



## Newsletter of KartSport Taranaki

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by Robert Boniface

The weather has been hotting up, as has the racing around the country. Our drivers have been away racing in Auckland, Palmerston North, Manfield and Rotorua to mention a few tracks. The City of Sails event was the first hit-out in NZ for us and we had a very poor event. It just goes to show that in order to be competitive you need to spend the time doing the ground-work. We're guilty of not practising as much as we should have and our performance suffered as a result. Clearly, we have a lot of work to do before the Nationals in Blenheim over Easter!

Congrats have to go to Ben Thom, Nick Isaac and Derek Lawrence who all secured a new plate at the NZ Superkart Nationals in February. Well done lads, another great result for the club! Another driver who has been punching well above his weight is Dylan Frere, who scored a race win and some excellent results at the KartSport Rotorua Top Half Rd 1 meeting on 16 February. Dylan is proving to be a real contender in the Junior Restricted class and it won't be long before he gets the success he deserves for his efforts.

There is still a bit of dismay at the lack of numbers coming to club day, the Feb. event recorded only 24 drivers. There is a lot of racing going on right now and there is a number of events to choose from, but the grassroots racing is being neglected which is a shame. The club relies on support from its membership to survive and currently we are approaching the point where club days are not sustainable. I don't like to be a "doom-and-gloom" merchant, but if the current trend continues, I fear for the future of the club. It really is up to you, the members, to get along to club days and support them.

I recently had a robust discussion with a friend who was complaining that the local book store was too dear, and that he only came to the store to see what book he wanted so he could buy it online. When the book store actually closed down, he proceeded to complain about that as well! He could not see why it was important to support the local store, but was annoyed when the book store was forced to close its doors? The same can be said for our club, track sponsors

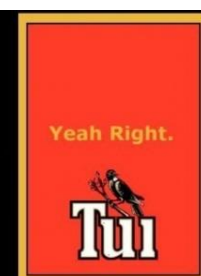
and other supporters...think about it before going online to buy something that may be 5% cheaper.

The club hire kart is almost ready to go now, we're just awaiting the engine to be fitted up and finalising of the rules and charge-rates around its usage. The engine is a brand new Raket 120 unit bought by the club. Hopefully it may be a good way to get a few new members keen on kart racing?

### New Todd Energy Raceway signage

The framing for the new signage has been completed and once we receive advice from the signwriter, we will arrange for a few able bodies to come to the track and put it up! Marty from Typeface in Wellington is responsible for the design...cheers Marty!!

**I wish there  
was some more  
racing going  
on...**



**Did you hear...?**

- ☺ We still don't have a full time Race Secretary yet. Although, after the February club day, I can see why it's called the "Chook house", as Chrissy had a number of trainees helping her out and it looked like they were having fun up there!
- ☺ Bronwyn Greenway achieved her "C" rating at the February club day! Congratulations Bronwyn on reaching this milestone!
- ☺ Colin Giltrap was in town recently addressing NPBHS students about his lifelong obsession with motorsport. Apparently, he is an ex-NPBHS student himself.
- ☺ There is a rumour around that a street race is being planned for New Plymouth, along the lines of the historic one that put Taranaki on the karting map many years ago. I wonder how many of you would support an event like this..?
- ☺ Aaron Marr is currently sitting in 3rd position overall in the NZ Formula Ford Championships, in his first season. He scored two race victories at Hampton Downs recently and is really doing well as a rookie FF driver. Well done Aaron and Lloyd!
- ☺ Three of our newest Cadet drivers have been running the new ROK engines and are starting to drive really consistently and well. Keep up the good work Logan, Corbin and Euan!
- ☺ The 2015 NZ Sprint Nationals are to be held in Palmerston North over Easter.
- ☺ Accommodation in Blenheim has been sold out for months. If you are intending to travel to the Nationals this Easter, make sure you have your ferry crossing and accommodation sorted out now...or you may be disappointed!
- ☺ Thomas Boniface heads to back to Australia to race at the Victoria Open State Championships in March 7, 8 & 9. The team has been fundraising recently and is excited about the trip back across the ditch.

