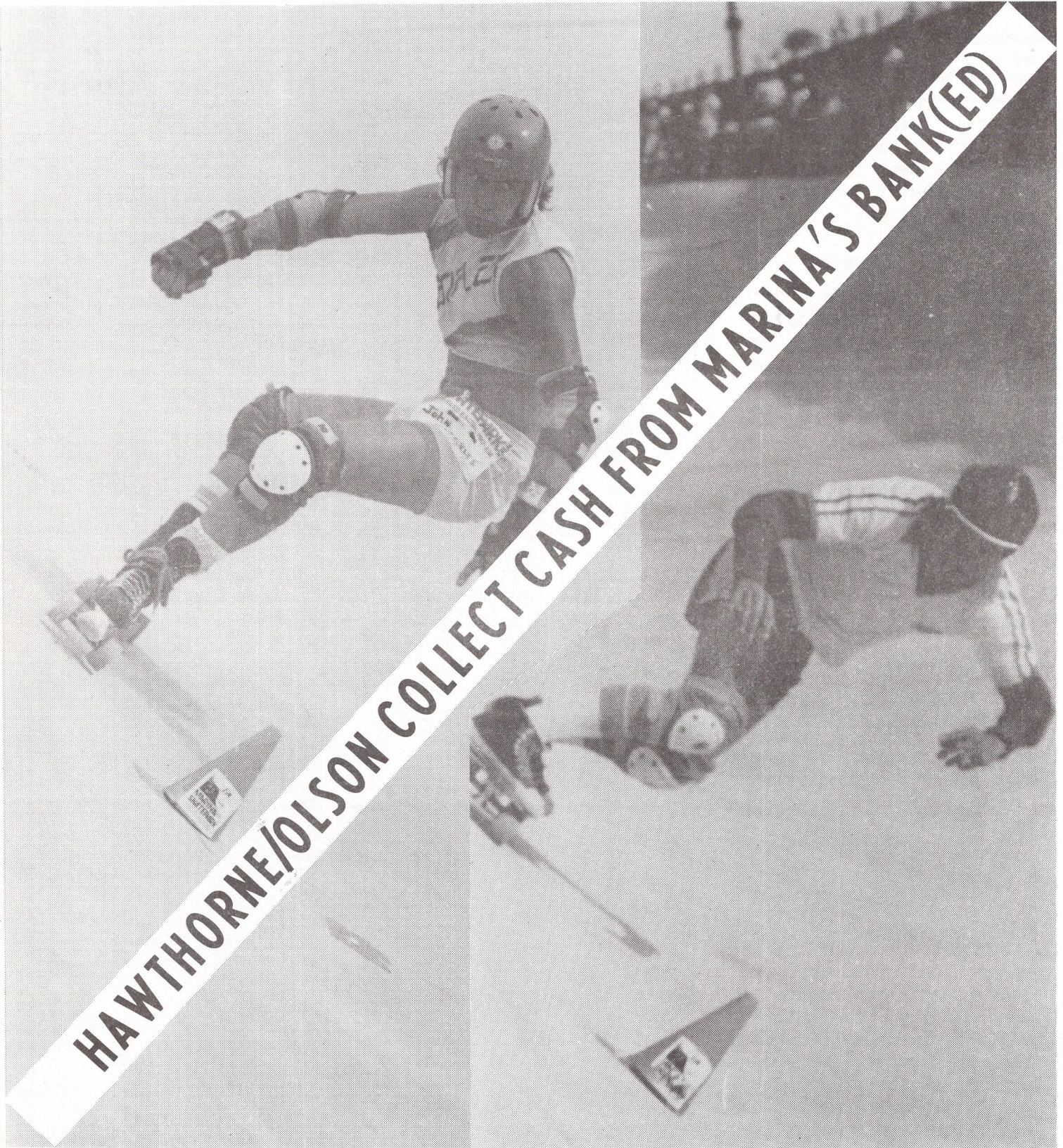


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HAWTHORNE/OLSON COLLECT CASH FROM MARINA'S BANK(ED)

WEEKLY GRINDERS

BY

ANITA GRYND

We hear that Mike Johnson has taking over the manager position at Skate City, Whittier. Mike was former manager at the BIG O. Mike took over for Greg Taie who apparently decided to move to Salt Lake City, and catch up on a little skiing.

