

Our apologies for the delay in posting the results from last weekend on the various websites. Unfortunately Lauren was unwell at the beginning of the week and, as Emma is still on maternity leave, we were unable to get the results on the net.

### Last Sunday's meeting

A good days racing! Bill Elliot was generally happy in scrutineering. He felt that racing was fair with few problems in the way karts were presented. He suggests that all transponders are mounted on the rear of the driver's seat so that no unfair advantage is gained over the line. Peter Knibb and Bill Routledge have asked that I remind karters of the following for reason of safety. Please prevent youngsters from riding bikes and / or scooters in the paddock. Likewise karts driven through the pits may only be done so at walking pace (even when you are upset / angry etc). On the circuit the yellow flags are waved to reduce the risk of injury so we expect them to be respected. If you ignore them then you will be black flagged. Tyre warming i.e. weaving from side to side is unsafe and I have seen several accidents over the years as a result. If you feel the need to generate heat in your tyres try accelerating then braking without weaving. I am told that this technique works well but is a lot safer than weaving. The start line procedure continues to cause problems for one or two drivers. If you suddenly change direction before, during or immediately after the start line resulting in another driver being forced off the tarmac then you will be penalised. Driving without regard for the safety of others cannot be tolerated. Finally no kart can be repaired on the circuit once the karts have left the grid. Even if your kart stops in a place of relative safety then the rule still applies. ...no repairs!

KNE expected the entry to be down as a number of drivers were across the water for the Le Mans 24 hour endurance race. I guess that we are into the start of the holiday season as the entry was down more than expected. If there is another reason for the drop in entries please let me know.

### Le Mans 24 hour

The 20<sup>th</sup> round of the Le Mans 24 hour kart race took place last weekend with 44 teams taking part. Several drivers from the north east went across driving for the MS Lucas team. They were hoping to repeat last year's success (they won) and they were at the front until mechanical problems, after 18 hours of hard racing, dropped them out of contention. They still finished a credible 3<sup>rd</sup> which in the circumstances was still an excellent result. Bob & Tracey Pope from Teesside Karting have organised 24 hour races for years at both Le Mans and Teesside. The 2009 British 24 hour Race is on the 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> August at the Middlesbrough circuit. If you have never taken part in a 24 hour event it is a fantastic experience!

### HRS

In the last round of Super 1 both finals in Junior Rotax were won by Edward Brand on his CRG Dark Knight chassis with HRS prepared engines. As a result he is now the clear championship leader after 3 rounds. In last month's Gold Cup at Wigan the HRS junior Max drivers took all three podium places. In addition they grabbed 2<sup>nd</sup> in senior Max. The kart shop at Warden Law stocks the 2009

Dark Knight chassis and can arrange for your Rotax engine to be collected and rebuilt / repaired etc by HRS as part of the service available from KNE. Talk to Alan in the shop for details.

### **Sodi Master Cup**

The organisers of the Sodi Championship are coming this Sunday (19<sup>th</sup> July) with their fleet of RX250 Sodi karts. The format is one of Practice followed by 2 x 20 minute races with the second race being a reverse of the grid used for the first race. The karts are some 10 seconds a lap faster than our hire karts so they are not a novice drive.

### **The Kart Shop at Warden Law**

We are desperate for inexpensive Prokarts to sell to customers keen to join the grid. If you have a kart which is doing nothing let Alan know and he will turn it into money for you.

### **Dates to Remember**

<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Exclusive Owner Driver testing from 8am to 2pm</b>
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	<b>KNE Championship 7<sup>th</sup> Round</b>
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Exclusive Owner Driver testing from 8am to 2pm</b>
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	<b>Exclusive Owner Driver testing from 8am to 2pm</b>

### **Dates to Avoid**

<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>SWS Masters Cup</b>
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>SWS Star Cup</b>

As ever if there is anything that needs bringing to our attention please email me on [ian@kartingnortheast.com](mailto:ian@kartingnortheast.com) or talk to me at the circuit or on the usual numbers.

