

# February 2018 Kartorque



## Newsletter of KartSport Taranaki

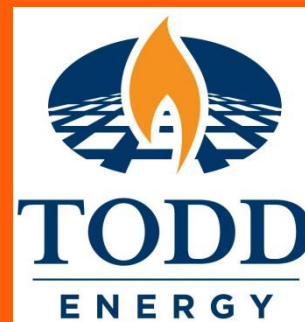
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### Presidents Report – Campbell Jamieson

Hi everyone

Much like last year, the first round of our 2018 Summer Series treated us to a downpour! A few of our club members had their first opportunity to test the new tender wets out - I would love to hear your thoughts on those. It seems everybody had a lot of fun, but especially our clubsport drivers - their class continues to grow as we welcome new and returning members to the class - the racing looks fantastic.

We've had a very successful month with the have-a-go karts. As those who attended our February club day will have seen, our inaugural lease kart club day sessions were run. The feedback from our first participants was extremely positive and we already have another driver lined up for March. I would like to thank all of our club members for the patience you've shown when turning up for practice while these have-a-go sessions are in progress, and especially the clubsport

drivers last weekend for being so welcoming to our new comers.

Looking back at January, we had prize giving for our 2017 championships. Unfortunately many people had other commitments and could not attend, which has prompted the committee to review the date and format of our annual prize giving. A (short) survey will be sent out to our members in the coming weeks to determine when and how we run this day in the future. On that note, I would like to congratulate all of the prize winners on their 2017 successes. If you have not picked up your trophies and would like to, please catch up with a committee member next club day.

In other racing news, Nicola and I were fortunate to be able to attend the New Zealand Grand Prix at Manfeild on 11 February. Karters from around the country who have stepped across to big cars represented a good portion of the fields. Their results are telling of just how good karting is for teaching young drivers. KartSport Taranaki has produced some great drivers too, but what I find special about our club is that our young racers are so humble

and continue to come back and spend time with us. For those who haven't yet seen it, Thomas Boniface recently had an interview with News Hub, where he spoke about his opportunity race in the Junior British Championships. For those who wish to see his interview please follow this hyperlink:

<http://www.newshub.co.nz/home/sport/2018/02/young-kiwi-driver-thomas-boniface-has-sights-set-on-indycar.html>

Thanks,

Campbell Jamieson

### Club News

Round 2 of Goldstar is scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> of March in Wellington. If you're planning on racing, get your entries in ASAP. Also a reminder that everyone will require the plastic rear bumpers for the March club day. If you don't have one you won't be racing unfortunately.

### Prokart

Yours truly was racing in the KZ2 masters class at the 1<sup>st</sup> round of Prokart in Palmerston North last



weekend. After spending all of my time road racing over the last few years I thought I'd be a bit under done for fitness when it came to sprint racing....I wasn't wrong! Man I forgot how brutal those things can be on the body. With 30 gear changes a lap around the Manawatu circuit there's not a lot of rest time but the racing was awesome and my new Tony kart / Vortex buggy was faultless all weekend. Qualifying is key in the CIK format and luckily I managed to qualify towards the sharp end of the field. The heat races pretty much went to plan, I just wanted to keep my nose clean, save tyres where I could and get a good grid for the pre-final and final to push hard when it counts. I had a good start in the pre-final and was trucking along nicely before getting caught up in a crash when someone launched over the back of me. The race was red-flagged and I couldn't continue due to damage sustained. A few quick repairs had me lining up for the final in P14 – less than ideal but I got another ripper start and found myself in 7<sup>th</sup> place after 2 laps. I kept chipping away over the 17 lap final and managed to take 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the weekend. Not a bad result all things considered and I'm looking forward to round 2 in April.

Nick Isaac

- 6 May Round 3 Goldstar Hawkes Bay
- 6 May Round 3 Superkarts Hampton Downs
- 19-20 May Rotax Challenge / Prokarts Rotorua
- 3 June Goldstar champs / ROK cup rnd 3 Manawatu
- 3 June Round 4 Superkarts Manfield
- 4-5 August Rotax challenge / Prokart Bay of plenty
- 5 August Round 5 Superkarts Manfield
- 11-12 August Round 1 Top half Hamilton
- 1-2 Sept Blossom Hawkes Bay
- 8-9 Sept Round 2 Top half Auckland
- 22-23 Sept Rotax Challenge / Prokarts Hamilton
- 29-30 Sept Rnd 3 Top half Whangarei
- 20-21 Oct Island Sprints Manawatu / Invercargill
- 10-11 Nov Round 4 Top half Tokoroa
- 18 Nov Round 1 Goldstar Taranaki



