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The much talked about and long awaited Club sweat shirts and T shirts will soon be available. Through no small effort, Mary Wong assumed charge of design, artwork, locating the right printer, negotiating the best price, overseeing the finishing of the artwork, and literally, birthing these shirts. YEA Mary!!

Kristen Temple was absent from the meeting, so she was chosen to be the person in charge of the inventory and sale of the Ts and sweats. Kristen is the one to contact for the right styles, sizes and quantities to cover the backs of every member of your family.

These wearable collectors' items will be our Club's only source of income (save sponsorship from a generous Bay Area company) for the time being. The small per-item profit derived from the sale of these BEAUTIFUL, 4 COLOR, HIT OF THE SEASON shirts will enable our Club to purchase the materials necessary for more crash mats that we so 'sorely' need. We have located a very reasonable source for the purchase of 'loaner' type skates to be used for prospective new members. These 'cheopies' will allow people to try speed skating before they have to shell out \$200 to \$500 for a new pair of ice cutters.

Additionally, we want to install an informational bulletin board or enclosed case at the Fashion Island ice rink to acquaint the public with our Club, and speed skating in general. That costs money, too.

Soon, we will schedule a general membership meeting for the purpose of electing a governing board and appointing various committee members to carry out various Club functions. Once we achieve true 'club' status, we will pay the Southern California Speed Skating Association the \$60 in annual dues we owe.

These examples of 'wearable art' are great gifts for friends who know you are a speed skater, as stocking stuffers at Christmas (coming sooner than you think), wiping foggy windshields, eye glasses, and polishing shoes! Sell them to your bicycle riding buddies. Give one to your spouse or 'special friend', or both! Require your children to wear them every weekend. Sell them to your running friends. (Everyone has a Bay to Breakers T shirt, anyway.) How about those folks at work? How many times have you bought Girl Scout Cookies, church and school raffle tickets from those people, anyway? Everyone should actually have two. Our T shirts and sweat shirts are so well done, that they are appropriate with a tie and sports jacket, and women may wear them under their mink coats. (Nancy Reagan wore the prototype to the U.N. under an Adolpho suit!)

Prices are likely to go up after the initial run is sold out, because Mary beat-up the guy. As they are currently priced, they are CHEAP!

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We have recently heard from John Dimon of High Peaks Cyclery, in Lake Placid, New York. (Phone (518) 523-3764/18 Saranac Ave., Lake Placid, N.Y. 12946). Anyone in our Club having ordered anything from High Peaks knows that they are honest, prompt and reasonable. We had requested a listing of skates he currently stocks, as well as a general description of the types of gear and accessories they offer, for the edification of our membership. We got more than we expected. It seems that John listed almost everything they carry, so I will just list some of the most necessary categories and items, and leave the particulars to you.

Viking (makers of only outdoor skates from Holland) offers a variety of models. High Peaks stocks almost all of them. From the list, they seem to have almost every size in stock. They are as follows:

Viking II & Viking Jr.	\$149.99
Viking I	329.99
Viking Special	429.99
Viking Special Sprint	459.99
Joha Sharpening Jigs	39.99
Deluxe Viking 'flat top' jig	199.99

They have a large selection of tights, 2 piece and 1 piece, including brands like Hind, SERAC, Sunbuster, Sunridge, and custom speed suits by Young Originals for \$100 with hood, from your measurements.

For you training fanatics, they carry Roller Blades and all the replacement parts and optional wheel and bearing set-ups.

He listed about five or six varieties of gloves with different features in each model. They carry helmets, knee pads, elbow pads, mouth pieces (teeth guards) They currently have some SERAC tights at half price (while they last) \$22.50. Sunbuster hoodless speed suits also at half price, \$45.

They stock replacement blades for Viking skates, and perform their own shop repairs. They will work with anyone wanting to customize their skate/blade set-up.

They are a Laberge dealer, but are currently out of stock, until Marty Hill (new owner of Laberge) gets more skates into production.

Also listed were a wide range of sharpening stones, single grit, and combination stones. Burr stones, of course. They have one size fits all skate guards and leather blade scabbards, slide boards from \$99 to \$259, Spenco arm and leg weights, and a digital (watch-like) C.I.C. heart monitor for \$339.99, that will help you determine at which point you will self destruct while on the ice. They fully guarantee everything that they sell, and promise satisfaction.

Next month, we will try to highlight another skate and/or equipment supplier. For now, you can spend enough money with High Peaks.

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Recently, a plain manila (or was it chocolate?) envelope was left at the editor's front door. It contained some arcane technical data and a note from someone calling him/herself 'Deep Skate'.

This blatant leak of obviously Top-Secret information is of interest to all of us.

It seems that an obscure, but tip-of-the-wave engineering firm known as L.E.Bonté is preparing to launch a new line of STEALTH products, spearheaded by their version of speed skates! They claim to employ the latest in 'Star Wars' technology. Previously, they designed and produced hammers and toilet seats for the G.A.O. and the U.S. Military.

