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Newsletter of KartSport Taranaki

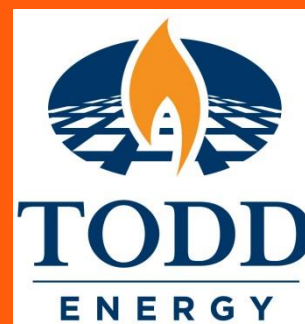
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Presidents Report – Campbell Jamieson

Hi All

For the first time since I joined KartSport Taranaki in May of 2015, I wasn't able to attend our club day as a racer or spectator. It was a real disappointment to break that attendance streak, but as we all know, every once and a while something pops up which takes priority over racing - as unusual as that may sound. I heard through the grapevine that it was another sensational race day though. The Clubsport 120 class seems to gain a new member every month, and the have-a-go karts were in use for the second month running. Let's keep that happening, if you have a friend who you'd like to introduce to karting, please ask them to get in touch with me.

KartSport Wellington hosted a really good second round of the WPKA Goldstar Series at the beginning of March, too. The Rotax field was the largest I have seen in years with an 11

strong line-up of competitors. The collective group of clubsport 120 drivers from Taranaki, Hawkes Bay, and Manawatu returned to Wellington with a vengeance this year, to show the Briggs LO206 drivers of Wellington who was really the king of Kaitoke. Derek Lawrence dominated the field to become KartSport Taranaki's best finisher of the southernmost Goldstar round.

The KartSport New Zealand National Sprint Championships have also come and gone, this year in Rotorua. Another event I was sad to not to be able to attend - but with modern technology was still able to catch a glimpse of the action! If you have not seen it yet, check out the live stream footage here: <https://livestream.com/i-filmsport/KartSportNationalSprintChamps2018>

Looking forward to seeing everyone again soon.

Cheers,
Campbell Jamieson

Club News

Everyone should be aware that the new rear bumper rule has been in force since the 1st of March. There is no requirement to have push back nose cones for club days.

Please note, the April club day has been moved forward 1 week to the 22nd of April.

Most of you will be aware that the committee has decided to dis-allow practising in the clockwise direction until a solution is found for crash protection on the pit gate. This is a safety concern that needs to be addressed. You will still be able to practise in the anti-clockwise direction and we will organise the crash bags to be put across the pit gate on the Saturday before the next clock-wise meeting so you can get some clock-wise practise if you need to. We are looking at options for the pit gate but we need everyone to do their part here.

Goldstar Wellington

We had a number of members competing at the 2nd round of goldstar



down in Wellington on the 4th of March. Derek Lawrence was the standout performer once again with a dominant display. Derek was 1st overall in the points championship and the Raket 120 GP to maintain his lead in the overall series. Raket 120 was well represented again with Nathan Nolly 5th, Stuart Frew 6th and Roger Pepperell 8th.

Jacob Bellamy continues to progress well with a 13th place finish in Cadet ROK. Nathan Cox had a bit of a rough day by all accounts and came home in 22nd place in the Rotax Junior class.

Campbell Jamieson finished 5th overall in the Rotax Max Light class and Simon Wilcox was 3rd in Rotax Max Heavy.

The 3rd round of the series is on the 6th of May in Hawkes Bay.

Road racing

Round 2 of the Superkart Series was held at Taupo on the 8th of April.

Matt Barton and David Cox were competing in the KZ2 class. It was Matt's first meeting back after a while away and he had a pretty good start to the day by qualifying 1st in class and winning the first 2 races. He had a chain break on the start line of race 3 and was beaten to the finish line by an improving Dave in race 4. Dave had a solid weekend with 2 wins and a couple of 2nd place finishes to take the round win again. That leaves Dave with wins from the first 2 rounds of the series to extend his points lead.

Peter Cottam and Derek Lawrence were racing in the Rotax Max Heavy class. Peter is now the proud owner of Logan Boyde's championship winning kart. Peter struggled for pace all day in his new buggy but Derek came on strong after a poor qualifying time to finish the day towards the pointy end in 2nd place with Peter 3rd in what was a small field of karts.

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
- 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 3 SUMMER** **SERIES** **SUNDAY 22 APRIL 2018**

Duty Class : Juniors
Direction: Anti-clockwise
Convenor(s) : Peter Cottam
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!



Peter looking very sharp with Derek beavering away in the background at Taupo.



Matt's kart looks great and had a bit of pace too thanks to Terry. Dave and Nathan in the background.





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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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