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**CHAD** New, 18, of Henderson holds his robot "Sish" during the Robotic Survival Series "King of the Robot Island" tournament at the Castaways indoor events center. New placed first in the 12 lb. hobbyweight division. Over 50 entrants from across the country gathered to battle with radio-controlled robots ranging in weight from 12 lbs. to 220 lbs., said organizer Phoenix Blaze.

Winners shared about \$4000 in prize money and are qualified to enter the Robot Fighting League national tournament, he said. Operators win by disabling their opponent's robot or by demonstrating their superior driving skills in a competition similar to a demolition derby.

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