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Newsletter of KartSport Taranaki

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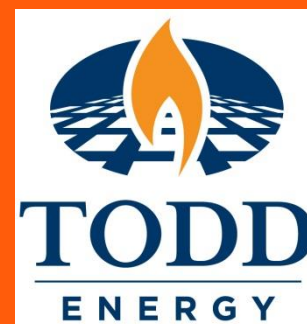
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Presidents Report – Campbell Jamieson

Hi All

It was very refreshing to run a reverse meeting last club day. Last year we had a bit of a drought in that respect, so this year we've jammed the calendar full of them! We'll be running two reverse course meetings per series. You can find out which direction each meeting is being run on the website if you follow this link
<https://www.kartsporttaranaki.co.nz/home/events-calendar/>

If you've followed that link you may also have noticed the right-most column has a duty class listed for each club day. In recent years we haven't enforced the duty class, and many may not even realise it exists. One of my focus points as president has been to look for areas within the club where we do n't have a succession plan. Knowing

how to set up and pack up club days is one of these areas, and I think all will agree that it is an important part of running our club days. Moving forward our convenors will be calling the duty class up to assist with pack up at the end of each day – please take note when your turn comes around. Some jobs include:

1. Turning off the scales, radio and starting lights
2. Packing up the weigh shed printer, live timing screen, and notice board
3. Collecting the clocks and putting them away
4. tidying up the lap scoring board, PA microphones, and magnetic race order tags
5. Emptying rubbish bins around the pits and in the bathrooms

6. Returning flags, cones, and fire extinguishers to their correct homes

7. Cooking the sausages

This is not all of course, but for some of these jobs many are not aware where equipment is stored or how it works – I would like to start passing this knowledge on to ensure our club has the best chance of success in the future!

In April we have the Bucket Bike North Island championship series coming to visit us. This will be a two day meeting held 6-7 April. The track will be closed to karters for practice, but you're all welcome to spectate and even flag marshall on the day.

During scrutineering last club day I noted a few recurring safety issues which it would be great to have everyone pay special attention to this month. Many karts had lead

ballast incorrectly mounted, and others were missing either washers or flanged lock nuts on their wheels. This club day the scrutineers will not be accepting any defects in these areas. Please pay close attention to the following KartSport NZ rules:

1. **L1.1 – Weights To sum this one up, all lead must be secured with minimum 8mm bolts with nylock nuts and 30mm washers. Lead weighing more than 3kg must be bolted in two or more locations.**
2. **K1.26 – Wheel Rims and Hub Assembly This one states that if using non-flanged (i.e. nylock) nuts on your wheel studs, these must have a washer behind them. If using a flanged locking nut a washer must not be used.**

Our next club day is on Sunday, 31 March and will again be in reverse direction! Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

Thanks,

Campbell.



Letter from our Chief Steward

We at KartSport Taranaki love our Motorsport and can be very proud of the great club and much-admired facility we own. Over the years this could not have been achieved without the countless hours from passionate people working for the greater good of the club. Of special note are all the racers and volunteers who put so much time into running meetings, working on the committee and doing all those little things in the background that everybody takes for granted.

Every race meeting requires a huge commitment of time and energy from all the volunteers, many of whom have little connection to the club but a passion for being involved, meeting like-minded people and delivering a top class karting experience and great well run meetings to the competitors. This commitment is a two-way street.

For the club to be successful we try to run a nurturing and positive learning environment on club days, supporting new talent and offering help where needed. As much as the club supports doing this there is also a requirement for us as an Affiliated KartSport New Zealand club to play by and respect the rules. Motor racing can be a dangerous sport and KartSport New Zealand and KartSport Taranaki have put an enormous amount of time and effort into providing a safe facility and safe racing.

It feels apparent that over the past few years the general enforcement of many of the general racing rules

at Club days in particular has been more of an educating role with little hard enforcement.

The feeling is that many of the racers interpret the rules as they wish and few have actually spent time reading the manual and understanding the rules. This is important for parity and fairness for all. Given the high number of preventable incidents of late, we are being forced to apply some of the firmer ways of reinforcing behaviour both on and off the track going forward.

Can we ask at the very least you all make yourselves familiar with some of the following rules before the next club day. Parents, as guardians it is your responsibility to make sure your children understand to the best of their ability the need to keep it fair and play by the rules.

All these rules can be found on the KartSport New Zealand website and most in the Mini Manual and are a great starter to a better understanding of what is required to keep it safe and fun for all.

Section L1 and E Weights
Section J1 and J2 Competition rules and Start /Finish procedures.
Section H1 Flags
Also be aware Sections C8 and C9 are the Judicial code, with the table of penalties for infringement.

I hope this advice is taken in the spirit it is given and wish you all the best for some improved and safer racing at our next meeting.

Steve Boyde

You can't always
control who
walks into
your life...
but you
can control
which window
you throw them out of.



FINALLY...THE BLONDE JOKE TO END ALL BLONDE JOKES!

A blonde woman was speeding down the road in her little red sports car and was pulled over by a woman police officer, who was also a blonde.

The blonde cop asked to see the blonde driver's license. She dug through her purse and was getting progressively more agitated.

'What does it look like?' she finally asked. The policewoman replied, 'It's square and it has your picture on it.'

The driver finally found a square mirror in her purse, looked at it and handed it to the policewoman. 'Here it is,' she said.

The blonde officer looked at the mirror, then handed it back saying, 'OK, you can go. I didn't realize you were a cop...'

Club News

Well done to everyone who ventured over to the sunny Hawkes Bay for the 2nd round of Goldstar.

There was some very close racing in all classes with some top level talent on show again.

Results:

Brad Still – 1st Vortex DVS Senior

Jacob Bellamy – 8th Mini ROK

Brendon Jury – 6th Open Class

Simon Wilcox – 6th Rotax Heavy

Ryann Windley – 12th Cadet ROK

Garth Lacey – 9th Clubsport 120

We are having another working bee tonight at 5pm. Apologies for the late notice, please come if you can.

NEXT EVENT

**Round 3 Summer Series
SUNDAY 31 March
2019**

Duty Class : Clubsport 120

Direction: Clockwise

Convenor(s) : Dave Hammond

Gates open: 8.00

Scrutineering: 8.30 – 9.00

Drivers briefing: 9.15

Racing Starts: 9.30

Lunch: 12.30

Prizegiving at the conclusion of the day!

Technical tips for club racers

This months tech tip: Rear grip

Lack of rear grip

- Increase rear tyre pressures in 1psi increments

- Move rear hubs in 5mm each side.
- Fit longer rear hubs
- Fit more seat stays
- Remove caster from front stub axles (lack of rear grip can often be induced by too much front grip)
- Move seat towards the rear 5mm – 10mm
- Fit rear bar

Too much rear grip – Kart is pushing

- Lower rear tyre pressures
- Increase front tyre pressures
- Fit shorter hubs
- Remove rear bar
- Increase rear track width
- Remove seat stays
- Move seat forward 5mm – 10mm
- Check toe settings – toe out will help turn –in.
- Increase caster to help turn in.
- Increase front track width

One or a combination of these things should make a difference to how your kart is handling. Try it and see for yourself. The key when making changes is not to make them all at once. Spend some time learning what each change does and write it down. Over time, you'll get to know quite quickly what to do when your kart isn't handling well.

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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!!

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

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TSB Community Trust

