



Mike Barton sets up the next run for the Pinewood Derby while Hayden Buswell watches intently. That's Don Rankins in the back. Photo: Bob Bussey

Cub Scouts Pack 489

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For the Beacon

It was an exciting night of double elimination racing at the Cub Scouts annual Pinewood Derby. The boys get together and race cars that they build from official Cub Scout kits that were handed out at the previous pack meeting. They work hard at coming up with their own design and finishing touches.

Once the car is all together and ready to go it has to meet certain requirements such as wheel base width, but the most important is the weight of the car. The overall weight cannot exceed five ounces. It is not out of the ordinary to see wood being chiseled or drilled out of the bottom of the car at the last minute to meet the five-ounce weight limit.

But it is not all about the race – creativity counts, too. Judges are picked out of the audience to look at the cars and vote on creativity. Some of the cars are very elaborate once they are finished.

The race results for this year were:

- Nicholas Terwilliger, first

- Jared Frost, second
 - Austin Marceau, third
- The creativity awards went to:
- Nicholas Keniston, first
 - Matthew Bent, second
 - Samuel Ladd, third

The boys also received prizes and trophies for their popcorn sales, which is where the majority of the funding comes from to keep the pack up and running. The boys received a patch and a prize of their choice based on the level of sales, as well as trophies for the top three sellers. This year's trophy recipients were:

- Nicholas Terwilliger, first
- Ethan Collette, second
- Hayden Buswell, third

The evening is wrapped up with a drawing for a \$150 gift card from Dick's Sporting Goods. Each boy's name goes into the drawing once for every \$150 in popcorn sales that they have made. This year's winner of the raffle was Ethan Collette.

The Cub Scouts would like to give a

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Cub Scouts Awards Night. (l-r) Austin Marceau, Jared Frost, Nicholas Terwilliger, Ethan Collette, Hayden Buswell, Samuel Ladd, Matthew Bent, Nicholas Keniston
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