**Monthly Caption Contest**

Here's the December/January photo which received no captions....

**This month's caption contest...**

However, this is the latest photo which I'm sure will attract a good caption!



I'm sure you can all come up with something for this ..... send them to me at [htbauto@xtra.co.nz](mailto:htbauto@xtra.co.nz).

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Thanks to all those who have supplied information for the newsletter...keep it coming if you want it to be a good publication. Photos of race-days, driver profiles, funny photos for captions are good please? Robert.

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**Birthdays for January/February**

Dylan Frere	15 Jan.	13yrs
Eifion Williams	1 Feb.	55yrs
Carol Podjursky	3 Feb.	16yrs
Scott Robertson	4 Feb.	23yrs
Christine Podjursky	9 Feb.	19yrs
Morgan Dietschin	14 Feb.	18yrs
Ryan Jury	15 Feb.	14yrs
Anthony Bruce	18 Feb.	21yrs
Mark Peters	19 Feb.	50yrs
Mike Jury	20 Feb.	45yrs
Adam Prestney	20 Feb.	28yrs
Debbie Biesiek	25 Feb.	38yrs
Duane Taylor	25 Feb.	39yrs
Andy Schofield	28 Feb.	19yrs

*Happy birthday to all these members!*

**Next Club Day: 23 March 2014**

**Event:** Club Championships, Sutton Speed Trophy & Champ of Champs meeting

**Duty Class:** Cadet, JR & Junior

**Direction:** Anti-clockwise

**Convenor(s):** Mike Jury

**Race day sponsor:** Pace Power & Air Ltd

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### Presidents Report - Teri Collins

Hi everyone,

*Our drivers have been doing us proud again, firstly with Ben Thom, Derek Lawrence and Nick Isaac winning new plates at the Superkart Nationals and then with Thomas Boniface having a first-up win in Australia at the Junior Top Guns meeting in Melbourne. Then we had the Frere family flying the Taranaki flag in Rotorua and Aaron de Ridder and Brad Still getting stuck in at the first round of the Prokart series in Palmerston North. Well done to all of you travelling away and representing our club.*

*The next event we have coming up at Todd Energy Raceway is the 4th round of the Supreme Kart Supplies WPKA Goldstar series, set to happen on 3 & 4 May. If you are not competing in the round, and are available to help out in some way, please make sure you let a committee member know. It would be great to be able to put on another great Goldstar event, even if the overall series numbers are disappointing this year.*

*The committee is working on some initiatives to promote the club currently, so if you have any ideas you would like to table, feel free to let someone know. Sadly, the committee doesn't get as much feedback from the membership as it needs to.*

*See you all on the 23rd of March for the Club Champs, Sutton Speed Trophy and the Champ of Champs trophies. This is one of big events each year so a big turnout would be fantastic!*

*Cheers for now....Teri*

### Coming local events (see below)

#### 2013/14 SUPREME KART SUPPLIES WPKA Goldstar Series

Rd1 - 3 November 2013, Manawatu

Rd2 - 1 December 2013, Wellington

Rd3 - 2 March, Hawkes Bay

Rd4 - 4 May, Todd Energy Raceway

Championship Rd - 2 June, Manawatu

#### 2014 National and Other Events

CIK, 25-26 Jan 2014, Wgtn.

Top Half Rd 1, 15-16 Feb 2014, Rot.

Prokart Rd 1, 22-23 Feb 2014, Manwtu

Top Half Rd 2, 8-9 Mar 2014, Ham.

Prokart Rd 2, 15-16 Mar 2014, Rot.

Top Half Rd 3, 29-30 Mar 2014, EBoP

Nationals, 19-20 Apr 2014, Blen.

Prokart Rd 3, 17-18 May 2014, Ham.

