

May 2018 Kartorque



Newsletter of KartSport Taranaki

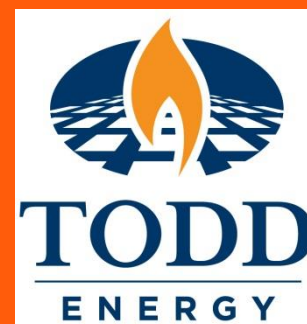
In this issue:

President's report

Event reports

Coming events

And more.....keep reading



Presidents Report – Campbell Jamieson

Hi All,

The 2017/2018 Goldstar series hosted its final round at Hawkes Bay last weekend, and the ever growing KartSport Taranaki squad drove very well! Some of our social members who came along for the ride took advantage of the fact that the Chemz Raceway is situated right in the middle of New Zealand's vineyard capital, and brought their push bikes along to test the quality of their grapes (probably). The officials of the day definitely played a larger role in the day's results than they should have, but everyone had fun nonetheless. The championship round will be hosted over queens birthday weekend, it's a stand alone event which I highly encourage everyone to attend if they can.

The final round of our Summer series is also approaching fast. This year we've had one very committed club member travel from Hastings to compete in every round of the series, as well as the Goldstar series, which is an inspiring

level of dedication to the sport. On top of this our classes appear to growing across the board with new members in almost every class. The common feedback we receive from all of them is how kind and accommodating our veteran members are. It's easy to forget how steep the learning curve to this sport is after years of competition, please keep up the awesome attitudes and continue to help out our new members as much as possible.

You may have seen track closure notices pop up on the KartSport Taranaki facebook page and website occasionally. Stewart Frew has been giving up his weekends to give the staff and children of Todd Energy, our principal sponsors, some track time as gratitude for their ongoing support of the club. This is hard work, so I would like to recognise Stu for his great work organising and running these days. Additionally the busy summer period for our have-a-go karts is starting to ramp down. The whole committee has invested a ton of time into these karts, be it maintenance, or running the bookings. We are looking to build additional storage so that we can

increase the size of our kart fleet, which will no doubt require more volunteers to keep running in the future. Please put your hand up if you can help out.

A few committee positions will be open for new volunteers this AGM. This is still some time away, but joining the committee is not something that can be done on a whim for most people, so I mention this now so that our members have a chance to chat with their spouses and see how they may be able to get more involved with the club.

A 12V battery has gone missing from our tech shed. The battery was brand new for the club's starter motor for the raket karts. If you have seen this or know of its whereabouts please let me know.

Finally, we have a big working bee planned for Sunday, 10 June, at 10:00am. We have a lot of jobs to do, including:

- Spraying for weeds, moss on the track, and Gorse
- Re-attaching the handle on hot cabinet.



- Install a new bug killer in the kitchen.
- Repair the sliding clubroom door.
- Clean tower windows and prevent birds roosting above them.
- Fire signage.
- Check calibration of scales.
- Repair hinges on old weigh shed door.
- Sweep out the pit shelters.
- Fit sleepers behind the big red rubbish bin.
- Clean the gutters
- Fill in dirt behind the curbs at the chicane
- Fence repairs, and install tyres under fence where ground is eroding.

If you have any tools or resources (including old tyres and timber) please get in touch and help us address some of these issues. Please try your best to attend to make the day quick and enjoyable for all.

Thanks,
Campbell Jamieson

Club News

Goldstar Hawkes Bay

Well done to all of our members who made the trek to Hawkes Bay. We had some excellent series results. Well done to all of the clubsport guys for putting on a solid showing throughout the series. Great driving from Derek to win the class! Nathan Nolly took 3rd place with Stu Frew in 5th. Cam had a podium finish in Rotax Light with Simon Wilcox coming home in 6th place.

Road racing

Round 3 of the Superkart Series was held at Hampton Downs last weekend. Peter Cottam was the lone ranger from Taranaki. Peter picked up 3rd place in the rotax max heavy class. By all accounts it was a pretty wet start to the day with one of the international class karts nose diving into the kitty litter around the sweeper to the start

of the main straight and going straight over. Fortunately the driver was OK.

Prokart

Nick was back at prokart racing in KZ2 masters at Tokoroa in April. It was one of those weekends to forget which does happen occasionally. Nick had good pace in the wet tuning run but a poor decision to come in early in the qualifying session to save rubber cost him a place in the top10 shootout when the track started to dry out late in the session. As a result he had to start the first 3 races off P11. Not ideal, but we live and learn. Things were going OK, if not fantastic, making up places in the first 2 heats. Brake dramas in race 3 and a flat tyre in the final saw him drop back to 4th in the series standings. Round 3 is in Rotorua this weekend. Hopefully that's it for dramas this series and he can start moving back up the series standings.

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 4 SUMMER** **SERIES** **SUNDAY 27 MAY 2018**

Duty Class : Seniors

Direction: Anti-clockwise

Convenor(s) : David Cox

Gates open: 8.00

Scrutineering: N/A

Drivers briefing: 8.45

Racing Starts: 9.00

Lunch: 12.30

Prizegiving at the conclusion of the day!





TSB
COMMUNITY
TRUST

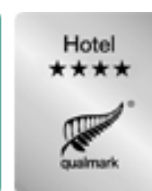


RoTech
Automotive



KARTSPORT TARANAKI SPONSORS

Please support these sponsors who continue to support us



Taranaki By Products Ltd
Manufacturers of Meat Meal, Blood Meal, Poultry Meals & Tallow





www.kartsporttaranaki.co.nz

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!!

What a perfect gift for the petrol-head of the house!!!

camjam36@gmail.com

TSB Community Trust

