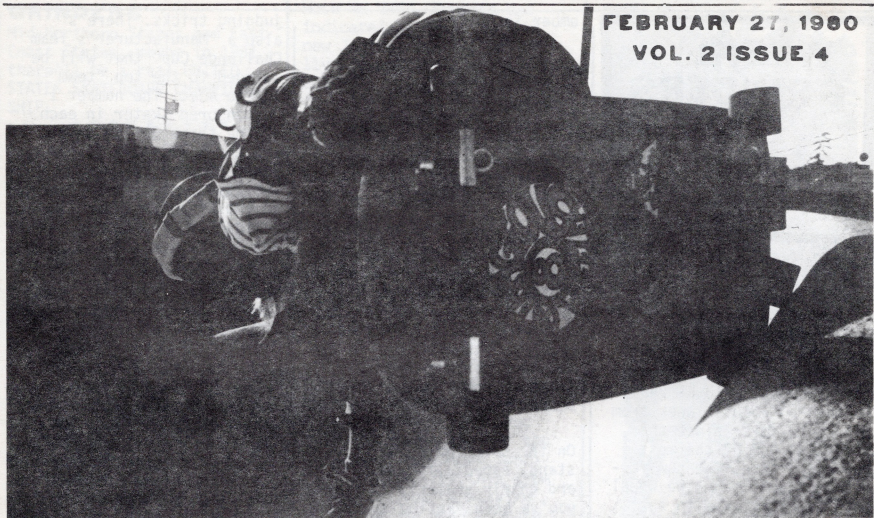


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THE ONLY BI-WEEKLY SKATE NEWSPAPER IN THE WORLD

WEEKLY GRINDERS

BY

ANITA GRIND

Dave Humphreys, of SUNSPOTS, stopped by our offices the other day to let us know that they're back in business with their new wheels. The roller skate wheel is now available and the skateboard wheel should be ready to ship in about a week from now. Good news, since the wheel was one of the most popular around. The new formula seems to make the wheel much lighter and with better rebound. Their address is P.O. BOX 6677, Santa Barbara, Ca. 93111 (805) 962-4113.

Endless Wave Skatepark in Michigan is in the process of setting up a BMX dirt track adjacent to their park. The owners are currently in Southern California checking out the action in the local BMX tracks. A shop will go along with the track.

It appears that SIMS is now going to concentrate in pushing their new wheels and drop the GYRO line. Tom's been working on their new secret designs and compounds and is ready to reveal it in the next few weeks. The GYRO wheel will still be around.

Anyone knowing the phone # for the gentleman with the aluminum deck (honey combed) design, please let us know. We've lost his number. We featured his trick board in our September issue and Nov-

ember issue.

More info on the ASPO AMATEUR CIRCUIT: Skaters that started the season at one age group and have since had a birthday DO NOT NEED TO MOVE FROM THEIR PRESENT AGE GROUP, until the end of the season and thus you won't loose your points. Apparently, the ASPO offices are getting lots of calls from worried skaters and parents alike that they may be losing their points. Those points are hard earned by these skaters, they do not want to make any mistakes that may cause them to loose points.

On the same topic; we understand, especially you "hot" and gnarly skaters, that if you've been skating as an unsponsored skater and then all of a sudden a manufacturer wants you to skate for them or starts flowing you some products, you will lose your "unsponsored" status and must compete in the "sponsored" division. You will also lose all your unsponsored ASPO points. Beware, and think about it before deciding to make the change.

Lots of teams are making plans to travel during the Spring. We hear POWELL will be sending their team back east to Florida; VARIFLEX to Cherry Hill and the Eastern Seaboard, SIMS to South America, ALVA to Europe. Anyone out there want to start a travel agency for skateboarders?

