is \$400. for 1st \$200. 2nd; \$100. 3rd. Roller Singles pays \$500. 1st place; \$250. 2nd; \$150. 3rd and \$100. 4th. Entry for Pros is \$60.00 for skateboarders, \$40.00 rollers. Amateurs is \$20.00 both skateboarder or roller skater.

# # # # #

Talking about the "hand that feeds you". It isn't enough that people like the Hoffman' and John Baron and family go all out to do something nice for the skaters via a great B B Q.

But the recent Upland/Hester had its share of PRO CREEPS! who felt it wasn't enough to get free food and drinks, they had to break into the Church's candy and ice cream counter and not only steal the stuff, but also leave globs of melted ice cream on the floor and counter for the Hoffman's, Baron's and friends to clean up. Some people need to grow up fast to keep up with a growing sport, specially mentally.

WE'RE OFF OUR BOX NOW

# # # # #

ALVA SKATE's Pete Zehnder reports two new boards in the future for ALVA. The beam-type and a Tri-plane board. He also reports that sales of their new ALVA wheels and Hub-caps are doing great. Specially in the South American markets, which now loom to be very lucrative.

# # # # #

New owners department: We hear that Mike Williams has purchased the WINGS wheels from HPG Corp. In production about a month now Mike reports sales picking up. His red colored 62mm /94-95 dm double conicals will be made lighter in the future.

Old skaters never die, they become Executive Honchos!

# # # # #

BIG HONCHOS DEPT. has it that ACS's Chuck Stevens is on his way to Europe to take care of his accounts. Sales of the roller plates are big in Germany, England and France. His bicycle stuff is still selling good although the skateboard trucks are soft for the moment.

# # # # #

Everett Rosecrans, team manager for VANS and man behind the ALL AMERICAN AMATEUR SERIES, reports that the Big O event Sept. 29 will conclude the bowl-riding series for the season. Finals will be sometime in December by invitation only!

The Amateur Series begins its new season in October with the SkaterCross event Oct. 20 which will include slalom, freestyle, bowl, pool, 1/2 pipe events for all.

# # # # #

As reported before, the three San Diego Area parks have formed a Tri-league for amateur competition. Del Mar, Oasis and Whirlin' Wheels in Escondido will be hosting six events. See CALENDAR sec. for actual dates.

Call the parks for info.

# # # # #

We also hear from Jim Lindsay, manager of OASIS, that Pat Weaver was the lucky winner of the Puch moped. Their late summer Expression Session in their new Key-Hole was a blazing success. With the likes of Andrecht, Dennis Martinez, Pat Weaver, Brad Bowman, Rodney Barnes and others entering the casual affair.

When the dust cleared, Pat Weaver was the winner and was last seen riding into the sunset on his new moped. He did manage to run out of gas before getting home.

# # # # #

CLOTHES do make the skater or so it seems. Some of the top winning skaters are all wearing the new MAD RATS shorts. Andrecht, Grisham, Bowman, Elguera, Smith, D. Peters, Steve Hirsch et al, all have the wild RAT colors. Vision industries doesn't claim to make you skate better with their shorts, but at least "you're lookin' good!" while you are doing your thing.

# # # # #

## GRINDERS CONTD.

Super Amateur and as far as we're concerned "IRON MAN" trophy should go to Steve Hirsch.

In this last Hester, Steve skated the Singles Amateur, Doubles Amateur, Singles Pro and Double Pro, placing first in the Am and in the top spot in the Pro Double and 5th in the Pro single. He spent Saturday and Sunday skating all day from 8 am to 9 pm. Give that kid some Geritol!

# # # # #

Bedside stop, we found Lou Peralta (PSA, SKATN' NEWS & SKATERCROSS) laid up with 106 temperature, due to a nasty, but yet undetermined, blood infection. Plans for

the PRO PSA meeting to be held at the Pipeline on Fri. 21, had to be cancelled. New date will be set for said meeting and all Pros will be notified via this paper and by direct mail.

# # # # #

ASPO will be holdin' their awards banquet on October 27 at the BIG O. Food and drinks will be served as well as, a special competition for all ASPO AMATEURS.

In the works, there's also a winter League that Park owners will be discussing. Details will be made available after said meeting.

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Overall HESTER SERIES winner Mickey Alba on a super board-slide at Pipeline. Photo R.A.

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SATURDAY was qualifying day. By 4.p.m many PROS were already practicing in their assigned Heats. By 5.p.m the Singles were on their way.

