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Roller Gurls Bios



Alli-Gator Pi Long Beach Roller Derby

Suzanne Stasiak, 38, aka Alli-Gator Pi, a Mechanical Engineer, was drawn to Roller Derby after hearing plans to build a wooden banked track for the Long Beach Roller Derby league. After helping out with the construction of the track, she quickly fell in love with the fast and exciting sport of Roller Derby. At an intimidating 6 feet tall, Suzanne is a natural Blocker with the hopes of becoming an unstoppable Jammer. Suzanne was born and raised on the outskirts of the Florida Everglades and attended the University of Central Florida as a scholarship Track and Field athlete.

Suzanne began skating in January of 2011 and will play her first game with the 4th Street Retro Rollers on 11-11-11 against the Belmont Hot Broads.



Anita Nother Long Beach Roller Derby

"Roller Gurls have chutzpa and Moxie. They've got guts.

They're real women, they're not afraid. It's the kind of gurl who's not afraid to go in and hit someone hard and y'know it doesn't make you any less of a gurl to do it."



Banzai Long Beach Roller Derby

"Banzai is supposed to be the last minute war call before a bombing or like fighting... they usually yell "Banzai" pretty loud! I've always wanted to play Roller Derby. I grew up Roller Blading, not so much Roller Skating and I missed team sports allot. I grew up playing team sports since I was 12 years old. So I wanted something that had allot of gurl power and had allot of positive effect on women. This league (Long Beach Roller Derby) has been my only experience with Roller Derby and it's been fun so far."



Billy Motion Coach / Ref / Player (Men's Roller Derby)

"Well my wife got recruited to ACDG and I'm going to support her in what she wants to do so....

The team was brand new and at the time needed some help. So I had a football background, so I told them that I was interested in maybe coaching them on basic strategies and body movement and how to position yourself to be able to throw blocks while you're on skates. I have a skating background and I've been skating for a long time, so that's how I got started."

Billy Motion is a Roller Derby Coach, Referee, Skater and most importantly a family man. He grew up in Grand Blanc, Michigan where he lived at the local rink on Friday nights. At age 14 he moved to California where he currently resides with his family. Billy is a hard working man that has 2 jobs, a wife, 2 young children and is a Roller Derby enthusiast. In 2006, Billy and his wife Ima Blowbya embarked on a journey the would soon become their lifestyle. When he is not taking the kids to soccer/basketball practice or working his night time job as a supervisor at the local arena, he is on the internet studying, watching and better understanding the game of roller derby. [Click to continue...](#)





Bio-Diesel

Long Beach Roller Derby

"I was a figure Roller Skater for the first 11 years of my life. I started at 16 months old and started competing at age 3 and I did that until I was 11 yrs old, then I picked up other sports. When figure Roller Skating didn't get put into the Olympics I switched to other sports. After I graduated HS my sister Diesel started getting into Roller Derby in the LA Area and a year later I ended up putting my skates back on and NOW I play Roller Derby (Long Beach Roller Derby) and I've lost all my grace."



Black Star Heroine

Angel City Derby Girls

Black Star Heroine's love of roller derby started with the A&E series RollerGirls, but was hesitant to try out the number one team in the Nation (Gotham Girls Roller Derby) since this was a sport she'd never played. As a 3 sport athlete who could already skate, she took to derby like a duck to water and has never looked back. While in New York, she was one of the founding dozen at Suburbia Roller Derby in Yonkers, NY. After two amazing years with SRD, Black Star moved to Los Angeles, and transferred to Angel City Derby Girls. She is fully immersed in all things derby, including coaching and training LA's men's flat track derby team, the Drive By City Rollers. She will continue to play roller derby and grow with the sport.



Blanche Deathereaux

Long Beach Roller Derby

Sarah Scanlon aka Blanche Deathereaux #559 - Sarah grew up in Visalia California and started roller skating at the rink at a young age. She grew out of her skates and never gave them much more thought. Several years later adult night at the rink sparked Sarah's love for roller skating. After street skating around Long Beach with some friends who also had their own wheels for a couple years, Sarah met Moxi Roller Skates owner, and roller derby celebrity EstroJen. After many failed attempts to talk her into trying out for roller derby, Estro and her partner started their very own league in Long Beach. In August of 2009, Sarah tried her old skating skills on the derby track. She was drafted in the first round of picks to the 4th st Retro Rollers by her friend, and now coach, EstroJen. By her second season, she was co-coaching her team, and its official: Roller Derby is an addiction that has taken over her life... and she couldn't be happier.