The April 12-13, 1980 PRO/AM at SKATERCROSS Skatepark in Reseda, is going to have a couple of different twists this year. For example a new judging system will be used that should eliminate some of the irregularities in

judging tricks. There's also a "Manufacturer's Team Challenge Cup" that will be awarded to the top "team" in the meet. The number 1 Unsponsored skater in each of the three(3) age groups and the number 1 & 2 Sponsored amateur in each of the two(2) age groups, will go to the "finals" and skate against the top 8 Pros making the final event.

More on the PRO/AM at SkaterCross; the money paid to the PROS will be more evenly divided. \$600. for First; \$500. Second, \$400.; \$300.; \$200.; \$175.; \$150.; and the 8th skater getting \$100. SkaterCross will also make available accommodations for those of you who are planning to make the event and are from out of State. Local skaters will offer their homes to some of you out of State "hot shoes".

ASTRO SPEEDWAY Skatepark in Jenison, Mich. has scheduled their "major" event for May 10th. Pool and 1/2 Pipe competition will start at 10am sharp. \$3.50 entry and \$5.00 late entry. Call Bryan Stone(616)457-5089 for more info.

As a result of the ASPO Amateur League set up in So. California, other parts of the country are now getting into the same program. Latest are four Skateparks from Florida: Sensation Basin, Gainesville; Rainbow Wave, Tampa; Kona, Jacksonville & Clearwater. Clearwater, have formed FAST--Florida Amateur Skateboard Tournaments. First event started on Feb. 9 (Results in the result section) and the last event will finish on September 6, 1980. See dates on "Calendar" section of the paper. If we can get other areas around the country, like the

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Mid-Northern States and East Coast States, maybe in 1981 there'll be a real UNITED STATES SKATEBOARD CHAMPIONSHIP.

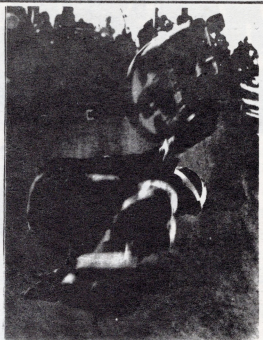
Late word from Escondido, site of ASPO # 5, is that the event will be postponed one week and moved up to March 1. Rain is the main reason for the postponement. Problems with skating areas have developed and Ozzie Oswald feels that he will need a few days to make the park perfect for the event.

Everet Rosecrans, VANS, has announced the date for the VANS ALL AMERICAN AMATEUR SERIES, "State Championship". March 22-23 is the scheduled date and Del Mar Skateranch will be the site. It's open to 3A & 2A division skaters. Entry fee is \$10. and spectators can come in for \$2.00. Check in time for Sat. is 8am with competition starting 10am, for 2A skaters. Sunday check in will be at 10 am & competition will start at 11am.

More on VANS, Everett has indicated he will try the new Judging system, originally set up for the PSA, PRO CIRCUIT, which is scheduled to be used at the SkaterCross PRO/AM later on April 12-13. All skaters entered will receive, in advance, full details and outline of how the judging and scoring is going to work.

Heard from Jeff Madrid, of MADRID Boards fame, that there's an underground move to bring back "Down hill" racing again. Glendora Mountain Road is the site for the next race, on March 8. There will be stand-up and lay-down classes for the almost 4 mile run. If you have never seen some of the outrageous equipment specially designed for this type of racing, you're missing something. We hope to have coverage of the March event in our next issue.

When you've got to bail, you've got to bail. Eddie "El Gato" Elguera(top right) at the VANS Pro; Mike McGill(right) compressing at the last BIG "O" PRO/AM.

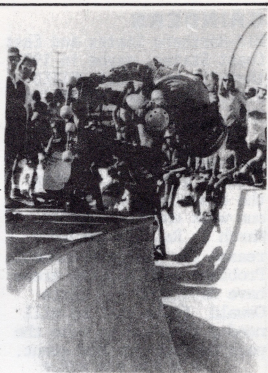
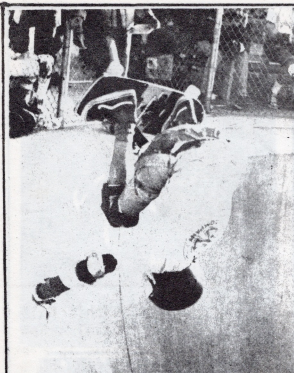


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Mike Pacheco(top left) currently tied for 2nd. in ASP, showing his talents at MARINA; Geno Tocci(top center) airborne on the backside and Dave Zakrzewski(POWELL) on a Bio-air trip, also at MARINA. Photo L.P.