The "CUT" for Sunday's finals were the top 18 skaters, which included two Amateurs.

Mickey Alba, Eddie Elguera, and (AM) Steve Hirsch were the top three after SATURDAY.

"Doubles" qualifying followed immediately after.

Duane Peters/Eddie Elguera; David Andrecht/George Orton; and Eric Grisham/ Steve Hirsch made up the top three spots.

This event saw alot of collisions between the skaters.

Bobby Valdez dislocated his shoulder when he collided with partner Daryl Miller on their first run.

After witnessing this rather serious injury and several other minor ones, I was not surprised to see several other teams pull out of the event. The ALVA/OLSON team and DUNLAP/BOWMAN were two

of several teams that did not compete.

The fact of the matter was that these pools were pretty tough to skate, with alot of "vert", so if you did not have your act together and your routines well planned, you just did not belong in this event.

The days of just getting together with someone and working out a routine in the spur of the moment are over, you better know what your partner is going to do and spend plenty of time working it out, if you hope to place high. Whew! competition is real tough in this event.

As the day ended and Saturday's skating was completed, there was talk of some good food and much needed rest.

360's SPORTSWEAR, Mr. & Mrs. John Baron and MR. & Mrs. Hoffman, were gracious to put on a fine BAR B Q.

Excellent food and drinks were served along with several movie reels of previous HESTER events.

The affair was a success and everyone had a good time, except those who had to stay behind and clean up an outrageous mess!



Peter Gifford flying high at Pipeline Pools.

Photo Ray Allen

## SUNDAY

Sunday night brought together the PRO-finalists, in a grueling elimination process that took 3hrs. to complete.

18 finalists would skate in four(4) preliminary Heats.

HEAT 1 consisted of Peter (KIWI) Gifford, SIMS' Bert LaMar, SIMS' Brad Bowman and Upland's very own Steve Alba.

HEAT 2 had Eric Halverson (HAUT), Series V winner at Whittier Duane Peters(DT), HOBIE's "El Gato" Eddie Elguera and Mr. "O" himself, George Orton(VARIFLEX).

HEAT 3 consisted of Daryl Miller, Steve Olson (SANTA CRUZ-INDY), Mickey Alba (KRY PTONICS) and VARIFLEX's super Amateur Steve Hirsch.

HEAT 4 saw David "Raver" Andrecht(SIMS), Doug "pineapple" Saladino(G & S), Eric Grisham(VARIFLEX), Ray"Bones" Rodriguez(POWELL) and G & S's Craig Rowe.

Only 8 skaters would qualify from the above Heats to compete in the Semi-Finals.

The order of qualifying was as follows: 1st was Steve Alba; 2nd Eric Grisham; 3rd Mickey Alba and 4th Dave Andrecht.

The Amateur who skated all day on both days was "iron man" Steve Hirsch(VARIFLEX) he took 5th. 6th went to Eddie Elguera(HOBIE), his runs were highlighted by his now famous "Elguero" and very delayed foot plants.

A crowd pleasing trick by Ray Rodriguez, a double-tap rock n' roll on the hip of the pool earned him 7th.

Eighth place went to Duane Peters who had some very clean "rock-walk-reverts"

Doug Saladino(G & S) earned 9th place with his "Bio-boardslides". ...



SIMS skater Brad Bowman on coping at Pipeline. Ph.R.A.

### FINAL

The four(4) Finalists, Andrecht, both Alba boys and Grisham had the crowd standing up, cheering for each skater.

Every maneuver that each skater made seemed to feed the crowd, but it did not satisfy them. The level of excitement kept on rising, demanding more and more of each skater.

This high pitch of spectator involvement alone, made the event a dramatic success.

With every turn, you could just feel the pressure on each skater to better his last run.

The quality of skating has not been better and every one knew it.

An example of this was when Eric Grisham(VARIFLEX) was having an incredible 2nd run and then managed to pull off an "extreme" BIO-INVERT. The crowd went crazy and Eric knew he had won first(1st) place and all the marbles, \$1,000.!!!

Battling it out for 2nd place were Dave Andrecht & Steve Alba. Both were performing to their best of their abilities.

It was apparent that Steve Alba had been practicing. His routine consisted of successfully using the entire pool,

shallow end and all. Unfortunately, Steve suffered a series of falls that penalized him to 3rd place. Dave Andrecht brought the spectators to their feet with his "BIO Axle drops" and a variety of successful maneuvers. This earned him 2nd. and \$500. \$250. went to Steve Alba.

