

News eye third bed racing title

Competitors from all over the area will be rolling their beds trying to beat the defending champs, New's Union 76, at the third annual Sandy Festival Bed Races.

The race, beginning at 7 p.m., July 9, will start off the Sandy Festival Parade. It will begin on Pioneer Boulevard near Camera Connection and end on Beers Street.

The competition will be much tougher this year as the popularity of the event has grown in the past two years, according to Jerry New, of New's Union 76, sponsors of the event.

"We only have three entered now," said New, "but most of the participants enter the last day (of registration, July 6)." New expects 15 to 20 contestants. Last year, entries were limited to 10 because of lack of space, but this year a back row will be formed so more participants can enter.

"It will be a first-come, first-served basis," as o who takes a back row or front

row, said New.

The rules are basically the same as last year, with a few additional regulations. Five people make up a team — four to push and one to sit in the bed. The bedsitter must be wearing a night shirt. There are four stops on the course and each team member must rotate as a passenger during the race.

Any kind of bed can be used with wheels not exceeding 14 inches, but the bed must be an "original" bed, according to New.

"We don't want any make-shift beds," he said. Last year one team made a bed from a shop cart which caused problems getting in the way of other contestants.

Another new rule is "no pulling, only pushing," said New.

The key to winning a bed race is good wheels, but being in good physical condition is also a must, New said.

Person interested in competing should contact New's Union '76 at 668-8082.



New's Union 76 will be the team to beat this year at the annual festival Bed Race. The News have won the title the past two years and are shooting for number three. The race will be held July 9 at 7 p.m., just prior to the Sandy Mountain Festival Parade.

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