Presumably, not for everyone, the entry level, or Basic STEALTH model (Model B.S.) will retail for about \$1,000.

Other than a shape that can only be described as a cross between a large Idaho potato and 7mm Remington Magnum shell!, the boots are made of 5 micron laytex (reinforced), Kevlar, lined and trimmed at stress points with non-acid-tanned Chameleon skin. All models are lined with decaffeinated sparrow fur, and come with reversable tongues. The counters are lightweight, yet offer maximum comfort and support, due to a secret process that allows the bonding of a wafer thin sheet of Melmac. The sole of the boot is equipped with a superconductor ethernet connection and can support multiple satellite link-ups. Standard blades are made of carbon graphite, anodized with a newly discovered rare earth element, Bontonium. Lengths are available from 20cm to 3 meters. Cups range in size from AAA to EE (see lingeree fitting chart).

The top-of-the-line (Super STEALTH) model has a black matte surface with black racing stripes screened over the finish. L.E.Bonté will personally sign each pair with a black felt tip pen.

They claim to have tested a pair of prototypes on patches of black ice in eastern Oregon and Washington, and they weren't detectable. A major feature of these skates is that while racing, the person you are preparing to pass isn't aware of your presence! No wonder Ramond Laberge sold his skate company!

It was stressed that outdoor models are not in their current plans. Sadly, the magical STEALTH effect is diminished in an outdoor setting. 'We can't be everything to everybody' says Ignatz L.E.Bonté, designer and creative director. 'Besides, I'm working on a night surf board that should be revolutionary.'

From date of introduction through future developments, the manufacturer says that all models will be upgradable to any level of development, 'like a NIKON camera!', says Bonté.

'Deep Skate' credits moonlighting engineers from Lockheed Muscles and Space Co. in Sunnyvale for the materials that are used, as well as their contributions to the STEALTH feature. 'We truly expect the U.S. Military to really screw this one up, so we decided to make good use of the technology, says an un-named source. They have decided, in the name of National Security, to refuse sales of their products to any Communist aligned countries. More as it develops.

L. E. BONTÉ SKATE CO.

Models:

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| 1. Basic STEALTH (Model B.S.) | Ice Colored/No Frills/Laces Extra |
| 2. Military Spec. (Model M.S.) | Splinter Camo Upper/Azure Blue Lower |
| 3. Exotic-Erotic (Model E.E.) | Full Taco/Fur Trim (Orange or Lime Green) |
| 4. Black on Black (Model B.B.) | Internal Lacing System/Black Pin Stripes
Personally Signed By L.E. Bonté (In Ink) |

Standard Equipment:

- * Sensor activated track guidance system
- * A.T.S. (Automatic Turn Sensor)
- * Titanium Lace Eyelets
- * Handy Cardboard Carrying Box

Optional Equipment:

- * Auto Tension Laces
- * Right Toe Function Gauges--Speed(Actual & Air) / 'G' Meter
- * Left Toe Function Gauges--Lean Angle / Ice Temperature
(Gauges are mounted under aerodynamic nacelle on toe)
Black Dial Faces/Orange Graphics
- * Deep Keel (Pat Pending) Blades made of Unobtainium Duro alloy
- * Flip-Down, permanently mounted Blade Guards
- * Molded, Unbreakable Carrying Case (2 Req.-1 each skate)
- * Extra Laces/New \$6.50 - With Trade-in \$3.00
- * Built-in Brushed Nylon Cuff at boot top. Radiator Clamp closure
for additional warmth.

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Earlier this month, some of our skaters ventured down to Los Angeles to attend the first race meet of the season. They 'moldered 'em'.

Jan Diemont raced a time trial, and won in his pair.

Paul Albert and Greg Wong won alternating races, and when one won, the other was second.

Mary Wong got into the action, too, and managed to acquit herself quite well.

To make it a clean sweep for the Wong family, Scott (The Hayward Flash) placed in a few.

All winners have officially donated their medals from this competition to the Club beer fund. They are to be melted down and sold as bullion to the U.S. Mint (or the Las Vegas Mint), and the money will be invested in a 10 year C.D. at 15%.

November 12 is the date of the next race in L.A.. The Ross Zucco 10,000 meter. About 90 laps of torture for the stout hearted and aerobically superhuman.

Don't forget: THERE WILL BE A MEETING AFTER THE NEXT SESSION, OCT.30.

Greg Wong is condensing the juiciest parts of about four or five hot skating video tapes he has bought, plus, there might be some footage of past sessions. ALSO....we want to discuss the future of our Club. We need to (plan to) install a governing board and assign some committee heads. We need your input as to what you want this club to be. Everybody should get something, not just one type of member. PLEASE try to attend. Four or five of us shouldn't be making decisions that could change the Club into something you don't like. COME and give us your input, too.

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