

2019 Impact Awards

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Ryan Arciero made the list for the 2019 Impact Awards in the Desert Racing Category for his win in the inaugural SCORE Baja 400. The race was close, with the first six trucks crossing the line within two minutes of each other. Ryan comes from a family of desert racers. His father, Frank 'Butch' Arciero Jr, will be inducted into the Off-Road Motorsports Hall of Fame this year. The late Bob Gordon, also a Hall of Famer, was one of Ryan's mentors and co-drivers. Ryan also credits Ivan Stewart, another Hall of Famer, for his guidance. Ryan's win in the 400 gives him the pole position at the upcoming SCORE Baja 1000. "We have to beat Baja before anything else, Ryan said in a recent interview, "If we beat Baja, I guarantee you we're going to beat the competition."



Brock Heger can get behind the wheel of just about any vehicle and drive it to the winner's circle. Short Course? No problem! Heger has Pro Lite wins in the Lucas Oil Off Road Racing Series (LOORRS) and won the Pro Light Championship at the 2018 Crandon World Cup. UTV? Dominating! Heger won back to back championships in the LOORRS Production UTV class in 2017 and 2018. Desert Racing? Watch out! Heger mastered the Best in the Desert (BITD) Class 1000 in 2018 behind the wheel of an Alumi Craft buggy and took home the Class Championship. For 2019, Heger has made the jump to a Class 6100 truck in the BITD series, where he has won the Parker 425 and The Mint 400 and is the current points leader. Oh, did we mention that he's just 19 years old?



Justin Lofton has proven he can race just about anything, with accolades in his career as a Colorado Hill Climb Rookie of the Year, ARCA Series Champion, and NASCAR Truck Series Winner. He's entered the record books once again with his win at the 2019 Mint 400, being the first driver in history to win the iconic desert race overall three times, with wins in 2015, 2016, and 2019. Lofton added another off-road win this year at the Best in the Desert Silver State 300. The Justin Lofton Foundation has raised and donated more than \$350,000 to various youth organizations in California's Imperial Valley, with the goal of providing a safe environment for children to learn and to challenge themselves.



Andy McMillin won the first two SCORE International races of the season, the San Felipe 250 and Baja 500. He placed second at the inaugural SCORE Baja 400, finishing the eight-hour race less than two minutes behind the leader. The Baja 400 finishing order is being used to determine the start order for the upcoming SCORE Baja 1000. "I look forward to a strong starting spot at the 1000, as I try to solidify my name atop the record books by winning the most Baja 1000's in a 4-Wheel vehicle," Andy told ORMHOF. "I'm currently tied with my Uncle Mark and 'Lightning' Larry Ragland with five, and of course the record breaker will be the hardest one and has taken the longest to achieve compared to the other spans between my Baja 1000 wins. This year, I'm ready."



Luke McMillin won the inaugural King of the Hammers truck race, the Desert Invitational. The course was brutal, with only eight of the 25 competitors finishing the 280-mile course. Luke has been around off-road racing his entire life. Having mentors like his father Mark, a five-time overall winner of the Baja 1000, and his grandfather Corky, has given Luke great insight at only 26 years of age. He began racing in the 1600 buggy class, where he earned back to back SCORE 1600 Class Championships, winning both the Baja 500 and Baja 1000 along the way. In 2012 he moved to Class 1, where he won the 500, the 1000, and the San Felipe 250. Luke moved to the unlimited truck class in 2014 and has had multiple podium finishes. Look for Luke to be on top of the podium often as he continues to be a rising force in the off road world.

The 2019 Desert Racing Impact Award will be announced at the Off-Road Motorsports Hall of Fame Induction & Awards Ceremony presented by 4WP on Sunday, November 3 at the South Point in Las Vegas.

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