Crystal Lodges(above) experimenting with the outer edges; Greg O'Neil(VARIFLEX) in an incredible 'canyon crossing' at the last WINCHESTER PRO. This was his first ever and making it. Photo L.P

PRO AM

APRIL 12-13, '80

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

GIANT TROPHIES TO AMATEUR CLASSES- MEN & WOMEN

"SPECIAL SPONSOR'S CHALLENGE CUP"
Awarded to the Team with the highest overall points. A minimum of Three(3) skaters must be representing a Team

\$2500.00

1st. \$600.	5th. \$200.
2nd. \$500.	6th. \$175.
3rd. \$400.	7th. \$150.
4th. \$300.	8th. \$100.

ROLLER SKATE PURSE = 60% of ENTRY

WOMEN SKATEBOARD. PURSE= 60% of ENTRY

ENTRY

PRO SKATEBOARD: \$60. PRO ROLLERSKATE: \$50.
PRO WOMEN SKB.: \$40. SPONSORED AMT.: \$25.
UNSPONSORED AMATEUR: \$15.

AMATEUR CLASSES

SPONSORED AM. : 15 & Under / 16 & over
UNSPONSORED : 12 & und./13-15/ 16& ovr.

NOTE: First place(1st) in each Un-sponsored Age group, qualify for PRO FINAL. I
First & Second in the Sponsored Age Group, qualify to skate in PRO FINAL

PRACTICES: Take advantage of "Special" hours of practice for PROS and AMATEURS the week before. SATURDAY & SUNDAY practice are for warm-up only, and you should not rely on those times.

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ASPO goes NATIONAL

Whittier, Ca.- Feb.21,1980

ASPO held it's meeting today to affirm the goals set for the 1980-1981 seasons.

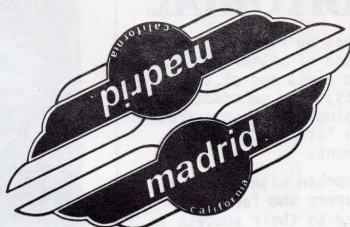
Decided, was the date for the ASPO Awards Banquet, which it set for the week of June 28th.

Besides the trophies and the "Gold Cards" to be awarded to the top skaters, ASPO will be providing certificates for every skater that participated in the League, their rating for the following season and their overall standing. There will also be a great number of prizes awarded at random at the banquet.

Another major decision by ASPO is, that as of next season, ASPO will become the sanctioning body for all Amateur competition, and it

MADRID TEAM:

John Schaa
Eric Vinciguerra
Chris Rennie
Tony Bowen
Danny Smith
Paul Molina
Bobby Fry
Sue Smith
Brian Martin



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will make available detailed and proven methods and rules for anyone that is interested in promoting Amateur and Pro competitions.

Already committed under the ASPO Sanctioning banner are the VANS ALL AMERICAN SERIES, a SLALOM & FREESTYLE ASSOC., also interested and pledging their support is the Florida Amateur Skateboard Tournaments (FAST) and PSA, The Pro Skateboard Circuit.

The target is for this Fall, to provide a national schedule of competitions in every area of skateboarding. From Park competitions to parking lot events.

This way manufacturers, sponsors and supporters will have a good idea where to lend their support.

ASPO will be releasing more information in the next issues.

MAIL THIS FORM

SATURDAY: MARCH 22- Preliminary Comp.

CHECK IN TIME - 8:00 a.m.

Competition begins - 10:00 a.m.

2A SKATERS

SUNDAY: MARCH 23 - FINALS

COMPETITION

CHECK IN TIME - 10:00 a.m.