Prokart Rd 4, 7-8 Jun 2014, BoP

Top Half Rd 4, 21-22 Jun 2014, Akld

NZ Schools, 12-13 Jul 2014, Manwtu

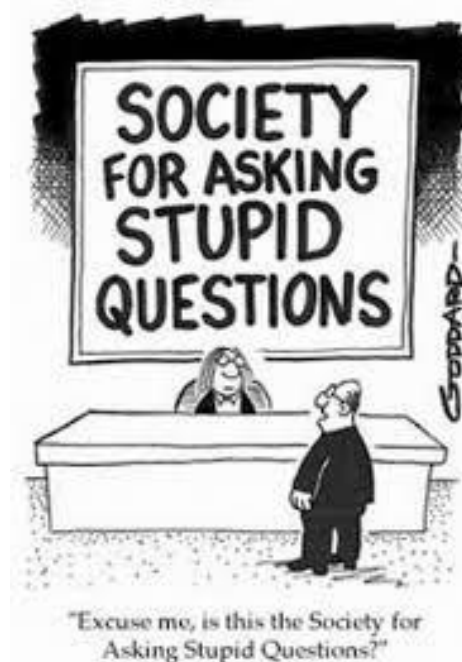
Prokart Rd 5, 16-17 Aug 2014, H. Bay

Blossom, 6-7 Sept 2014, H. Bay

Prokart Rd 6, 20-21 Sep 2014, Akld

North Islands, 25-26 Oct. 2014, Rot.

### Have you ever met someone like this?



### Technical Night

The club is **still** working on trying to arrange a "technical night" to assist those new to our sport to gain understanding of the basics of kart setup, maintenance, preparation and other stuff. The idea is to hold it one evening at Supreme Kart Supplies and to go over a few things to help you understand how these pieces of equipment are supposed to work. Once a date is finalised, an email will be sent to you all (those that receive this by email!) to let you know when it will happen.



Bring your kart if there is something burning you need help with and we may be able to collaboratively solve any issues you are having. There will be a hand-out for you to take away with some of the basics on it. Keep your eyes peeled for the date.



The next working bee to be held at the track is at 5pm on Thursday 13 March. We have a number of jobs to be done as follows:

Weeding, spraying, water blasting, general tidying, window cleaning, crash bag repairs.....etc

Please come along and assist the tidy up of the track for the Goldstar Round and other events before we get into winter.

## 2014 Superkart Nationals race report – by Nick Issac

It was the best race I've ever competed in as far as intensity goes. Over a dozen lead changes in the final. I qualified P2 and won the race by 0.022 seconds. Now that's close racing! With road racing there is a huge benefit in drafting on the long circuit and the speed of the National class tops 180km/h.

The National class competition has really stepped up a notch this year with the lap times for our class really dropping due to the development that guys are putting into their gear. Last year the Nationals was won with lap times in the 1.14's. This year if you weren't in the 1.11 - 1.12s bracket you were gone. All of the engines at the pointy end of the field are pretty close in performance now which makes for close racing.

I battled all day with the defending NZ title holder, Steve Wilton from Wellington and fellow Wellingtonian Chris Simmonds, who were both running fast CR250's. The three of us had an edge on the rest of the field and there wasn't much in it at the end of the day. I had one race win and a couple of third placings. I was tied on points for 2nd place with Steve but he secured two wins which gave him 2nd place. Chris took it out with consistent 2nd placings all day and a win in the final.

The Superkart Drivers Club road race series is fantastic. If you have never been road racing before then give it a go. Rotax guys only need to change their gearing, bodywork isn't essential, sprint bodywork is fine. National class is open to KZ2 as well as 250's. KZ2 carries a lower MAW and those guys were cranking out some good times on the weekend too. This year the series is being run in conjunction with the NZ racing drivers league at Manfield, Taupo and Hampton Downs and will be the best series yet. I believe we're racing with the V8 Super Tourers at

one of the rounds? Once you've been road racing you will love it.

Check out the Superkart Drivers Club Facebook page for everything you need to know including videos of races. Road racing is growing in popularity again after a few years of being the forgotten form of karting in NZ and I can guarantee it will put a smile on your face. If anyone wants to know more about road racing then I'm happy to help. The first round of the series is back at Manfield on the 1st of March.

