



HUECO TANKS

ROCK RODEO



The twin promises of warm sun and hard climbing drew over one hundred climbers to the Hueco Tanks Rock Rodeo.

Mexican Pete, pictured top right with one of Texas's finest, worked hard to put on a competition that was fun for the competitors while not violating any of the Hueco Tanks State Park's rules and regulations. Pete was psyched to have all the climbers back at his place after enduring mucho hassles which almost resulted in the shut down of his general store where so many climbers have, and will, find a safe and comfortable haven when on a Hueco road trip. "I just want to thank all the climbers and the organizations that helped me stay open. Climbers are great people!" I wasn't sure if it was the cervesa, raw emotion, or a combination of both, but I'm sure I saw the glimmer of tears in Pete's eyes when he talked about all the support he received.

Over thirty women competed in the Women's Open. Jean Hudson, of Austin, Texas, did an excellent job with her on-sight flashes. She cranked some of the hardest top rope problems in the Mushroom Boulder area. Another good effort was made by Sandra Utterback, native Californian, who took fifth place. Nancy Pritchard and Fiona Lloyd placed first and second respectively. The Rock Rodeo is not an on-sight competition, except for the Master's category. Getting to Hueco early and 'wiring' the boulder problems is definitely a good strategy if you are psyched to win.

Twenty-five men entered the Master's Category. John Sherman, designer of the Master's boulder problems and ex-Hueco local, had a wicked grin on his face as he pointed out the henious choreography that he had planned for the Master's competitors. Dale Goddard and Geff Wygand tied for first, with

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"POE THE CROW"



Tom Herbert coming in a close second.

Five hours later, screaming toes now nestled in over-sized tennis shoes, 'flappers' tapped, and Pete's food gurgling in our stomachs, the party started. Pete spared no expense for the climbers and their friends. Music, a dance stage, kegs of cervesa and a roaring bonfire, brought everyone together under the Texas, star-spangled sky. The chill of an early spring nigh was in the air, but everyone just bundled up and partied on.

"Ya'll come back now, hear?"

"Count on it Pete!"

by Susan Hiller

RESULTS:

Super Expert

1. Dale Goddard	133
1. Geoff Weigand	133
2. Tom Herbert	100
3. Chris Plant	90
3. Steve Anson	90

Advanced

1. Alan Cameron	299
2. Chris Tacy	272
3. John Myrick	271

Women's Open

1. Nancy Pritchard	198
2. Fiona Lloyd	186
3. Jean Hudson	170

Men's Inter.

1. Trent Billingsley	162
2. Bill McMatton	160
2. Dave Childres	160
3. Andrew Lainis	159

Men's Novice

1. Steve Seaton	102
2. Henry Dillard	100
3. Adam Bennet	094

Most Dominating climber: Dale goddard
Velvet Elvis Award: Jackie Gallen
Body Nazi Award: John Myrick
Climber with the most Nerve: Scott Haynes
Sandbag Award: Chris Tacy