Chica-Go-Lightning

Angel City Derby Girls

Chica Go Lightning aka Sienna Gilliam began her roller derby career with PFM in Seattle, WA in 2007. After moving to Los Angeles, she began skating with Angel City Derby Girls in 2009 and has been skating on the chartered travel team, the Hollywood Scarlets, as a blocker and jammer for the past 2 seasons. During that time she won multiple awards from MVP to "Most Reliable" within the league.

Chica not only plays roller derby but teaches. She began coaching

fresh meat in the 2010 season and is now coaching ACDG's B team, The Rocket Queens. Chica believes Roller Derby is a sport for

any woman with heart and a drive for being she can be. She has found an external family with her team mates, and hopes the sport continues to expand and grow. When Chica is not playing roller derby, she works as a fashion designer and enjoys spending time with her husband and 2 dogs.



Dan Brown aka Mr. Revolver

Security - Angel City Derby Girls

"Ms. Revolver is Reno Revolver of the Rocket Queens. I'm their Security Guard for their practice facility which is located in an area of town that's a little bit questionable. It's a "fun sport". It's not what I call "Stuffy". It's organized but it's still allot of fun. There's not as many rules as some other organized sports. It's allot easier to understand and the gurls always seem to have a fun time..., nobodies paid, noone's making any money off of it. They're there for the fun of the game."



Dangerous

Long Beach Roller Derby

"My mentality as a Jammer is to use any means possible to get past the pack and get through the pack, breakthrough, score as many points as I can, without getting hurt. Once again that means I have to rely on having great skateability to do that. As a blocker my mind-set is to not let that person get past me and I will use any legal means necessary to make that from happening. Do I try to go after someone to hurt them? Absolutely not!! The way that we play with the legal techniques that we use if you know how to skate, then you should not get hurt!"



Diesel Long Beach Roller Derby

"With LBRD I am the founder and partial owner of LBRD and I coach and run the Fresh Meat program and help out with the LBRD Junior Roller Derby. Fresh meat are the gurls who are the very very freshest gturls. We've got brand new gurls who've just put on Roller Skates. I've learned allot of new social skills over the last 5 years. If nothing else I've learned how to deal with allot of women. I think I was never good dealing with women in the past When we started LBRD we wanted to give the women something that they would be proud to be part of. So right now the meaning of Roller Derby for me is to get other women involved to feel like they have a place to go and a real sport to play and have a real production to be part of."



Emme Sixteen

Long Beach Roller Derby

"I think that people have noticed changes from me since I've been in Roller Derby. I noticed the changes! I don't get as irritable and annoyed as easily. I'm the kind of person that I need this activity. I need the physical expression, either exercise, running or something just to relieve the stress! I don't drink or use drugs, so for me Roller Derby is a natural release of those negative things and it keeps me mellow and it let's me concentrate and think about everything in Life that I have to do."



Estro-Jen

Long Beach Roller Derby

"Our philosophy coaching LBRD is that we aim to have all our skaters train to do whatever you can do in your sneakers on Roller Skates. So we have them

doing lots of rolls, spins, turns, transitions. Lots of different ways to fall and roll out of falls and out of blocks. We learn to skate backwards, forwards and to turn both ways.

We want them to be able to jump and jump large obstacles in case someone falls in front of them. So it's anything you can do on your feet."



French Connection

Long Beach Roller Derby

"My name is French Connection a.k.a Katie Péraudeau and I skate for The Long Beach Roller Derby league in Long Beach, California.

I'm a graphic designer/web designer living and working in Los Angeles. I was first introduced to figure skating as a kid, stopped skating after childhood and picked it back up at the age of 27 to do roller derby.

I chose my name because of my French husband, Mattieu and the movie with the same title.

I love this sport and all it has taught me about myself. I have been playing for less than a year and am amazed at all that I have done so far. I hope to be skating for a long time!"



Ghetto-Fabu-Lez

Angel City Derby Girls

"Do I see myself as a Gladiator or as an entertainer? I see myself as a Gladiator.

I've been an athlete my entire life, played every sport in the book. I just want to win! I want to get good and I want ACDG to win. I don't care about anything else.

I want the audience to have a good time and I want them to have fun. I want people to enjoy Roller Derby but for me personally I go out there and have only one goal..to place well and to win. Two goals, I guess!"



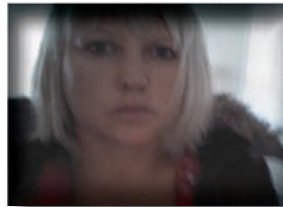
Go-Go Gidget

Angel City Derby Girls

"I would kinda like to believe that at one point in my life that Roller Derby was the fantasy and my real world was the reality. As I've been doing this (Roller Derby) 6 years, the

fantasy has began to leak into my reality.