Taranaki drivers' final results from the NZ Superkart Nationals were:

### Rotax Max Light:

Ben Thom	<b>2NZ</b>
Derek Lawrence	<b>3NZ</b>
Geoff Thom	9th
Peter Cottam	13th

### National Class:

Nick Issac	<b>3NZ</b>
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Congratulations to all our drivers doing the club proud!

## 2014 Prokart Series, Round 1 results from Manawatu Toyota Raceway

KartSport Taranaki was represented by Brad Still (Rotax Max Light) and Aaron de Ridder (Rotax Max Heavy) over the weekend of 22/23 February in Palmerston North. The racing was fast and furious with our guys suffering a bit of damage during the weekend. The following results were achieved:

### Rotax Max Light - Brad Still

Qualified	16th
H1	(F) 12th
H2	(F) 19th
Pre Final	(S) 16th (F) 12th
Final	(S) 12th (F) <b>15th</b>

### Rotax Max Heavy - Aaron de Ridder

Qualified	8th
H1	(F) 12th
H2	(F) 10th
Pre Final	(S) 9th (F) 9th
Final	(S) 9th (F) <b>12th</b>

## Some comic relief...

Poor Schapelle Corby, she's missed out on so many things from the past 10 years. Imagine when she goes to use the self-serve checkout at Woolworths for the first time. 'Unexpected item in bagging area'...oh bugger, not this again!

David Bain's wedding reception ended yesterday with a round of shots for the family...

I was at the swimming pool the other day and decided to have a sneaky wee in the deep end. The life guard must have noticed. He blew his whistle so loud, I almost fell in!

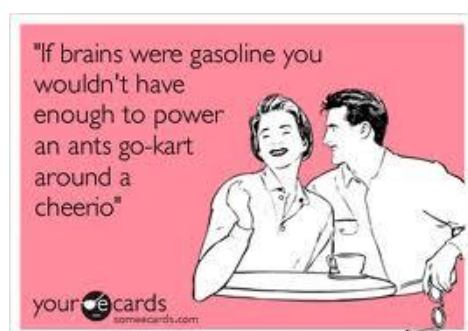
Dad goes out and buys lie detector robot which slaps people when they tell lies. He decides to test it out over dinner one night. "Son, where were you today?" His son says "At school dad." The robot proceeds to slap the son! "Ok, I watched Toy Story at my friends house." Bam! The robot slaps his son again!

"Ok, ok..it was porn!" cries the son. Dad yells "What! When I was your age I didn't know what porn was!" The robot slaps the dad really hard! Mum laughs, "Ha ha ha, he's certainly YOUR son!" With that, the robot slaps the mum, even harder!!

Paddy finds a sandwich with two wires sticking out of it. He phones the Police and says "Bejeasus, I've just found a sandwich dat looks like a bomb."

The operator asks.. "Is it ticken."

Paddy says "No.. oi tink it's Beef."



