

Clash at Clairemont 5!

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Saturday, March 19th was the day to be at the Krause Family Skate/Bike Park in Clairemont for one of the best action sport events in SoCal, the Clash at Clairemont. The Clash is a demonstration event to benefit the YMCA San Diego and Grind for Life, an organization that helps families with the high cost of fighting cancer. This is the fifth year for the Clash, and it was bigger and better than ever.

The event starts with an Amateur Best Trick contest, where local kids show us that they can throw down some of the biggest tricks. Chase Webb won this year's event, but it was very close.

The star of the show is the Vert demo. Here, skaters including Andy Macdonald (one of the event founders), Tony Hawk, Pier Luc-Gagnon, Bob Burnquist, Bucky Lasek, Danny Mayer, Adam Taylor, Alex Perelson, Elliot Sloan, and many more put down great tricks for the crowd. Simon Tabron even gave us a taste of BMX Vert riding. Elliot Sloan won the highest ollie contest, Tony Hawk threw down a Japan Mc Twist to raise \$500 in tsunami relief money, and everyone had a great time!

The event also featured a street skating demo, a pool skating demo, and a poolside concert from legendary skate/punk band Agent Orange. This event has raised over \$100,000.00 in its 5 year history to support the skate park and Grind for Life. Great skating, benefitting a great cause, what could be better? Clash at Clairemont 6, next year!



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