

## PIR NASCAR IN MARCH

**GOOD SAM RACE WEEKEND:  
MARCH 11-12-13, 2016**

The Good Sam 500 Race Weekend at PIR is scheduled to take place during Spring Break for virtually every school in Arizona, also coinciding with Major League Baseball Spring Training.

The weekend starts on Friday at 4:50pm with NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Qualifying and Practice Sessions, as well as NASCAR XFINITY Series practice and fun on the Fan Midway. Saturday at 1pm, rising stars of NASCAR take on the veterans in the Axalta Faster. Tougher. Brighter. 200, NASCAR XFINITY Series race. Tickets start at just \$15. And on Sunday at 12:30pm, NASCAR Goes West for the first short-track race of the season.

"We are proud to continue our tremendous relationship with Camping World and Good Sam," said PIR President Bryan R Sperber. "We take pride in hosting thousands of campers at every race, and with our spring race taking place during Spring Break, partnering with the world's largest RV owners association makes perfect sense."

Tickets for the Good Sam 500 are on sale now, with prices beginning as low as \$25. To get tickets early and guarantee seats for every NASCAR race at PIR this year, fans can purchase a 2016 NASCAR season ticket, at [PhoenixRaceway.com](http://PhoenixRaceway.com) or by calling 866-408-RACE (7223). ■



## PIR INDYCAR IN APRIL

**VERIZON INDYCAR SERIES: APRIL 1-2, 2016**

IndyCar competition arrives at PIR this year, with the Phoenix Grand Prix running under the lights on Saturday night, April 2—combining open-wheel speeds in excess of 180 mph on the one-mile oval with the added thrill of night racing.

This will be the second race of 2016 for the Verizon IndyCar Series, following the season opening race at St. Petersburg FL on March 13. A highlight of the schedule will be the 100th Indianapolis 500 on Sunday, May 29, with the season finale September 18 in Sonoma, California.

Since its opening in 1964, PIR served primarily open-wheel racing until NASCAR arrived in 1977. The track continued hosting Indy car races through 2005, with many of the greats competing here. Four-time Indy 500 champ AJ Foyt won the inaugural pro race at PIR, with a total of four wins here; fellow four-time Indy 500 winner Al Unser has a track-record six open-wheel wins at PIR; and four-time Indy car season champ Mario Andretti had the last win of his career here in 1993.

"I am so happy to see the Verizon IndyCar Series returning to Phoenix International Raceway," said Unser Jr., who is tied for seventh on the all-time Indy car victory list with 34. "It was always one of my favorite tracks, even though I never was able to win a race there in 19 tries. Dad won there six times and Uncle Bobby won four, so the Unser name still has quite a legacy at PIR. Indy cars always put on a great show at PIR over the years and I know they will again in 2016."

The Phoenix Grand Prix will be the second of three race events in 2016 at PIR. The Camping World 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race weekend runs three weeks earlier, March 11-13, and NASCAR will return to Phoenix for the semifinal race in the 2016 Chase for the Sprint Cup November 11-13, 2016.

Tickets range from \$35 to \$70 including Pit Road access. Kids are \$10. Active-duty military and veterans also receive discounts. For tickets, visit [PhoenixRaceway.com](http://PhoenixRaceway.com) or call 866-408-RACE (7223). ■