## Current Club points

## SUMMER SERIES - POINTS October 2013 to April 2014

\*\* Penalty Points = Number of Entries on day x 4 plus 20

If you have any queries please let me know, thanks - Robert Boniface

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	OCT	NOV	JAN	FEB	APR	TOTALS
<b>CADET</b>						
<b>Penalty Points **</b>	36	40	0	40	0	
Boniface, Thomas	4	5	0	4	0	13
Smith, Logan	8	12	0	10	0	30
Smith, Corbin	12	16	0	16	0	44
Kenny, Isiah	36	6	0	9	0	51
Dwyer, Euan	16	19	0	17	0	52
<b>JUNIOR RESTRICTED</b>						
<b>Penalty Points **</b>	32	36	0	28	0	
Johnson, Robbie	12	11	0	4	0	27
Frere, Dylan	4	6	0	28	0	38
Jury, Ryan	8	5	0	28	0	41
Cox, Nathan	32	14	0	8	0	54
<b>JUNIOR 100cc YAMAHA</b>						
<b>Penalty Points **</b>	36	44	0	40	0	
Jury, Brendon	4	4	0	4	0	12
Dwyer, Jonathan	12	12	0	13	0	37
Smith, Jayden	16	16	0	18	0	50
Riddick, Zane	8	8	0	40	0	56
Jury, Ryan	36	44	0	8	0	88
Boniface, Jessica	36	44	0	12	0	92
Biesiek, Stacey	36	19	0	40	0	95
Ingram, Chloe	36	21	0	40	0	97
<b>FORMULA JUNIOR</b>						
<b>Penalty Points **</b>	24	0	0	0	0	
Podjursky, Matthew	4	0	0	0	0	4
<b>CLUB CLASS</b>						
<b>Penalty Points **</b>	32	0	0	24	0	
Greenway, Bronwyn	11	0	0	4	0	15
Robertson, Scott	4	0	0	24	0	28
Robertson, Keith	7	0	0	24	0	31
<b>CLUBSPORT 120</b>						
<b>Penalty Points **</b>	28	28	0	36	0	
Lawrence, Derek	8	28	0	7	0	43
Lacey, Garth	28	6	0	13	0	47
Williams, Eifion	4	10	0	36	0	50
Soper, Gary	28	28	0	4	0	60
Hooper, Mervyn	28	28	0	14	0	70

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<b>SENIOR YAMAHA LIGHT</b>						
<b>Penalty Points **</b>	36	28	0	28	0	
Boyd, Logan	10	4	0	8	0	22
Williams, Scott	4	28	0	4	0	36
Bruce, Anthony	9	28	0	28	0	65
Still, Brad	13	28	0	28	0	69
Biesiek, Simon	36	8	0	28	0	72
<b>SENIOR YAMAHA HEAVY</b>						
<b>Penalty Points **</b>	24	24	0	24	0	
de Ridder, Aaron	4	4	0	24	0	32
Robinson, Greg	24	24	0	4	0	52
<b>ROTAX MAX LIGHT</b>						
<b>Penalty Points **</b>	40	40	0	24	0	
Humphrey, Andrea	13	7	0	24	0	44
Bruce, Anthony	8	14	0	24	0	46
Cox, David	40	13	0	4	0	57
Thom, Ben	4	40	0	24	0	68
Still, Brad	40	4	0	24	0	68
Dietschin, Morgan	15	40	0	24	0	79
Smith, Blair	18	40	0	24	0	82
Jury, Paul	40	19	0	24	0	83
<b>ROTAX MAX HEAVY</b>						
<b>Penalty Points **</b>	32	28	0	32	0	
Johnson, Richard	4	4	0	8	0	16
Taylor, Duane	12	8	0	32	0	52
de Ridder, Aaron	32	28	0	4	0	64
Dobson, Josh	8	28	0	32	0	68
Nolly, Nathan	32	28	0	12	0	72
<b>OPEN CLASS</b>						
<b>Penalty Points **</b>	28	28	0	28	0	
Jury, Mike	6	4	0	28	0	38
Riddick, Brittany	5	7	0	28	0	40

## GRAND PRIX - POINTS

October 2013 to September 2014

(Penalty Points = Standard 20 Point Penalty)

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	OCT	NOV	JAN	FEB	APR	MAY	JUL	AUG	SEP	TOTALS
<b>CADET GP</b>										
<b>Penalty Points</b>	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
Boniface, Thomas	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Smith, Logan	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	7
Smith, Corbin	3	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	11
Dwyer, Euan	4	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	14
Kenny, Isiah	20	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	25
<b>JUNIOR RESTRICTED GP</b>										
<b>Penalty Points</b>	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
Robbie Johnson	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
Frere, Dylan	1	1	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	22
Jury, Ryan	2	2	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	24
Cox, Nathan	20	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	26
<b>JUNIOR GP</b>										
<b>Penalty Points</b>	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
Jury, Brendon	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Dwyer, Jonathan	4	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	10
Smith, Jayden	5	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	13
Riddick, Zane	3	2	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	25
Podjursky, Matthew	1	20	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	41
Jury, Ryan	20	20	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	42
Ingram, Chloe	20	5	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	45
Boniface, Jessica	20	20	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	45
Biesiek, Stacey	20	6	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	46
<b>SENIOR GP</b>										
<b>Penalty Points</b>	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
Boyd, Logan	5	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	12
Johnson, Richard	9	7	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	19
Riddick, Brittany	1	2	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	23
Still, Brad	3	3	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	26
Greenway, Bronwyn	8	20	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	32
Williams, Scott	10	20	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	35
Jury, Mike	20	1	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	41
de Ridder, Aaron	20	20	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	41
Bruce, Anthony	2	20	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	42
Humphrey, Andrea	4	20	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	44
Cox, David	20	4	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	44
Smith, Blair	6	20	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	46
Biesiek, Simon	20	6	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	46
Dobson, Josh	7	20	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	47