Fourth place went to Mickey Alba(\$125.) Mickey pulled off a series of Bio maneuvers



Allways on the top 5, SIMS' Dave Andrecht placed 2nd.

that had the crowd going & not to mention his "mile-long board slides". Mickey also had a few rare falls but continued to skate in form.

It should be mentioned that Mickey did win the "OVERALL SERIES" with top points earned in all the events. He walked away with \$500. For the Series win, a Kryptonics Surfboard, the "official" HESTER Series banner and a plaque for his efforts.

In other words, "he Scored"!

### DOUBLES FINALS

The winning doubles team was again Eric Grisham/ Steve Hirsch(VARIFLEX) As they had done in Whittier, they were the superior team.

Their routine was very innovative. They used both pools and it was obvious that they had all their maneuvers "wired".

Footplants by Eric onto Steve board stall and Steve's rock n' roll over Eric's board-stall were examples of originality in their routine. Other tricks such as, cross overs and yes, not to mention a casual hand-shake at the end of their routine, pleased the crowd and got them First place and \$300.

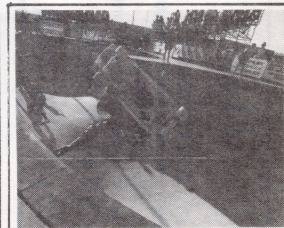
The Elguera/ Duane Peters team, also performed very clean. Consecutive inverts, backside airs by Peters, while Eddie carved under, Elgerios and crossovers highlighted their routine and earned them Second and \$200.

THIS HAD BEEN A LONG WEEKEND for Henry and the Hoffmans, with both Amateur and PRO events.

They all must be complimented because we failed to hear one single complaint about the running of the competition. Amazingly, everyone seemed satisfied with the results.

The Pools were definitely a challenge, but it is now apparent that most of these Pros and some Amateurs can handle anything, and that's the way it should be.

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Handplant a la Ray "Bones" Rodriguez. Photo R. Allen

# RESULTS

## HESTER PRO/PIPELINE

Sept. 22-23 /SINGLES

- Eric Grisham(VARIFLEX)  
\$1,000. 95.00
- David Andrecht(SIMS)  
\$500. 94.66
- Steve Alba  
\$250. 93.99
- Mickey Alba(KRYPTONICS)  
\$125. 93.66
- Steve Hirsch(VARIFLEX)  
AM.(no .money) 92.33
- Eddie Elguera(HOBIE)  
\$100. 91.49
- Ray Bones(POWELL/BONES)  
\$75. 90.33
- Duane Peters(DOG TOWN)  
\$50. 89.99
- Doug Saladino(G & S)  
\$25. 88.33
- Steve Olsen
- C. Rowe
- E. Halverson 86.66
- Bert LaMar 86.00
- George Orton 85.33
- Brad Bowman 85.00
- Daryl Miller 85.00
- Peter Gifford 85.00

(ties above were settled by virtue of their 2nd. run)

- Bobby Valdez
- S. Dunlop 82.49
- Jay Smith 81.99
- Frank Blood 81.66
- Pat Weaver 80.16
- T. Alva 79.16
- S. Parsons 75.16

## HESTER/DOUBLES

- Eric Grisham/Steve Hirsch(VARIFLEX) \$300.
- Eddie Elguera(HOBIE)/ Duane Peters(DT.)\$200.
- Dave Andrecht(SIMS)/ GEORGE ORTON(VARI)\$100.
- Peter Gifford/ Eric Halverson

## HESTER/WOMEN PRO SINGLES

- Patty Hoffman(AM-VARIFLX)
- Brenda Devine(INDY-ALVA)
- Terri Lawrence(ALVA)
- Wendy Gooding(SIMS)
- Elaine Poiereir(VANS)
- Cindy Whitehead(Z-FLEX)

## HESTER-AMATEUR SINGLES

- Steve Hirsch(VARIFLEX) 86.99
- Scott Foss(BONES)85.66
- Mike McGill(BONES) 84.49
- David Zakwenski(MADRID) 84.16
- Teddy Bennett(VANS) 80.33
- John Harris(SIMS)79.00
- Mike Siegfried(VARIFLEX) 79.00
- Mike Smith(HOBIE)76.33
- Allen Losi(VAFLX)75.00
- Mike Hirsch 74.33
- Ray Wright 74.66
- Matt Stropole 73.33
- John Tuisi 73.00
- Bill Swartbaucher69.66
- Jeff Inoye 68.00
- Rusty St.Cyr 63.00
- Brian Martin 65.99
- Geno Tocci 64.49
- Bill Bullen 54.33

