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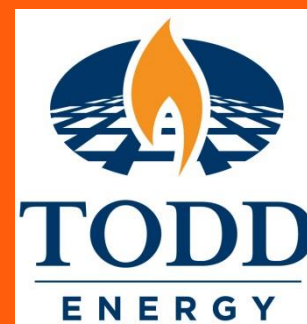
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Presidents Report – Simon Wilcox

Hi Everyone, just a quick note as the new president. Before I get into it too much though I would like to thank Campbell for all the hard work he has put into his time as president. He has done a great job over the last couple of years and has left the club in a good position which will no doubt make my life easier. I would also like to thank all the returning and new committee members. I joined the committee last year and have been impressed with the way all members of the committee chip in and take on various roles so that we can all do what we really want, go racing.

Its looking like another busy year for the club with a few large projects that we will be aiming to complete, Goldstar coming up in November and the continuation of the Have a Go programme.

Some of you may have seen the state of the perimeter fence and the crash bags around the track. The committee will be working to get a funding

application done in the next few months with the aim of replacing both these important safety items. As you can imagine this is a large project both in terms of cost and scale of the job.

Goldstar series will be starting again in November at our track and I encourage you all to give it a go. It's a great series and a good introduction to racing at some of the larger meetings. It's also a great opportunity to race against some of the best drivers in the country and improve your race craft. Travelling away to the other tracks is a unique experience not only to race on a different track but also the social side!

The Have a Go programme has had another busy year with lots of people going through it, and it has been great for me personally, to see a number I took through the programme to go on and join the club and start their karting journey. As you can imagine like any club, we need to continually work at attracting new members and the 'Have a Go' is a great way to do it. Don't forget you can also play a part in this and if you know of someone you may think would like karting, introduce

them to it by suggesting a have a go session. Remember it's not only the club karts that can be used for have a go, if you have a mate that wants to do a few laps in your kart get in touch with me or Nick Isaac (our new "Have a Go" manager) and we can help you out as there are some important safety steps that need to be done to make this possible.

Lastly if you have any questions or suggestions, good or bad, please get in touch with me to discuss. Email me on simon.wilcox@xtra.co.nz, give me a call on 021 509982 or come see me on a race day.

See you all on race day, Simon.

Club News

Hi guys, remember it's daylight savings change over on Saturday night, so don't forget to put your clocks forward before bed, or you'll be an hour late to club day!

You should have all received an email from Melissa at Supreme Karts to update your club membership.



Memberships are due on the 1st of October so please get them done ASAP.

Working Bee

We will be having a working bee at the track on Wednesday the 2nd of October at 5pm to start getting the track tidied up before Goldstar. We have a decent list of jobs to be done, so please make an effort to come along and help out.

Blossom

We had 3 drivers make the trek over to the Hawkes Bay to compete in the annual blossom event. It was a smaller field this year but the level of competition was still high.

Brad Still took the win in the Senior DVS class, with Simon Wilcox 4th in Rotax Max heavy. Jacob Bellamy had a few on track issues and finished 9th in Vortex Mini ROK, but came home strong in the GP to take 2nd place and grab a trophy!

Goldstar

As Simon has mentioned, Goldstar will be upon us very soon. The entry form is now on the website for the first round, which is here at our home track. It would be great to have a strong club turnout for this iconic series. It's a great way to test yourself against racers from other areas, and being at home, you have the advantage and also don't have to travel!

Practise rules

It's fantastic to see so many new faces in the club. The track was busy last weekend with lots of people practising. We do need to remember a few things though.

No driving in the pits. Stop at the end of the pit shute and push your kart through the pits.

Only drivers with a practise or racing license are permitted to use the track.

These rules are for everyones safety so please obey them.

Rule changes

Please read the new rule regarding starts. This rule will come into force on the 1st of November but we will practise it at our next few club days.