## Kartsport Taranaki - 2014 Race Calendar



Day	Month	Year	Event Details	Direction	Convenor(s)	Duty Class(es)
26	Jan	2014	Fun Day	Clockwise	TBC	Yamaha & ClubSport
26	Jan	2014	CIK Trophy of New Zealand		Wellington	
15/16	Feb	2014	Top Half Round 1		Rotorua	
16	Feb	2014	Club Day, Summer Series Round 3	Anti-clockwise	Mike Jury	Rotax & Open
2	Mar	2014	Supreme Kart Supplies WPKA Goldstar Series Round 3		Hawkes Bay	
8/9	Mar	2014	Top Half Round 2		Hamilton	
29/30	Mar	2014	Top Half Round 3		Eastern Bay of Plenty (Edgumbe)	
23	Mar	2014	Club Championships, Sutton Speed Trophy, Champion of Champions	Anti-clockwise	Mike Jury	Cadet, JR & Junior
18/21	Apr	2014	New Zealand Sprint National Championships		Blenheim	
27	Apr	2014	Club Day, Summer Series Round 4	Clockwise	TBC	Yamaha & ClubSport
4	May	2014	Supreme Kart Supplies WPKA Goldstar Series Round 4		Taranaki	
25	May	2014	Club Day, Winter Series Round 1	Clockwise	TBC	Rotax & Open
1	Jun	2014	Supreme Kart Supplies WPKA Goldstar Series Championship/Trophy Round		Manawatu	
21/22	Jun	2014	Top Half Round 4		Auckland	
29	Jun	2014	Annual Club Enduro Day	Anti-clockwise	TBC	Cadet, JR & Junior
12/13	Jul	2014	National Schools Championships		Manawatu	
27	Jul	2014	Winter Series Round 2, Senior 50 lapper	Anti-clockwise	TBC	Yamaha & ClubSport
31	Aug	2014	Club Day, Winter Series Round 3	Clockwise	TBC	Rotax & Open
6/7	Sep	2014	47th Annual Blossom Meeting		Hawkes Bay	
28	Sep	2014	Club Day, Winter Series Round 4	Anti-clockwise	TBC	Cadet, JR & Junior
25/26	Oct	2014	North Island Sprint Championships		Rotorua	
25/26	Oct	2014	South Island Sprint Championships			
19	Oct	2014	Club Day, Summer Series Round 1	Clockwise	TBC	Yamaha & ClubSport
30	Nov	2014	Club Day, Summer Series Round 2	Anti-clockwise	TBC	Rotax & Open
14	Dec	2014	Xmas Fun Day	TBC	TBC	Cadet, JR & Junior

	Club competition day
	Interclub meeting
	National meeting
	Other meeting

### Supreme Kart Supplies WPKA Goldstar Series 2013-14

The Supreme Kart Supplies WPKA Goldstar Series 2013/14 will be held over four rounds at each of the WPKA clubs from November 2013 to May 2014. This annual event is contested between the four WPKA Clubs being Manawatu, Wellington, Hawkes Bay and Taranaki. The series is again sponsored by **Supreme Kart Supplies** and will run over four rounds as below. The series is open only to members of the four WPKA Clubs.

