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SOUTH GATE OPEN CHAMPS

Story by Tim Keller

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Also grabbing a fourth-place ribbon was Burke Murphy (flatland slalom), who won fifth-place honors in the kickturn race.

Pete Burg rounded out the scoring with a second (trickriding), third (kickturn) and fourth (slalom).

Palisades also entered team members in the 12-to 15-year-old division.

Keller, Percell Help

Tim Keller placed the highest in this division with a third in trickriding. Rick Percell placed fifth twice (kickturn and slalom).

There was even a girls' event at South Gate, and Palisades' Suzie Rowland —

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