That confidence of Go-Go Gidget who's on the track who's so confident, so determined, (thank God) has started affecting my entire life and I approach every situation with that same vigor and that same confidence whereas before Roller Derby I didn't have that."



Guera Loca

Long Beach Roller Derby

Guera Loca is currently 34 years old, and born and raised in Huntington Beach, CA. She actually tried out for roller derby with a friend as a dare and for fun in

April 2011, and found she was instantly hooked. She wishes she started years ago, but it is never too late.

Guera Loca is currently on Subpool with Long Beach Roller Derby, and is scheduled to skate in her first roller derby bout Friday November, 11, 2011. When the new season starts she hopes she will make it on to one of the league teams.

Yes, she does like the movie Whip It with Drew Barrymore, and aside for her love for horror movies her favorite movies embarrassingly include: Willy Wonka, Annie, Napoleon Dynamite, and Borat. She is also proud to be Vegan for over 19 years, and 100% Drug Free. Her other hobbies include snowboarding, mixed martial arts, and hiking. She hopes to continue skating, and continue to improve her skills.

Guera Loca can be contacted at: Sashaedge13@gmail.com. She will be happy to answer any questions about the sport of roller derby, or help inspire you to give it a try.



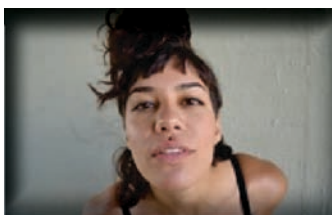
Hitney Fears

Angel City Derby Girls

Jenny Lind Bryant is a costumer who lives in Los Angeles, CA.

Currently, Ms. Bryant is a wardrobe supervisor for a touring show. She graduated from the University of Georgia with a Master's degree in costume design and Florida State University with a Bachelor's degree in fashion design.

In addition to designing and styling she enjoys playing roller derby with the Angel City Derby Girls.



Hooks

Angel City Derby Girls

'Hooks' was born Marcella Odette Silva in Los Angeles, California. She is 22 years old and now lives and works in Culver city.

By day, she is a classically french trained line cook at A-frame. By night she works hard at Fresh Meat 2 practice to earn her place as an Angel City Derby Girl.

Hooks started skating with Angel City Derby girls in March of 2011 and hopes to reach subpool (scrimmage clearance) by the beginning of 2012. She chose her number 1138 because of her love of the movie Star Wars.

She loves pork belly, beer, reddit, oysters, vodka and probably has a couple cavities.



Ima Blowbya

Angel City Derby Girls

"ACDG is very athletic-minded towards Roller Derby. They practice hard and they see big things for their future. It's not practice hard today or the weekend

and forget about the rest of the week. ACDG has goals... they want to go to regionals, they want to go to Nationals and they practice HARD and they are determined to make it!!"

Avonya "Ima BlowBya" Anderson was born in Albany NY and moved to California at the age of 7. She has played sports all of her life including Basketball, Track and Field, and Cross Country. She is married to Ron "Billy Motion" Anderson and has two young sons ages 2 and 7. She has played roller derby since May 2006. Before skating with Angel City Derby Girls she skated with the Bakersfield Rollergirls and Derby Revolution of Bakersfield. Along with roller derby she has a BA in Business Administration.



Iona Revolver

Long Beach Roller Derby

"I love Roller Derby and once I started playing, I couldn't get enough of it.

It's really fun!!! It's a combination of things; it's not just about hitting...it's strategy that you have to use, in order to be successful at it.

Banked track goes really fast. You need to be able to figure out where you want to be on the track and control your speed in a different way than when you're on a flat track. It's easier to stop on flat track but on a Banked track you're going so fast you're coming from the top of the track and when you hit someone you need to hit them but then stop and not smash outta control into the rest of the players."



Justin Bibe

Ref, Long Beach Roller Derby

"I ref for LBRD because my wife's a player which got me suckered into it. I'm mostly a Jammer Ref. I chase the gurl with a star on her helmet; the only gurl on a team that's allowed to score

points. They are in fact the running back with the football and the football is the star on their helmet. I actually enjoy the activity of it. I love skating and I like that we're entertaining people and that's a lot of fun. It's a close-knit group of people that's having fun together. LBRD does a lot of things outside of Derby together and it's a bunch of good friends now that I didn't have 2 years ago when I started."



Killa Nois

Angel City Derby Girls

"I think with ACDG in general, we are very rule oriented and we play the game as clean as we can.