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Jim Ford from Kryptonics, called us the other day to let us know that he's looking for 3 or 4 strong amateurs for his "new team". He also indicated that he would be attending the various ASPO AMATEUR events in hopes of finding his skaters.

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Once and for all, we're going to print the correct spelling of two gentlemen who we seem to always misspell their names.

Ready?

Kenny Stelmasky.

David Zakrzewski.

We would also like to correct the fact that on our Nov. 28th issue we gave photo credit to Kenny Stelmasky, but in fact it was his "radical big brother" Mike who was shredding.

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Dave MacIntire will be leaving G & S after the 1st of the year. Dave will be starting his own sports-wear company, concentrating on California-style wear. Surfing shorts, T-shirts, walking shorts and other items related to sports and activities, will make up the main line of his designs.

Dave will also be marketing representative for ACS and NORCON and will represent GORDON & SMITH at the various trade shows in the early part of the year.

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There was a recent meeting set up by Skateboarder mag. with its primary advertisers to speculate the future of the mag. It appears that advertising revenue has dropped considerably and the magazine is looking for support of skateboard manufacturers and other ways to augment their advertising revenues.

At the meeting, the people in charge of the mag revealed that they would be adding coverage of BMX and other seasonal sports and sharing it with skateboarding.

This diversification effort is to allow them to continue to publish Skateboarder in the future.

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While we don't agree with Skateboarders approach, we understand their needs and reasons for doing it.

If you feel the same way and would not like to see the mag become anything else, than what it has been, you must let them know and offer them your continued support by subscribing to it and supporting its advertisers.

Skateboarding needs a good glossy magazine.

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Reports from APPLE Skatepark in Columbus, Ohio, tell us that Bert LaMar, Brad Bowman David Andrecht, Duane Peters and Fred Blood, were all ther during the week of Dec. 9th to 14th, just ripping the park. Many of the local skaters were stoked and these Pros have paved the way for the future hot shoes.

A name to look for in the

future is APPLE's local "man of the moment" Kenny Mollica.

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Don't be surprised to see some manufacturers start putting out narrow street-designed boards out again. Many feel that the street skater has been forgotten and they want to cater to them again. It is well known that many skaters are not into skatepark skating and some of the equipment now on the market is too sophisticated for street use. A "new" line of equipment for street use may be out soon.

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In the November 28th issue #9, we had an article about "self insurance" for parks. We've been contacted by many park owners as to where to get additional info.

If you'd like more details of the program, contact: Al Osterloh, OSTERLOH & DURHAM, P.O. Box 8400 Van Nuys, California 91409, and let them know you're interested.

Like the article explained, if there are enough parks interested in participating in self insurance, there's a good chance that the program can be started. All the groud work has been done.

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COSMIC WAVE in Kalamazoo, Michigan is now closed for the duration of snow fall, but plans to re-open in April, 1980, with a big Am. contest. In the meantime the Pro shop will remain open until after the Holidays.

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From the same part of the country, Roseville, Mich., Bruce Guseila from ENDLESS SUMMER Skatepark, reports excellent Christmas business. They're still skating and activity is great.

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GRINDERS

Pro shop sales are "terrific" and better than last year. # # # # # # # #

If some Parks & Shops didn't get our last issue, (#10) thank UPS for destroying our packages. Please call us.

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The next time you read this column it'll be next year, 1980. We wish it to be a good and prosperous year for all and that Skateboarding really become "The Sport of The Future". Get Vert.

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OASIS Skatepark, San Diego, was broken into twice within a few days. The last time they used a pick to come through the roof. They have a good idea who were the people involved. If you know anything about it you might want to contact Jim Lindsey there. I'm sure he'll think of something nice for you. If you think you're finking on your friend, think twice, it's creeps like the ones that broke in, that will close the parks down for you.

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We would like to establish a "HOT LINE" for any info. regarding vandalism, break-ins, stolen equipment, etc. Skateparks and skaters need all the help and if you're a skater and want to get rid of idiots who are giving the sport a bad name, give us a call. We don't want Your name or phone, we just want to know who are the little darlings.

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Is Roller Skating Doubles a future event? Paul Votava and Mark Webb, SkaterCross locals, think so. They're working on an outrageous routine. They're taking the pain and lumps for it, but they will be the guys to beat.