COMPETITION BEGINS - 11:00 a.m.

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PRESENTS

"ALL AMERICAN AMATEUR SERIES"

STATE FINALS - POOL
DEL MAR SKATE RANCH
MARCH 22-23, 1980

ENTRY FEE: \$10 - CONTESTANTS \$2 - SPECTATORS
*Ladies and children under 12 admitted FREE.

3A-ADVANCED AMATEUR
2A-INTERMEDIATE AMATEUR

AGES:

MALE:

10 - under

11 - 13

14 - 15

16 - 19

20 - OVER

FEMALE:

Women's Div. will be drawn up according to number of entries.

OFFICIAL ENTRY AND RELEASE FORM

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ SPONSOR _____ (checkboxone): ☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE AGE _____

DIVISIONS: _____ ☐ 3A-ADVANCED _____ ☐ 2A-INTERMEDIATE

1. MEDIA: I hereby assume all rights I may have in any Photographs/ Movies, Recordings, Video Tapes made on or before the day(s) I participate in the contest and hereby permit VANS Skateboard Park, and its licensee, free of charge, such photographs, movies, video tapes and recordings, as well as my name, for any purpose whatsoever, in connection with the contest, and promotional usage.

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I, being over 21 years of age, parent and/or guardian of the above Licensee, a minor, do hereby agree, on behalf of the above Licensee and for his heirs, executors and administrators, to each of the paragraphs in the above Agreement and Release and I further agree to assume all of the liabilities and obligations of the Licensees as set forth in said paragraphs. Further I (we) do hereby authorize and consent to any x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis rendered under the general or special supervision of any member of the medical staff and emergency room staff licensed under the provisions of the Medical Practice Act or a Dental licensed under the provisions of the Dental Practice Act and on the staff of any acute general hospital holding a current license to operate a hospital from the State of California Department of Public Health. It is understood that this authorization given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment or hospital care being required but is given to provide authority and power to render care which the aforementioned physician in the exercise of his best judgement may deem advisable.

It is understood that effort shall be made to contact the undersigned prior to rendering treatment to the patient, but that any of the above treatment will not be withheld if the undersigned cannot be reached. This authorization is given pursuant to the provisions of section 25.8 of the Civil Code of California.

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EDITORIAL

Now that we're seeing a resurgence of skaters, both in the parks and on the streets, many manufacturers are going to be concentrating on "street designed" equipment.

I've spoken with many manufacturers who feel that the key to their success is going to be, getting the street skater to buy the equipment, as it was three and four years ago.

I understand their enthusiasm to cater to the street skater again, but this time we must be careful and recognize that it was the street skater who created the problems and the bad "press" for skateboarding.

Those thousands of street related accidents, highly publicized in the media, were the very cause that turned off alot of parents on skateboarding.

It was the parks who had, and are continuing, to prove that skateboarding can be fun and safe.

Let's not lose all the hard work skateparks have done to create good parent relationship by flooding the industry with inferior street equipment and not taking time out to explain to the street skater that there are "dangers" inherent with street skating.

Safety equipment and proper equipment check should be emphasized with every piece of equipment sold.

Many feel that the sport may be dying, we don't believe so, but a sure death would come if all of us in the industry make the same mistakes we made three and four years ago.

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Eric Halverson (HAUT) sliding at Winchester (above).



Eric Grisham (VARIFLEX) capturing the attention of the enthusiastic crowd at WINCHESTER; Judy Oyama edging out (below).



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Cherry Hill, N.J.
Jan 26-27, 1980

Cherry Hill park hosted its second annual POOL DUEL. This contest drew skaters from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia.

The hottest skating in the competition occurred in the 14-16 and 17 and over classes.

In the 13 & under group, little 8-year old Jami Godfrey clearly dominated the field. Jami's frontside inverts, Andrechts and his unusually smooth style, totally blew minds.

However, the loudest cheers from the vast crowd, came when local skater, Vic Perez, pulled off a near perfect routine.