We are all athletes and we play the game for the sport, we don't play for the spectacle like other new derby teams.

We keep it as clean as possible. We can get very angry and very violent but we try to keep it as sportsmanlike as we can."



Killer-Bee-Killed

Long Beach Roller Derby

"I've been doing Roller Derby for 1 year because that's how long my league has been together **The LBRD Juniors** but I've been skating for 4 years. My

mommy is LBRD Fresh Meat and it's fun to watch her practice. It's fun to see her interact with folks her own age... just like my mom says to me. My dad thinks that it's all awesome. He loves it when I get bruises or when my mom gets bruises."



Laura Smashley

Angel City Derby Girls

Laura Smashley moved from Buffalo, NY to Los Angeles to pursue a masters degree and a career in architecture and discovered roller derby along the way. She had never seen a derby bout before and didn't even know the rules, but she felt drawn to the sport. She began skating with the Angel City Derby Girls in 2010 and has been in love with derby ever since.



Legs 2 Long

Long Beach Roller Derby

"I am 24 years old and was born and raised in Long Beach, CA. I play for Long Beach Roller Derby on the Terminal Island Tootsies (TITs for short). I met Diesel and Estro-Jen through a mutual friend back in '09. They told me about roller derby and how they had plans for starting their own Derby League in Long Beach. I have been a member of LBRD since the beginning when we were practicing in church parking lots to now playing on a

banked track in the historical Spruce Goose Dome for over 1,500 fans.

In Feb. '10, I tore my Posterior Cruciate Ligament (PCL) right before we got our banked track up causing me to be out for our second season, but am looking forward to a 3rd season when I'll be able to play again. I love roller derby and I love everything that it has brought me, bruises and all, I wouldn't trade it in for anything. It's not a lie when people say "**roller derby saved my soul**" because that's exactly what it did for me."

I am currently working as a nanny in LB and going to school at Long Beach City College working on my general education so that I can transfer to a 4 year University"



Maggie Kill-Em-All

Angel City Derby Girls

"Roller Derby makes you more motivated to push yourself, take risks, try new things.

Since doing Roller Derby my group of friends have expanded to year round positive energy, all the time. I've ended up getting a new job through just networking with the derby gurls. So it's changed my life for the better. Making physical contact with another player is completely necessary. It's a full contact sport, so the only way you win is by knocking someone outta your way, so that you can keep going. So it (contact) doesn't bother me."



Ms. Mimi Masher

Long Beach Roller Derby

“With LBRD I’m in charge of Fund Raising and I also assist with Public Relations. I like to be the voice for the women out on the track who can’t quite

express themselves on why they’re here. I like to be the liason between the crowd and the teams.

I use Roller Derby as a way to express myself on and off the track, inside and outside the Roller Dome. Roller Derby has really become a home for my wayward spirit.”



Narlee

Long Beach Roller Derby

I’m head of Production. I plan and run the entire event from booking volunteers, to booking bands, to booking the grandstands that we use, filling out permits, to making sure we can put it all

on. I spend allot of time talking to Long Beach City Officials, fire marshalls, Queen Mary Officials everybody. I love it!

My 5 year plan is to do exactly what I am doing with LBRD... but not only setting up events here at the Dome (our bouts) but also to find sponsors big enough that supports us, so that we can continue to grow and be a long term league and focus just on the gurls and on skating and not have to worry so much about money and the financing parts but allow the league to grow and continue to find gurls that are looking to find something to do for themselves.



Pigeon

Long Beach Roller Derby

“When Game-Time hits people say that I look fierce. I get that all the time! But I don’t even notice because I’m so happy and cheerful all the time.

I’m not an aggressive person but when I put on my skates and the whistle blows I know exactly what to do and I just do it and so y’know I guess I’m just looking fierce or maybe just focused! I don’t even know what’s going on.

It’s just instinct, is what I tell people. At this point I don’t even have to think...I just do!!!”



Reno Revolver

Angel City Derby Girls

“Focus, just focus!, my coaches tell me that all the time. They see me getting tired and they tell me to “focus. You’ve got to focus. Get out there and play Roller Derby.”

What I do to help Fresh Meat when they start getting crazy, I tell them to “have fun because this is just Roller Derby and it’s fun and that’s why we’re all here and it’s what we do.” I’ve been told this my whole Roller Derby career except when they’re yelling at me to “focus.!”



Roswell

Angel City Derby Girls

After an emotional divorce, her mother suggested finding a hobby in order to make new friends and get out the house. Yoga being too slow, she recalled a faint memory

of watching tough girls on skates from childhood and joined the now-disbanded Florida Rollergirls in 2008.

