

Rotary, Chamber of Commerce rally to bring All-American soap box derby to Town of Superior



Curtis Long, Superior races Michael Bridges, Scottsdale in Stock division.

Racers of all ages competed on Saturday, November 20th, in Miami as the town played host to an All-American Soap Box Derby family rally. The Superior Soap Box Derby partnered with the Globe Rotary, Miami Rotary, Globe-Miami Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Miami to coordinate the event on Sullivan Street.

Youth from Superior, Globe, Gilbert, Scottsdale, 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.", says Jack Kube, Superior Soap Box Derby President.

Finishes in the double elimination race were:

Stock Division:

1st Place Michael Bridges, Scottsdale

2nd Place A.C. Vick, Superior

3rd Place Curtis Long, Superior

4th Place Altin Hing, Superior

5th Place Kathleen Lucas, Superior

Super Stock Division:

1st Place Joseph Armenta, Globe

2nd Place J.D. Hackett, Tucson

3rd Place Joshua Vick, Superior

4th Place Charles Lucas, Superior

Masters Division:

1st Place Krista Osborne, Gilbert

2nd Place Karla Osborne, Gilbert

The kids weren't the only ones racing on Saturday. The club provided adult cars to anyone over the age of 18 for an entry fee of \$10. Trophies sponsored by the rotary clubs were awarded to 1st place Cheryl Hackett of Tucson, 2nd place Carl Osborne, and 3rd place John Hackett.

Mayor Paul Licano took on Superior's Mayor Michael Hing in the first Mayoral Soap Box Derby Race. The two will have to compete again though as they ended up with each winning one race.

Carl Osborne of Gilbert, Rally Race Director of the Superior club, states, "Everyone had a great day and lots of fun. We really want to extend our thanks to those who helped make this happen. Miami Town Manager Robert Mosson manned the P.A. system all day, the Rotary Clubs served food and drink and sponsored the trophies, Bill Merodias of Tucson



Superior Mayor Michael Hina accepts challenge from Miami Mayor Paul Licano.

transported cars from the finish line back to the ramps, and the volunteers who brought the straw bales and bleachers were awesome. We appreciate the cooperation from the local businesses, police department and the community members and hope to be invited back."

The next family rally is scheduled for January 15 & 16th when the Town of Superior will host 4 races in two days on Main Street. The public is invited to come and cheer the kids on. The event is free to spectators.

Breakfast and lunch will be available and the club will have a steak/fish dinner the evening of the 15th. Dinner costs are \$10 per adult, \$5 per child (under 12).

Anyone interested in become involved in the Soap Box Derby can contact Jack Kube at (520) 689-0100 or Yvonne Kube at (520) 689-5004 x13. The derby is open to boys and girls ages 8-17 and the club has cars available for seriously interested kids to use. The club would also welcome any sponsors.