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FATHER & SON TEAM TRIUMPH IN GO KART RALLY

A father and son from Bordon have rallied together to build their own homemade kart – and triumphed in a local Go-Kart competition.

Both clinching third place in their categories, Norman and Robert Pearce dominated the Sussex heat of the Screwfix Go-Kart Rally, which was held at the Haredown outdoor activities centre near Chichester.

‘The Pearce Thunders’ built their kart over the space of six weeks, working on it in the evening together as a father and son team, as dad Norman, age explains: “We originally put the kart together to race in a local soapbox derby to raise money for an air ambulance charity. It took a while to put the kart together but we had help from the local cubs group with parts and also the paint job!”

The pair took to the grass hill track on Sunday 11th September, battling against other racers to record the fastest time, and now both have made it to the Grand Final of the competition, to be held near the International Rally Championship in Scotland in October.

As a keen DIYer Norman, age 57, saw the competition advertised in the Farnborough branch of Screwfix, who ran the rally in association with power tool brand Evolution and Peugeot.

He said: “Having just completed a two storey extension on our home, I’m in Screwfix quite a bit so when I saw the Go-Kart Rally competition I knew we had to get our kart out the shed and give it a fine tune ready for the race. I can’t believe Robert and I have both got through to the Grand Final – I’m really proud of him!”

Robert, age 13, was one of the youngest racers in the competition. He said: "Building and racing the go-kart has been so much fun and I'm so excited me and Dad are both in the final! I had a bit of a spin off the track on my third run as the wheel had buckled, so I'm just glad I still qualified."

The competition required entrants to design and build their own gravity-powered go-karts, and in addition to racing in the Grand Final, the lucky pair will also get complimentary tickets to watch the IRC rally. Norman also received £50 Screwfix vouchers, while Robert won a Scalextric set.

Screwfix's John Mewett said: "It was great to see the karts turn out for the Go-Kart Rally in Sussex – and they certainly didn't disappoint!"

"We have noticed a real trend for people wanting to get back to those 'lads and dads' days of old, which is why we created the Go-Kart Rally tournament to celebrate just that - families getting their kids out in the fresh air, and working together on projects - so it's great to see the Pearces having done so well in the competition."

For further details on the Go-Kart Rally please visit www.screwfix.com/rally

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About Go-Kart Rally:

In association with Screwfix Peugeot and Evolution, the Go-Kart Rally will pit amateur racers in home-built go-karts against each other at a series of regional heats.

The top three karts from each heat will go through to the Grand Final of the competition, to be held near the IRC stage in Scotland on 9th October.

The Best Designed Go-Kart competition is also running. To enter, simply upload video footage of your kart to www.facebook.com/screwfix by 30th September 2011.

The following factors will be taken into consideration:

- Aesthetics: the overall look of the kart build, chassis and body shell
- Usability: How fit for purpose the kart is overall for the event. Think Functionality, tyres, ride height, weight and so on.
- Livery: What decals and designs have been applied to the kart?
- Action: Video the go-kart in action to show just what it can achieve

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