With her parents living in Jupiter, Florida and an extreme fascination with all things alien, her father named her “Roswell.”

Roswell moved to Los Angeles, California before graduating past the initial tater level with Orlando’s league. After three years in search of stable income and health insurance, Roswell made a 2011 New Year’s resolution to get back into roller derby. She’s currently in Fresh Meat Two with the Angel City Derby Girls.



Scarbie Doll

Angel City Derby Girls

When Tashima Edwards isn’t tearing up on the track as “Scarbie Doll”, she’s a mother to a one yr old and a full time student. Studying Sports and Health Sciences, she aspires to earn her PhD in Kinesiology and start her own personal training business.

She began her roller derby career 4 years ago in Atlanta, GA with the Atlanta Rollergirls. There, she played on the Denim Demons, Atlanta Rumblebees and Atlanta’s All-Star team, the Dirty South Derby Girls.

In 2009, she moved to Los Angeles and became and Angel City Derby and has skated with the Hollywood Scarlets and the Rocket Queens. She is most recognizable by the rosy red cheeks she sports while she’s skating.

She’s also been known to rock a sparkly glove in remembrance of her favorite singer, Michael Jackson. She has won 3 MVP awards during her derby career and says she’ll never quit derby...even if she’s in a walker.

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Sgt. Bomber

Angel City Derby Girls

“That’s the great thing abt RD...it doesn’t matter if you win or lose ‘cause everybody puts their hands out for both teams to go by and slap their hands and go ‘good job.’

It used to be in sports that if you lost you don’t talk to the other team...you’re all like moping around. Derby isn’t like that. Roller Derby is the only sport I’ve ever played where you actually congratulate the other team whether you win or lose and then you go party afterwards.”



Shunami Bomb
Angel City Derby Girls

"I had just moved out from New Jersey a couple of years ago and I didn't have allot of girlfriends. I met these gurls at the 3rd Street Promenade in Santa

Monica, CA and they were just so cool, awesome ladies to hang out with. I thought well I don't have allot of Gurl Friends so why not check out ACDG?

As it turns out Roller Derby is a great way to meet people and personally I just fell in love with this league.

So I've been involved in this for 1 year and now I've graduated from Fresh Meat to playing with the Rocket Queens. That how long it takes. I couldn't be happier..."



Tiggz
Angel City Derby Girls

"I would say that I'm extreme. "I say what I wanna say, I do what I wanna do. I don't have a filter!" If I wanna say it, I'm gonna say it! Now I filter it a

little bit. I would say that's a pretty extreme! Most people can't really handle someone who kinda just says what's on their mind.

Working with an all gurl organization does have it's up's and downs. After all your with a group of gurls, we're all BIG personalities, different opinions."



T*K*Mo
Angel City Derby Girls

"Age is just a number. It doesn't matter how old you are. We have gurls on our team who are in their late 40's, as well as, gurls who are 19 yrs old.

So it's everywhere in between. It doesn't matter how old you are as long as you feel healthy and active and feel like you can do it. It really doesn't matter how old you are."



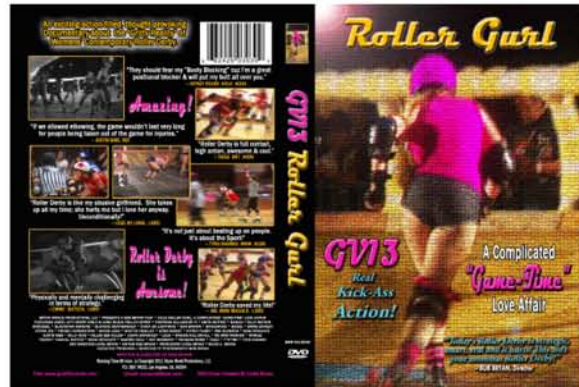
Tyra Shanks
Angel City Derby Girls

Shanks, ACDG's Skater of November 2011, has a lot to celebrate lately: a triumphant and exciting season with our Western Region ranked All-Star team the Hollywood Scarlets, a fabulous year of stellar recruitment success and her 21st birthday to top it all off!

Finally she can celebrate at the after party! Joining ACDG at the start of the 2010 season, in two short years Shanks has proven she's a natural talent and phenomenal leader on and off the track.

She quickly rose through the ranks and earned her wings on the Scarlets, while also stepping up as a key figure in the training program and reinvigorating the recruitment program to record numbers.

She has Hulk-smashed her way to glory and we love her for it. And to top it off, this force to be reckoned with always wears a smile and has a kind word for everyone. A well-deserved thank you goes out to Shanks!



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