Judges on hand were Jay Smith from POWELL; Duke Rennie, one of the top Roller skaters in the country; Cindy Whitehead, top woman skater; Hank Shaudy and Frank Basanta.

Ron Stein, park manager and Mr. and Mrs. Breyer, owners, put on a great show.



Mike Thibault on a lay-back air at Sensation Basin, against an Eastern sky. Photo Philip Chiochio. Kit Schiger at ASTRO SPEEDWAY, reaching for maximum aerial. Photo Glori Van Peel

RESULTS

FAST TOURNAMENT #1
Sensation Basin, Feb 9.

13 & Under Sponsored

1. Mark Santoli	200pts.
2. Steve Croft	190 "
3. Rodney Mullen	100 "
4. George Leon	95 "
5. Mark Nyhill	90 "

14-16 Independent

1. Paul Schmitt	275pts.
2. Manny Arias	195pts
3. Bruce Massey	190 "
4. Kenny Daniels	90 "

14-16 Sponsored

1. Ray Diez	280pts.
1. Mike Thibault	280 "
3. Chris Baucom	275 "
4. John Hodges	270 "
5. Todd Webb	185 "
6. Brent Rademaker	160 "
7. John Dutoit	76 "
7. John McGuigan	76 "
9. Scott Beckman	68 "

17-19 Sponsored

1. Bruce Mason	290pts.
2. Bruce Koenig	280 "

3. Steve Fisher	275 "
4. Wes Aho	180 "

20 & Over

1. Dan Murray	295pts
2. Tim Schiller	280 "
3. Hide Kabota	170 "
3. Jim Skiles	170 "
5. Keith Hollien	100 "

Next event; Clearwater Park
Sat. March 1, 1980, be there!

Cherry Hill, N.J.
POOL DUEL- Jan. 26-27, 1980

13 & under

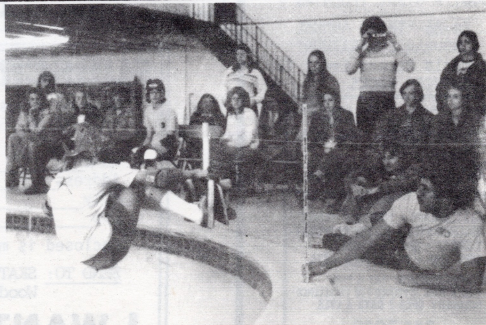
1. Dean Godfrey
2. Steven Lenches
3. Tammy Ruple

14-16

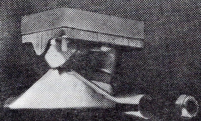
1. Jami Godfrey
2. Mouse Mosberg
3. Poppo Capiello

17- & over

1. Vic Perez
2. Eric Thotson
3. Mike Maxwell



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CALENDAR

ASPO AMATEUR LEAGUE

MAR. 1 @ E.SCONDIDO PARK
Pool & Slalom

MAR. 215 @ MARINA
Banked Slalom & Keyhole

APR. 5 @ OASIS
Pool & Cross Country

APR. 26 @ DEL MAR RANCH
Pool & Banked freestyle

MAY 17 @ PIPELINE
Banked Slalom & Pool

JUN. 7 @ COLTON RANCH
Pool & Half Pipe

JUN. 28 (Open date, Park to
be announced)

JUL. 19 CHAMPIONSHIPS

FLORIDA AMATEUR SKATEBOARD TOURNAMENT- F.A.S.T.

MAR. 1 @ Rainbow Wave, Tampa

APR. 5 @ KONA, Jacksonville

MAY 3 @ CLEARWATER Spk.,
Clearwater, Fla.

JUN. 7 @ SENSATION BASIN,
Gainesville, Fla.

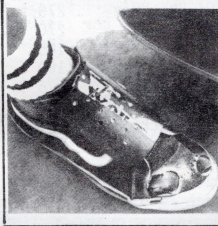
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AUG. 2 @ KONA

SEP. 6 @ CLEARWATER

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