**NEXT EVENT**  
**ROUND 2 SUMMER**  
**SERIES**  
**SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH**  
**2018**

**2018 Karting events...**

- ~~7 Jan Superkarts round 1 Taupo~~
- ~~27-28 Jan City of Sails, ROK Cup Rnd 1 Auckland~~
- ~~17-18 Feb Rotax Max challenge / Pro kart round 1 Manawatu~~
- 4 March Round 2 Goldstar Wellington
- 31 March – 1 April National Sprint Rotorua
- 8 April Rnd 2 Superkarts Taupo
- 21-22 April Rotax Challenge / Prokarts round 2 Tokoroa

**Duty Class : Juniors**  
**Direction: Anti-clockwise**  
**Convenor(s) : Campbell Jamieson**  
**Gates open: 7.30**  
**Scrutineering: N/A**  
**Drivers briefing: 8.45**  
**Racing Starts: 9.00**  
**Lunch: 12.30**  
**Prizegiving at the conclusion of the day!**



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2017 Prizegiving Winners	
Summer Series	
Cadet	Bronson Pierce
Vortex Mini ROK	Logan Smith
Rotax Max Junior	Pieter van der Elst
Clubsport 120	Nathan Nolly
Rotax Max Light	Campbell Jamieson
Rotax Max Heavy	Jayden Smith
Open	Brendon Jury
Enduro	
Cadet	Judd Christianson
Vortex Mini ROK	Logan Smith
Junior	Thomas Boniface
Senior (Overall)	Brendon & Mike Jury
Senior (Solo)	Brendon King
Senior (1st KT)	Braeden McClenaghan
Senior (1st Heavy)	Richard & Robbie Johnson
Senior 50 Lapper	Rianna O'meara-Hunt
Senior (1st Clubsport 120 - 50 Laps)	Stuart Frew
Club Championship	
Cadet	Euan Dwyer
JR / Vortex Mini ROK	Logan Smith
Junior Open	Thomas Boniface
Clubsport 120	Derek Lawrence
Yamaha Light	Not Contested
Yamaha Heavy	Not Contested
Rotax Max Light	Campbell Jamieson
Rotax Max Heavy	Jayden Smith
Open	Brendon Jury
Champion of Champions	Nick Isaac
Sutton Speed Trophy	Brendon Jury
Winter Series	
Cadet	Hamish Dwyer
JR / Vortex Mini ROK	Logan Smith
Formula Junior	Nathan Cox
Clubsport 120	Nathan Nolly
Rotax Max Light	Campbell Jamieson
Rotax Max Heavy	Jayden Smith
Open	Brendon King

Grand Prix	
Cadet	Euan Dwyer
Junior Restricted	Logan Smith
Junior	Nathan Cox
ClubSport 120	Nathan Nolly
Senior	Campbell Jamieson
Annual Trophies	
Cadet - Most Improved	Hamish Dwyer
Junior Restricted - Most Improved	Ben Isaac
Junior - Most Improved	Nathan Cox
Junior/Senior 1st Year - Most Improved	Jacob Bellamy
Senior - Most Improved	Craig Mason
Dedicated Member	Brendon King
Services to KartSport Taranaki	Jed Barriball



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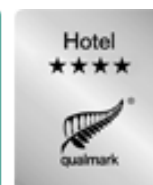
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## Do you have what it takes to drive a real racing Kart?

Do you have a young person bugging you to try karting?

Our Cadet kart is suitable for 6-12 year old drivers.

The 120cc kart suits drivers 12 to 80 years old....

Come and experience the thrill of driving at speed at the Todd Energy Raceway, you will leave with a smile!

It only costs \$60 to climb aboard an 85cc Cadet or 120cc Senior racing kart and turn some laps at the Todd Energy Raceway. This includes an introduction, full safety briefing and 20 minutes on the track!

**Bookings are essential...contact the club to be "buddied-up" for an introductory session.**

If you feel karting is for you, the kart is also available to hire for a full race day sortie, with support and mentoring from an assigned club member once you've had an introductory session.

**IT DOESN'T GET MUCH BETTER THAN THAT!**



All race gear will be provided and use of the kart is by appointment only. Contact us now by email to book your session!!

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