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LACE SAVERS from SHOXX, the safety equipment people, are on their way. Many skaters have been complaining of going through shoe laces at a rate of one a week. SHOXX LACE SAVERS, will protect your classy DEVO laces and the regular ones also, for about \$3.95 a pair. What next? Check the ad in this issue.

FLASH! FLASH! The on again off again VAN \$ PRO event at MARINA for Dec. 29-30 is back "ON" again. Everet Rosecrans called us to let us know. He had announced at the VAN AM event at Marina on Sunday that the Pro event was being postponed for a better time. Apparently, alot of Pros were getting ready for it so they've decided to go ahead with it. PRO \$ DON'T MISS IT!

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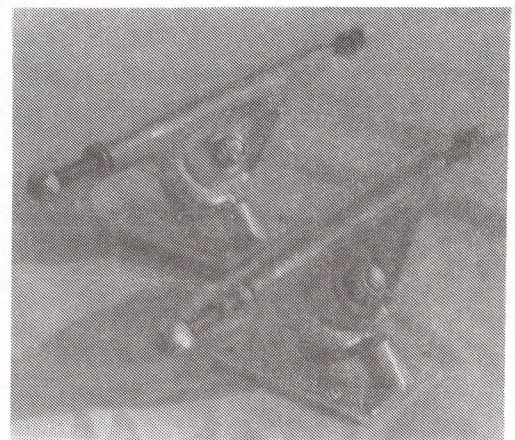
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MARINA PRO BANKED SLALOM

PRO BANKED SLALOM
Marina Del Rey
Dec. 2, 1979

Something may be wrong in the structure of Pro competitions, because this weekend we saw one of the smallest turnouts for a Pro event in a long time.

Dennis Ogden, with the able assistance of former Marina manager, Ray Allen, put together a fine program of competition and not in the least, a sizable Pro-Purse.

Yet, there were only 21 Pro skateboarders and 13 Pro Roller Skaters battling for the cash.

Ironically, on hand, there were many Pros, who for one reason or another, decided not to enter this event.

This speaks for the basic problem many promoters have.

It was a Banked Slalom race. Many of those Pros that did not compete, considered themselves either too slow to have a chance to place well, or they felt they're strictly pool or bowl skaters.

Perhaps, now is the time to change the whole structure of Pro competitions, so as to encourage Pros to compete in every kind of event a promoter puts on, and to stop or prevent some of the promoters from losing their shirts.

Not that Marina loss, but it is this reporter's opinion that the profits may have been marginal and certainly not encouraging to do it again or to convince other park owners that it can be done.



Classic facials describe the intensity of the competition. Tom I

On the other hand, the competition was a good show.

Those Pros who entered, showed the tenacity and dedication necessary to win any type of Pro event.

Right from the start of practice, it was obvious that the man to beat was Santa Cruz/Indy's top skater, Steve Olson.

Steve was consistently posting times in the high 11 sec. mark. (11.8612 & 11.8634)

No one else broke the 11 sec. barrier, although several came close.

Keeping a very close distance were fellow skaters Tom Inouye, Steve Evans, Paul Hacket, Tony Alva, Steve Alba, Mike Goldman, Curt Kimbel and amateur Jay LaPalm. They all were posting their runs in the low 12 sec. mark.

Surprisingly, the Roller Skaters were all bunched up with each other with very close times.

Guys like Fred Blood, Duke Rennie, John Hawthorne, Jerry Bregman, Greg O'Neil, had low 12 sec. marks.

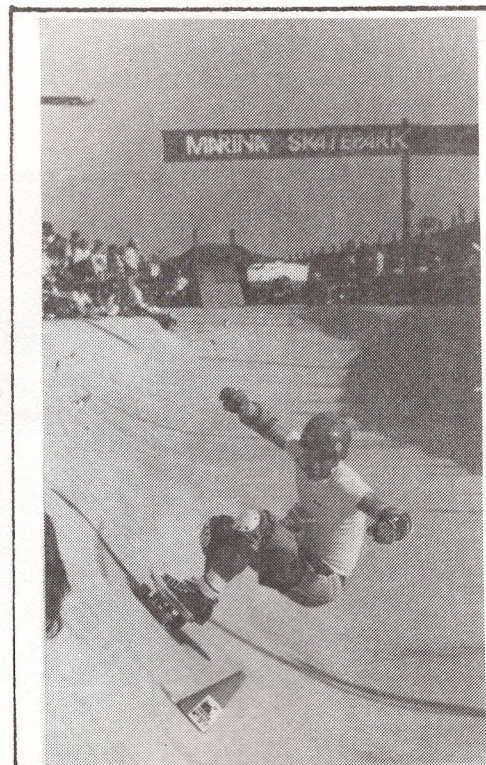
We thought that they may have been faster than skate-

boarders, but this wasn't the case.