Rules J2.10 Rolling Start Laps and J2.11.1 Taking the Start -Sprint
Replace the current Rules with the following:
J2.10 ROLLING START LAPS: •Once karts leave the Out Grid they should proceed, in single file and in allocated grid order, at up to race speed for approximately 1.5 laps until reaching the Blue Slow Down Line (or cones on temporary circuits) for the second time. The field must keep up respectively with the Pole Kart during the 1.5 warm up laps. No sudden or heavy braking is permitted. (The position of
Rule Changes 2019-3 –Published 14.9.19
the Blue Line across the track is approximately 200 metres before the Red Line, and is subject to the prior approval of the National Track and Safety Inspector.) •Should a competitor stop, leave the track or spin on the warm up laps, they may not attempt to restart or re-join until the field has passed. They may then re-join at the back of the field and remain at the back. Should the Starter, the Clerk of the Course or the Race Director consider that the competitor has been disadvantaged through no fault of their own they may signal the competitor to return to their allocated grid position. •From the second crossing of the Blue Slow Down Line the Pole Kart must slow to formation speed as per J2.11. Weaving is no longer permitted and the field forms into close formation prior to reaching the Red Formation Line. It is the responsibility of the Pole Kart to ensure the field is formed, or had full opportunity to form, into the correct close formation by the Red Formation Line, as judged by the Starter, Clerk of the Course or Race Director. •A competitor out of position on the warm up laps, and entitled to regain position, should raise a hand and proceed to safely regain their allocated

grid position. This must be partially or fully completed before the Red Formation Line is reached for the second time. Once the Red Formation Line has been reached for the second time all karts must hold their respective position regardless. •Karts may not receive assistance once a warm up lap has commenced except as allowed under Rule J1.6 or where a designated pit lane for SuperKarts or a repair lane for Sprint karts is in operation. •Any gaps in a grid shall remain as gaps until the start is given. If the Pole Kart drops out the next gridded kart assumes the responsibilities of the Pole Kart, etc. •(NOTE: For Group F Club Days only, the pre start warm up laps procedure may be shortened. If so, competitors will be advised at Drivers Briefing.)
J2.11 TAKING THE START:
J2.11.1 SPRINT: •All karts must maintain their position in close formation from the Red Formation Line (or cones on temporary circuits) until the Start Signal is given. (The position of the Red Line across the track is approximately 100 metres before the Yellow Line, and is subject to the prior approval of the National Track and Safety Inspector.) •It is the responsibility of the Pole Kart to deliver the field from the Red Formation Line to the entrance to the Start Zone (indicated by a Yellow Line) at a constant slow speed as assessed solely by the judgment of the Starter or Race Director. •Gearbox karts must have a gear fully engaged and driving the rear axle from the Red Formation Line until the Start Signal is given. •The Pole Kart may accelerate at any time after entering the Start Zone. The rest of the field may accelerate after the Pole Kart has accelerated within the Start Zone, but NO kart may move out of formation until the Start Signal is given. •The Pole Kart must not be passed before the Start Signal is given. If the Start Signal is not given before the Pole Kart crosses the Start Line a rolling lap, with karts in close formation, occurs. •The Start Signal is indicated by the Start Lights being

extinguished or by the drop of a Green Flag. •A kart is deemed to have started if it crosses the Start Line under its own motive power after the Start Signal has been given and before the leading kart has completed the first racing lap. Circuits without Lanes: Competitors must place their rear wheel adjacent to, but not on or over, the respective parallel white line in the middle of the track until the Start Signal is given (except in the case of a single row restart –Rule J2.19). Circuits with Lanes: Karts must remain wholly within the respective marked lane until the Start Signal is given (except in the case of a single row restart –Rule J2.19)

Tech tips

This months tech tip – Rear Grip

It's a common complaint when a driver finishes a session. "I've got no rear grip". We could delve deeper into this topic but for now, here's a list of things you could change on your kart to help with more rear grip.

- Fit longer rear hubs
- Decrease the rear track width
- Increase rear tyre pressures
- Fit additional seat stays
- Raise the rear ride height
- Change to a different compound rear axle

Conversely, if you are suffering from too much rear grip, the kart might be hopping through turns or is pushing into corners, do the opposite from what's listed above. As normal with setup changes, try one thing at a time so you can gauge what made the difference.



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NEXT EVENT ROUND 4 WINTER SERIES SUNDAY 29 SEPT 2019

Duty Class : Juniors

Direction: Anti-clockwise

Convenor(s) : Dave Hammond

Gates open: 8.00

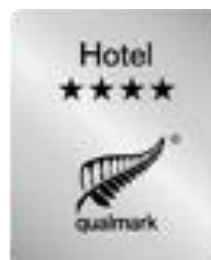
Scrutineering: 8.15

Drivers briefing: 8.45

Racing Starts: 9.00

Lunch: 12.30

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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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