

November 2011

ROBODOX

NEWSLETTER

This Month:

The Robodox go to their first VEX competition of the season (GO DOX!). This volume also includes: Ultrazone Lasertag Fund-raiser announcement (please read!), Upcoming Events, and Bonds for Life: The Robodox Team Social

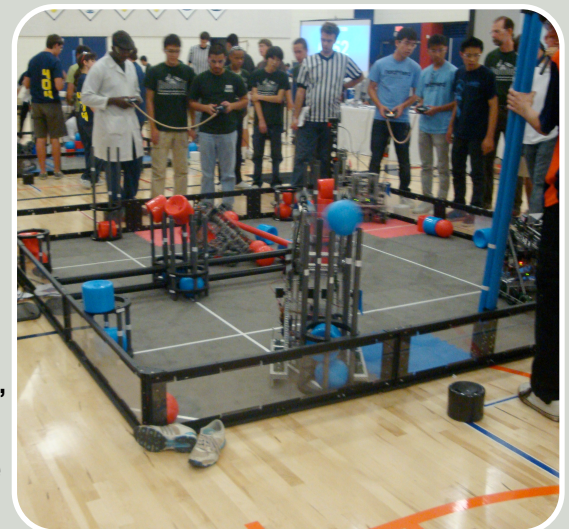


THE MAIN EVENT: THE VEX PATRIOT/SMI TOURNAMENT

The Robodox tackle the competition.

On Saturday October 15th, the Robodox attended its first VEX competition of the season at Viewpoint Academy in Calabasas. Along with 29 other teams at the event, the Robodox put its robots to the test after weeks of designing and building. With the constant pulse of energy from the music, determined teams geared up to compete. The competition began with an exciting start, all the teams having functioning and competitive robots. With each team having innovative designs and surprising strategies, it was clear that that crowd would not be disappointed.

As the qualifying matches came to a close, the audience watched in anticipation to



The anticipation builds. Team 599A and their alliance partner 637K battle in the semifinals as 599D awaits their chance to face the completion

see which teams would be picked for the finals. While team representatives accepted (and rarely declined) alliance invitations, our team screamed with excitement as teams 599A, 599C, and 599D chose to form or join alliances, with 599A and 599C together in the same alliance. Having only a few minutes before the beginning of the final matches, teams worked even faster and even more diligently than before; trying to bolt on that last chassis rail and download the last fix to their autonomous codes in order to perfect their robots. The audience cheered and gasped while the robots battled it out and waited anxiously for the referees to display the scores. With matches ending with such close scores, the final match was a close one.

In the end, the Robodox's own teams 599A and 599D, along with team 687K, took home the awards for Alliance champions. In an equally amazing turn out, the Robodox teams 599A, 599B, 599C, and 599D collectively won the prominent Design Award, which is usually only awarded to a single team that demonstrates the best organization and planning for robot design and construction.

Besides the excitement and thrill of the matches, the pits bustled with teams who met and discussed robots and strategy and were always eager to lend a hand, showing gracious professionalism both as competitors and friends. As the competition came to a close and the awards ceremony ended, all the teams packed their toolboxes and congratulated each other on doing so well in such an exciting and successful competition.

Such an enormous event could not have been done without the support of friends and family, a big Robodox thanks goes out to the mentors, parent drivers, and parent volunteers who made this competition possible. We also thank the Viewpoint academy for hosting the competition and look forward to having them at our competition. With our next competition at home, Granada Hills Charter High School, we hope to see everyone here ready to for more thrilling VEX matches on November 19th. GO DOX!



Alex, Chris, and Jeffrey help "clean up" the pit

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Lasertag Fundraiser

As part of our annual fundraising campaign we host a Lasertag fundraiser at the Ultrazone facility in Sherman Oaks on Thursday January 5th 2012. The fundraiser is a fun way to kick off our second semester build season. Students, Parents, Friends and other robotics teams are all welcome. Come support the Robodox and have fun time. Tickets are \$20 during presale and \$22 at the door.

Address: 14622 Ventura Blvd Ste 208. Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

Bonds for Life: The Robodox Team Social.

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An exciting basketball tournament, competitive rounds of ping pong, and a shuttlecock stuck in a tree were only a few of the entertaining spectacles at this year’s social. On Saturday, October 1st, the Robodox held its annual team social for both students and supporting families at the Alvarez residence. More of an informal party than a highly organized event, the social was a great chance for both veteran and rookie team members to just bond and get to know one another on an easy Saturday. A perfect day to stay outside, the team had fun playing ping pong, eating delicious food, goofing off, sitting on the grass, and just having a good time in each



Engineers in Action

Even during their downtime the Robodox found themselves faced with a challenge when the stopcock used in a game of badminton ended up caught in the branches of a tree. Here Karan shakes the branches of the tree as the team looks on.



Above and Left: Chang and Jake lock arms and battle.

UPCOMING EVENTS	ROBODOX/SMI VEX "GATEWAY" CHALLENGE AND OPEN HOUSE	LOS ANGELES VEX ROBOTICS CHAMPIONSHIP	LASERTAG
	<p>Category: VEX Competition and Open House Date: November 18th and 19th Location: GHCHS</p>	<p>Category: VEX Competition Date: December 9th and 10th Location: CSUN</p>	<p>Category: Team Activity/ Fundraiser Date: January 5th Location: Ultrazone</p>

HIGHLIGHTS



Mr. Vanderway steps up onto the court.



Chris, Ritvik, and Karan enjoy a game of badminton in front of the Alvarez residence.



Omar, Anton, Manan, Ziba, and Priyana get tangled up in a game of human knot.

other's company. With everybody chatting, eating, playing, and having an awesome time overall, the social was truly a memorable experience! A great big shout out goes to the Alvarez family (especially Sabrina, who ROCKS at Guitar Hero) for allowing the team to use their home. In addition to resources for the event, the team is extremely grateful to the parents and families that donated the amazing banquet for the team. With such a successful social for 2011, we hope to have an even better one next year and that as many of our friends and family come again.



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