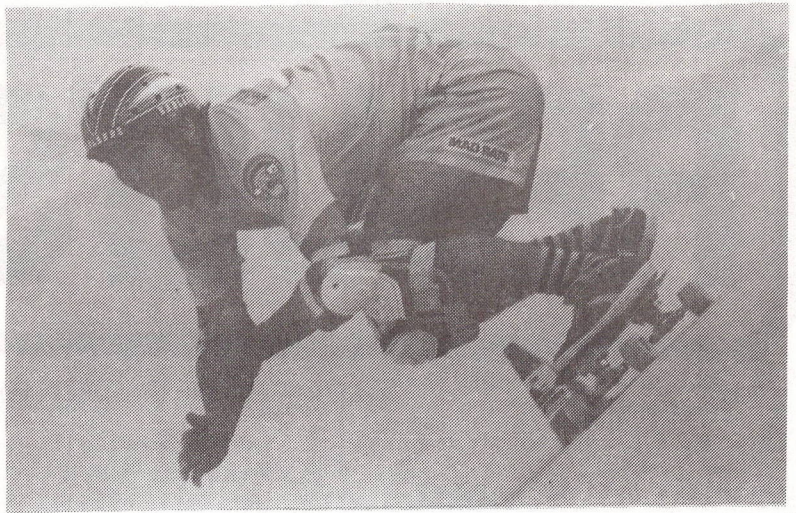
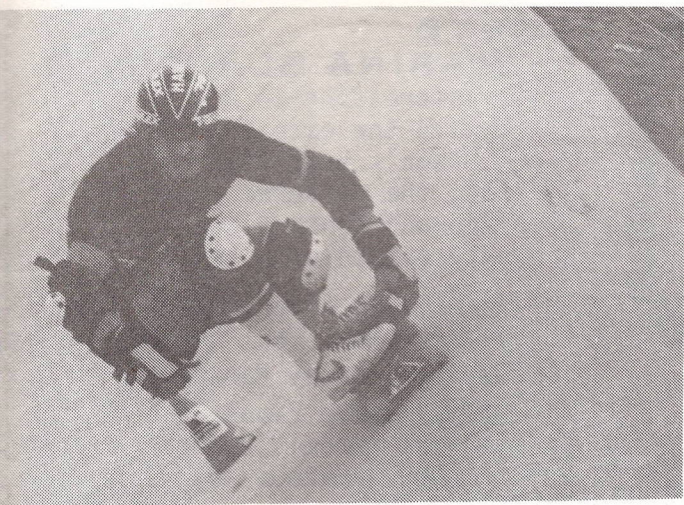
SKATEBOARDING

Of the 19 skateboarders (2 didn't make the qualifying round), only ten would go to the Finals.

The course was layed out as a very fast course, with seven cones placed criss-cross from each other on the banked walls.



Steve Alba attacking one of the Marina cones. Cut them close as they say.



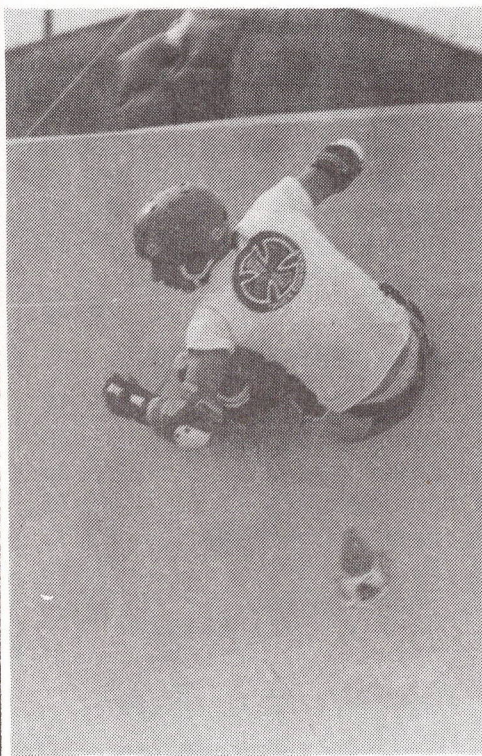
Inouye(left), Bill Evans(center), Charley Ransom(right) with full-on concentration at Marina Pro.

