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FATHER & SON TEAM TRIUMPH IN GO KART RALLY

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

Son Kasey Penstone-Smith scooped second place in the Junior category, whilst dad Steve came in fourth at the Sussex heat of the Screwfix Go-Kart Rally, which was held at the Haredown outdoor activities centre near Chichester.

'The Guinea Pig Grandprix' team built their kart over the space of three days, working on it in Kasey's grandfather's workshop, as Steve explains: "We used a metal chassis with wheels from a mobility scooter and an MDF shell. It was quite easy to build, but we ended up roping in my brother and my other son as it was such a laugh! I've built engine-powered karts before, so this was an easier task."

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

Steve, a former master blacksmith, now looks after his wife as a full-time carer, but keeps his DIY hand in by making props for his daughter's dance school. The 35-year-old saw the competition advertised in the Welwyn Garden branch of Screwfix, who ran the rally in association with power tool brand Evolution and Peugeot.

He added: "I used to race when I was younger and have even come up against Jenson Button in my time! I was a bit nervous for Kasey going down the track but he's done me proud."

Kasey, age 12, was one of the youngest racers in the competition. He said: “We got our team name from the rescue guinea pigs which we look after and also race! We have about 10 at home at the moment. My favourite part of the kart is the paint work.”

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. Kasey also received an electric remote control car for his placing.

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 Penstone-Smiths 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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