## HESTER AMATEUR DOUBLES

- Steve Hirsch/Mike Ziegfried(VARIFLEX) 81.49
- Mike McGill/Scott Foss (BONES-POWELL) 75.49
- Bill Swartbaucher/ Rusty St. Cyr 69.74
- Mike Hirsch/Allen Losi (VARIFLEX) 67.49
- Jeff Inoye/ Matt stropole 66.66

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## ASPO MATEUR PARK LEAGUE

Individual Standings as of 8/8/79.

- Mark Norby(Colton) 170.0
- Henry Knowels(Ox) 151.5
- Sonny Miller(Del Mar)149.5
- Dick Stevens(Sparks)140.0
- Scott Linden(Sparks) 136.0
- Ken SteImasky(Del M) 133.0
- Eric Rosendahl(Boogie)131.0
- Steve Holtz (Oxnard) 131.0
- Eddie Meek (Big O) 129.5
- Chris Walker(Sparks) 125.5
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- Rick Workman(Lakewd) 122.5
- Tim Sweet(SkaterCross)120.0



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# CALENDAR

## WINCHESTER OPEN

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OCT. 27..Del Mar Ranch  
Nov. 24..Whirlin' Wheels  
December 21 ..OASIS  
January 4..Del Mar

(Call each park for info)

## ASPO AWARDS & INVITA- TIONAL

October 27, Noon @ BIG O

## VANS ALL AMERICAN AMATEUR

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## PSA PRO CIRCUIT

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## PATTIE HOFFMAN WINS HESTER WOMEN PRO-AM

### WOMEN PRO SINGLE

The women's 1st place winner was 15 years old VARIFLEX standout, Pattie Hoffman, who averaged an 80.33.

Her experience in entering many contests, had a lot to do with her winning. She was prepared !

Not only was she prepared but she also had the entire VARIFLEX TEAM cheering for her. With a crowd like that who can loose, or better yet, who would dare loose!

Second place winner was INDY/ALVA skater Brenda Devine. Her average was an 80.16. She used both pools in her routine. Brenda is a very versatile skater with an aggressive style that everyone turns on to.

Terrie Laurence(ALVA SKATES) placed 3rd and Wendy Gooding (SIMS) took 4th place honors.

The women skaters are finally getting their share of recognition, we need more of them.

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IRON MAN Steve Hirsch a force to be reckoned with in future Pro Competition. Photo Lori.

Also, not to mention, the potential for greater revenues from the day's events. The cost of putting on this event is increasing every time, the added Amateur event would help defer these growing costs. Not a bad idea and Don Hoffman should feel pretty good. Crowds and participation were excellent.

Contrary to the PRO events, the Amateur competition were held on both Saturday and Sunday mornings.

#### SINGLES AM

Steve Hirsch(VARIFLEX) stood out among all Amateurs, as an extremely capable and tenacious skater. He'll soon be turning Pro, Steve won First place and received a trophy and recognition for having a series of extraordinary runs which averaged out to a high score of 86.99

Scott Foss of the Bones Brigade used all his tricks to earn Second place(85.66) Super board-slides are his

specialty, although a Bio-backside air caused him to fall and get a heavy hipper on his 3rd. run.

Mike McGill (BONES-POWELL) placed 3rd. with some fine 360 fakie slides.

Dave Zafchewski (MADRID) placed 4th with some very impressive "double-handed backside air", but fell on a "bio-olley air" which cost him points.

(SEE RESULT SECTION)

#### DOUBLES AMATEUR

The doubles event saw Steve Hirsch/ Mike "Ziggy" Ziegfried (VARIFLEX) take 1st place with consecutive rock n' rolls. Beacuse of their high scores in their first two runs they did not have to take their third run.

Second(2nd) place went to the team of Scott Foss/ Mike McGill (POWELL) and 3rd went to locals Rusty St. Cyr/ Bill Swarspor. Fourth place went to Jeff Inoye & Matt Strople.

*heslie*



Am. John Harris(SIMS) 6th at Hester Singles. Ph.Lori.

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