After the last banked cone, the course dumped the skater onto the high banked turn, where there were three more cones to be cleared, thereafter, the skater had to push up the course and cross the timing lights.

As expected, first to qualify, with an 11.8634 sec. run was Steve Olson. He looked very fluid and in total control at all times.

Second to qualify with a 12.0961 was Mike Goldman, another Santa Cruz skater. Mike looked tight on his runs, but this may have proven to be beneficial, as he really attacked every cone.

Next to qualify was a surprising Tom Inouye. Tom had a best run of 12.1456.



High on the banked turn is ← Steve Alba, ready to descend on the timing lights.

Although he's not been making too many Pro events lately, he looked like he was ready for this one.

Perhaps the fact that Tom and many skaters around his time, who got into skateboarding before the advent of Parks, got their training on banks, drain basins, etc., may have proved to be an advantage for him.

Following Tom, was another contemporary, Tony Alva. Tony posted a 12.1550 sec. to qualify for the Finals.

Qualifying in 5th, and a fraction of a second(1/100th) behind Alva, was Steve Alba with 12.1681.

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4. Katrina Tena	67.00

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2. Beatle Rosecrans	69.00
3. Jeff Ronnow	69.33
4. Damon Hall	68.66
5. Danny Jorgensen	66.33

Men 20 & over	Score
1. Rusty Morris	82.33
2. Brian Martin	81.00
3. Ed Need	77.66

14-15 SPONSORED Boys	Score
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3. Scott Foss(BONES)	90.33
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14-15 UNSPONSORED Boys	Score
1. Lance Mountain	82.33
2. Mike Stelmasky	80.33
3. Jim Waataja	78.00
4. Nick Rosendahl	76.33
5. Eddie Meek	73.66
6. Skeeter Kerkove	73.33
7. Roland Cobalis	73.00
8. Bill Deangelo	62.00

11-13 SPONSORED Boys	Score
1. Mike Smith(DOG TOWN)	91.00
2. Darrin Hoeft(D.T.)	88.33
3. Allen Losi(VARIFLEX)	88.00
4. Mike Hirsch(VARI)	85.33
5. Richi Bennett(VANS)	79.00
6. Kenny Stelmasky(GULL WING)	76.33

11-13 UNSPONSORED Boys	Score
1. Greg Chasen	81.33
2. Sandy Haberman	81.00
3. Chris Upson	77.33
4. Bob Serafin	75.33
5. James Robbinson	73.33
6. Darren Hall	72.66
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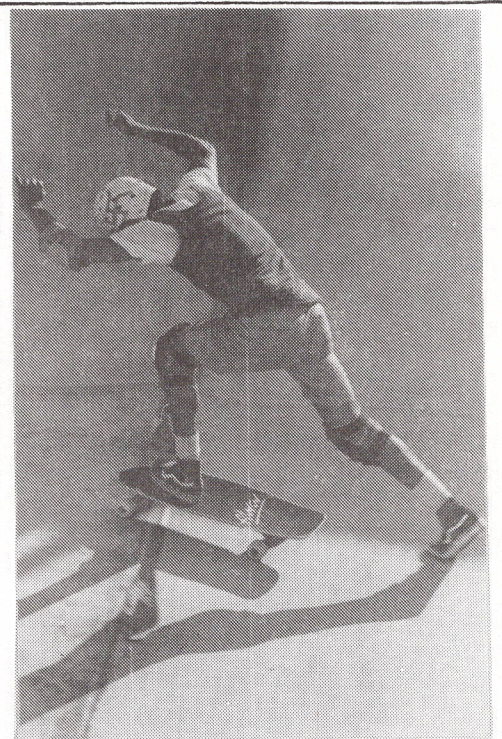
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It is interesting to note that, with the exception of Steve Olson's best time of 11.8634, the difference between 2nd and Tenth place was only 2/10th of a sec.!

The remaining five skaters to qualify were: Paul Hackett (12.1725); Charley Ransom (12.2048); Steve Evans(12.2116); Curt Kimbel(12.2460); and in 10th, amateur Jay LaPalm(12.2265).



Fractions of a second are won or lost on the last stretch. Tony Alva to the max. Marina Photo LP.

