

Plywood pushin' ain't easy

By Cassie Turzy

"Just stick that back blunt, oh man don't eat!" To many, this sounds like a foreign language but to skaters they're encouraging words. Many people look down at these dedicated individuals, but they are talented youth struggling to grow in their sport. The life of a skateboarder definitely isn't easy.

They risk their body for enjoyment and come out with a bruise or two. Popular injuries are those to the wrist, elbow and knees.

Skaters receive criticism for everything from their lingo to the way they dress. Many people view these kids as typical rebels who oppose authority. They believe that kids who skateboard also destroy public property.

Some skateboarders believe the police dislike them and their sport. Policemen, however, have no strong opinions against skateboarders.

Round Lake Sergeant Mike Scott said, "People who view skaters as rebel rousers are obviously prejudice and simply are intimidated by these boys or girls." He believes the reason why some people get upset with skateboarders is because they are unfamiliar with the sport.

Scott believes as long as the kids keep it safe, there's no problem when or where they skate.

Finding a good skating spot is quite an adventure. According to local skaters, a good skating spot is a big gap, with plenty of smooth run way, and a nice landing spot.

Public skating is often prohibited. Cities attempt to provide kids with indoor and outdoor skate parks

Since the skate parks have been built problems with street skating have reduced dramatically. The parks give a safe environment to practice in.

Some feel a problem exists and the skate parks aren't helping.

Senior Tim Lorenzini said, "I feel more rules should be enforced on skaters because the town spends thousands of dollars on a park to prevent the problems with the destruction of private property."

Despite how tough it can be to skate and uphold this reputation, many still live to skate.

Freshman John Dickson said, "Skateboarding is my life because it is the best thing that has ever happened to me." Others skate because the feelings of landing a big trick makes it all worth while.



Photo by Cassie Turzy
John Dickson has skated at R.L. since it was built

- Ten Best Skate Spots**
- 1 Taco Bell Gap
 - 2 Big Al's Ledge
 - 3 Shed Gap
 - 4 St. Peter's 3-Stair
 - 5 Lower Grade's Manual Pads
 - 6 Payless Gap
 - 7 Main St. 4-Stair
 - 8 Lighthouse Stairs
 - 9 Factory Loading Docks
 - 10 Citgo Grass Gap

Get the knack of hack

By Nathaniel Judson

Hacky Sack, a game where one simply must keep a little bag filled with dirt, beads, or beans in the air using anything but your hands has come back in a big way. Three seniors can be seen playing almost everyday outside the commons, Chris Ardnt, Jordan Ziemba, and Joe Iverson.

"We've all played for quite sometime," says Ardnt, "It gives us something to do if we are waiting for rides."

There are several games that can be played besides just "hacking it up", one can play "Battle Hack" where the sack must be hit three times in a row, then passed to any player in the circle. If the person gets hit three times, they are out of the circle. This is just one game, but there are several others.

Some popular tricks are "Chicken Scratching", "Stalling", and "Jesting".

"Chicken Scratching", is done with the sack on the ground, then



Photos by Nathaniel Judson
Step-by-step "Chicken Scratching" by Mike Sigler

take the right foot and try to drag the sack onto that foot. End by flicking it into the air.

Hacking is a popular way to have some fun, so try it out!

Paintballers prepare for season

By Jacob Kwilosz and Chip Leffelman

With the warmer weather winding down, teens are cleaning their guns, loading up with ammunition and heading off to the fields to duel in an out of body experience- paintball.

It allows teens to unload all their stress from the school week, upon the opposing team.

"(The best part of paintballing is) diving into a bunker and hearing all of the other teams paintballs hitting the bunker. Or just seeing the paintballs fly past your head," said Bryan Berman, team Nightmare member.

Team Nightmare consists of Zach Mitsuuchi, Justin Alcorn, Brian and Mike Blackowicz, Mitch Mrager, and Bryan Berman. Team Nightmare is one of many paintball teams that exist throughout the community. Some other teams include Rush, Team 37 and Acillize.

Some paintballers decide to

remain solo and play on different teams such as Jeremy Paddock, a two year paintballer. Paddock plays for the rush of the game and is out in the fields almost every weekend.

An advantage to paintball is it can be played year round. In the blazing heat, freezing cold or even in heavy rain you will almost always find somebody out their paintballing.

"There is no best time to paintball because it can be played year round. Although I would have to say that winter would be my favorite time to paintball because you can wear extra protection and not get to hot

because it's cold," said Paddock.

Buying a paintball gun can cost you any where from \$99 for a basic gun and accessories to over \$800 for a professional package. Many stores sell paintball guns and accessories.

If you're looking for a way to unleash some stress join these individuals on the paintball field.



Photo by Jacob Kwilosz
Cody Grindley takes aim and fires on his older brothers who introduced him to the sport

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