

# Racers of all ages turn out for exciting Soap Box Derby

Racers of all ages competed on Nov. 20 as Miami hosted an All-American Soap Box Derby.

The Superior Soap Box Derby partnered with Globe Rotary, Miami Rotary, Globe-Miami Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Miami to coordinate this event.

Youth from Superior, Globe, Scottsdale, Gilbert and Tucson applied their driving strategies as they raced for trophies and points in three divisions.

"It was a real driver's course. Since the track wasn't particularly fast, the kids really had to concentrate on finding the best line and driving straight," said Jack Kube, Superior Soap Box Derby President.

Michael Bridges of Scottsdale won the stock division over A.C. Vick of Superior and Curtis Long of Superior.

Fourth place was Altin Hing of Superior and fifth place was Kathleen Lucas of Superior.

In the super stock division, Joseph Armenta of Globe won, followed by J.D. Hackett of Tucson, Joshua Vick of Superior and

Charles Lucas of Superior.

In the masters division, Krista Osborne of Gilbert won and Karla Osborne of Gilbert was second.

The kids weren't the only ones racing last Saturday. The club provided adult cars to anyone over the age of 18. Trophies sponsored by the Rotary clubs were awarded to Cheryl Hackett of Tucson (1st), Carl Osborne (2nd) and John Hackett (3rd).

Miami Mayor Paul Licano took on Superior's Mayor Michael Hing and each won a race.

Carl Osborn of Gilbert, race director, states, "Everyone had a great day and lots of fun. We really want to extend our thanks to those who helped make it happen. Miami's Town Manager Robert Mawson manned the PA system, the Rotary clubs served food and drinks and sponsored the trophies, Bill Merodias of Tucson transported cars from

the finish line back to the ramps, and the volunteers who brought the straw bales and bleachers were awesome."

He added, "We appreciate the cooperation from the local businesses, police department and the community and hope to be invited back."

The next family rally is scheduled for Jan. 15-16, 2005, when Superior hosts four races. The public is invited to cheer on the kids. The event is free, while breakfast and lunch will be available and the club will have a steak/fish dinner the evening of Jan. 15. Dinner costs \$10 per adult and \$5 per child (under 12).

Anyone interested in assisting the Soap Box Derby can call Jack Kube (520) 689-0100 or Yvonne Kube (520) 689-5004, ext. 13.

The derby is open to boys and girls ages 8-17 and the club has cars available for seriously interested kids to use.

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**It's hard to be humble, when you're as great as I am.**

**—Muhammad Ali**

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