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MARINA SLALOM

ROLLER SKATERS

As we said before, all the times posted by Roller Skaters were very close to each other. No one seemed the sure winner.

We were surprised that they were not faster than Skateboarders. As a matter of fact, roller skaters seemed to be spending their energy as a faster rate than the four-wheeled skaters.

Perhaps it's the fact that many roller skaters have been concentrating too much on pools and bowls and not enough on other types of events.

Of the 13 skaters entered, only 10 made it to the finals.

FINALS

There was very little doubt that if Steve Olson did not fall or hurt himself, there was little chance anyone could beat him. He was flawless. His runs were smooth and consistent and although a bit slower than on his qualifying runs, he still posted a 11.9303 sec. to win the \$500.00 First place prize.

Four/100th of a second behind Steve was Charley Ransom(ICK STICK), with a very fast 11.9758. He was the only other skater to break into the 11sec. mark. His 2nd place earned him \$450.00.

Steve Evans, also from ICK STICKS, placed 3rd. with a 12.0922 and won \$400.00.

The following 4th through 10th place were;

Fourth Tom Inoye(CASTER) 12.1284 and \$350.00; 5th place to Curt Kimbel, 12.1922 and \$300.00; 6th. Steve Alba(INDY) 12.2052 and \$250. 7th. Paul Hackett(ALVA) 12.2186 and \$200.; 8th. Tony Alva(ALVA) 12.2308, \$150. 9th Mike Goldman(SANTA CRUZ) 12.2978, \$100. and in 10th place it was amateur turned Pro on that day, Jay LaPalm 12.4207 and \$75.00.

Surprisingly, one the top Slalom skaters in Southern California, Bill Hanes from VARIFLEX, did not make the cut.

ROLLER SKATE

Maybe because Roller Skating competitions in Parks is relatively new, there is no dominant figure in this category.

Guys like Fred Blood, Duke Rennie have been the front runners, but on this day it was a new face in the winners spot.

VARIFLEX's John Hawthorne, finally got a taste of the top prize. His first place earned him \$250. As evidenced on our cover photo, John was dead serious about winning this event.

He attacked every cone and pushed and pumped as hard as possible.

He regarded this course as an excellent course, one that depended on the skater's ability and not on his wheels. "I loved it" was his comment.

John's time was 12.1894.

Placing in 2nd. was Fred Blood,(BLOOD SKATES & PARK RIDER WHEELS). Fred earned \$225. thanks to his 12.3614 sec. posting.

Third went to Duke Rennie (ROAD SKATES) with 12.3975 good for \$200.00

Fourth was Jerry Bregman with 12.4141 and \$175.

Fifth through 10th were as follows:
5th. Tim Crawford, 12.5089 and \$150.; 6th. Lee Clemons 12.5157, \$125.; 7th. Greg O'Neil, 12.5179, \$100.; 8th. Pete Stewart, 12.5879 and \$75.; 9th was Naomi Hall, 12.7261 \$50.(the only girl to qualify and place in the top ten) and 10th place went to Mike Bridget with 12.8700 and \$25.

We know for a fact that there are many other park owners who would like to stage similar Pro events, but based on the turn out of this event, it is going to be difficult to convince them that it's even possible to break even.

It's a shame, because an event like Slalom is a very exciting event. Specially for the general public. They may not understand the intricacies of pool riding, but they do understand speed and elapsed times and the elements of danger connected with the sport.

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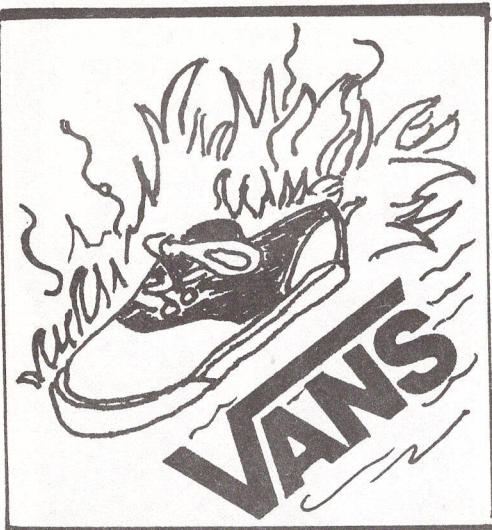
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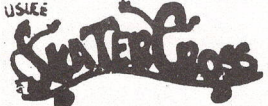
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