<b>Round 1</b>	<b>3 November 2013</b>	<b>Manawatu</b>	<b>Anti-Clockwise</b>
<b>Round 2</b>	<b>1 December 2013</b>	<b>Wellington</b>	<b>Clockwise</b>
<b>Round 3</b>	<b>2 March 2014</b>	<b>Hawkes Bay</b>	<b>Anti-Clockwise</b>
<b>Round 4</b>	<b>4 May 2014</b>	<b>Taranaki</b>	<b>Anti-Clockwise</b>



#### Classes

- Cadet
- Junior Restricted 100cc Yamaha
- Junior 100cc Yamaha
- Clubsport 120
- 125cc Rotax Max Light
- 125cc Rotax Max Heavy

A Series Entry Form plus Series Supplementary Rules, Information and Calendar is available for download on [www.wпка.org.nz/](http://www.wпка.org.nz/) or [www.kartsport.org.nz/events/2013-14-wпка-goldstar-series](http://www.kartsport.org.nz/events/2013-14-wпка-goldstar-series). For further enquires please contact:

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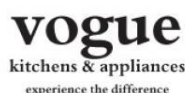
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**Current Track Records as at 29 September 2013**

Class	Anti-Clock	Date Set	Kart #	Name
Cadet	31.887	26/09/10	77	Matthew Podjursky
Junior Restricted	29.983	22/02/09	12	Aaron Marr
Junior Yamaha	28.897	31/07/11	5	Brittany Riddick
KF3	28.138	19/10/12	33	Arran Crighton
Club Class	29.773	30/09/12	5	Warren Riddick
ClubSport 120	31.585	07/05/06	13	Dan Snedden
Yamaha Light	28.978	29/03/09	37	Alex Geary
Yamaha Heavy	29.433	31/08/08	12	Derek Lawrence
Rotax Max Light	27.990	07/08/05	3	Bradley Tyrrell
Rotax Max Heavy	28.617	19/10/12	21	Shaun Reay
KF2	27.088	20/10/12	1	Arie Hutton
Formula 125S	26.782	07/08/05	92	Leigh Tidman
KZ2	26.311	08/03/09	1	Ryan Grant
Open	26.595	29/03/09	95	Michael Kiser

Class	Clockwise	Date Set	Kart #	Name
Cadet	31.978	02/05/10	77	Matthew Podjursky
Junior Restricted	30.070	29/05/11	NZ	Thomas Joyes
Junior Yamaha	28.744	28/09/08	37	Alex Geary
KF3	28.229	25/04/10	12	Aaron Marr
Formula Junior	28.431	29/09/13	77	Matthew Podjursky
Club Class	29.656	31/10/10	5	Warren Riddick
ClubSport 120	31.944	30/10/11	9	Warren Riddick
Yamaha Light	28.889	28/09/08	24	Brad Still
Yamaha Heavy	29.353	02/05/10	92	Zac Zaloum
Rotax Max Light	28.128	28/07/13	33	Brad Still
Rotax Max Heavy	28.389	02/05/10	92	Zac Zaloum
Formula 125S	26.764	05/08/07	7	Jason Lee
KZ2	26.205	06/08/07	3	Ryan Grant
Open	26.607	02/05/10	50	Nik Kiser



## **SMOOTH DRIVING TECHNIQUES – source...the Internet!**

*"I try to be as smooth as possible. When I go into a corner, I turn the wheel enough to get to the apex, but then I make sure I have the wheel centered in the corner as much as possible." - Davide Fore (Multiple World Karting Champ)*

Davide sums up the whole philosophy of elite kart driving perfectly there for you. The meaning of life for the advanced kart driver is to adjust the steering angle during cornering as little as possible AND to have the wheel as close to centered the whole time. Now, it seems fairly obvious that driving smooth is fastest. You'll hear Martin Brundle complaining about drivers sawing at the wheel too much on F1 coverage, or marvelling at how smooth Jenson Button is. It's pretty much general knowledge that driving smooth is the way to go, but telling someone how to drive smooth is useless without telling them how to drive smooth! It's easy to drive smooth, my granny drives very smooth on the way to the supermarket but she aint fast!!

Anyone can drive smooth and slow, so the act of turning the steering gently and carefully isn't a problem for any driver when the kart isn't on the limit. It is when drivers start to push that smoothness goes out the window. There are a few reasons for this:-

- Lack of fitness.
- Drivers feel that to go faster they need to apply more effort to the wheel.
- Smooth accurate steering starts with a smooth and accurate right foot.
- The driver lacks an appreciation of the huge significance of load transfer.

The first key to smoothness is **strength and fitness**. When you first try to drive smooth it is hard work. Holding the steering straight in a corner against the will of the kart will drain you, and it is far less effort to flick the kart into a corner and lazily hang the rear out. Yes, sliding the rear around is the lazy way to drive! You heard it here first. There is some good news however, once you master load transfer and the art of smoothness it suddenly becomes very easy physically, but you won't get to that stage unless you get fit and have incredible upper body strength and core muscle strength. Use your will power and determination away from the track to get in shape - not on the track when you drive! When you get into your kart to drive, you need to have done all the hard work already in training and studying your art. Push ups require hard work and effort, but the actual act of driving takes finesse and care. If you don't train for driving, but show up at the track with the attitude that you can make extra efforts while you drive to win, then you will likely overdrive and be slow.

Accurate throttle control determines how smooth steering can be. If you struggle to be smooth on the exit of a corner, no matter how much you concentrate on using the wheel carefully, then you should shift focus on to what your right foot is doing. If you are aggressively trying to get onto the throttle early and too quickly before the kart is ready then you will unsettle the kart. Apply the throttle exactly when the kart is ready, rather than hitting the gas and hoping you can control it.

The tricky bit for advanced drivers - **load transfer**. Car driver coaches spout the following nonsense "Kart drivers come into cars without a clue about load transfer, karts don't have suspension and therefore hardly any load transfer, and karters just think they can throw a car around and get away with it". In fact karts are extremely sensitive to load transfer and are completely dependent on load transfer in order to go around corners at all. The best karters have an acute awareness of load transfer and it is the key to driving a kart with the minimal steering inputs possible. Here is a quick explanation of load transfer for karts:

*When you brake, the load transfers to the front of the kart, the weight on the front wheels increases. When you turn right the load transfers to the outside of the kart, ie the left wheels (and the opposite side for left handers). When you accelerate the load transfers to the rear wheels, so the weight increases on the rear tyres.*

When you turn into a corner at first, the castor and jacking effect starts the process of lifting the inside rear wheel. Once that initial turn-in is done and you get into cornering, then load transfers to the outside of the kart and takes over the work of lifting the inside rear wheel. This is because the front of your kart is more flexible than the rear and all that load transfer deforms your chassis enough to keep the inside rear tyre off the road enough to allow the kart to turn. But that particular characteristic of karts is what allows Davide Fore to straighten the wheel most of the way around corners. Once the kart is loaded to the outside wheels (which means the initial turn-in is done and the kart is cornering steadily) then the chassis deforms under that cornering load and can't help but lift the inside wheel. Just having that inside wheel pressuring the ground less than the outside driven wheel is enough to allow the kart to turn around the corner with very little steering angle.

### How to take corners smoothly Step-by-Step

Brake a little bit early and gently release braking pressure as you approach the turn in point. Before you turn in properly, introduce the kart to turn in by starting to steer as small a degree as you can manage (almost like taking up the slack in the various steering components). Begin to turn in to the corner, turn the wheel as gradually and slowly as you can, imagine you are gently loading up the chassis with cornering load and that the front of the kart is steadily bending with that load. Once you have turned the wheel enough for the kart to make the turn, hold the wheel at the same angle until you pass the apex. The kart is now loaded like a spring, if you adjust the steering now you could overload the spring or release the spring suddenly and destroy your corner! As you pass the apex gently unload the kart by slowly straightening the steering wheel. You are now gently allowing the inside rear wheel to meet the track again and as you do this you will feel the traction increase and you can accelerate away rapidly. All the time, imagine the kart chassis as a spring that you need to load and unload gently. Any sudden opposite lock movements can unload that spring suddenly and ruin the corner. And as you get better and better at this process you will find you use less and less steering, eventually getting to the standard of Fore where you can corner with a straight wheel.