



Tyne & Wear Kart Club News - August 2011

Championship Round 31st July

Well done to the cadet class. Cadet driving was superb throughout the day, showing extreme maturity, and was the best race of the year so far. Driver of the Day was awarded to cadet driver Matthew Easton, who took 4th place in the final. Following some fantastic racing it was anyone's guess who would end up in the top 3. Driving standards across the classes was generally very good, with the paramedic not called to the circuit at all. The only black flags issued were for jump starts rather than driving standards, so please watch what you're doing and ensure the driver in pole position starts with 2nd place alongside. New drivers responded very well on receiving blue flags, moving off racing lines to allow leaders to pass. Well done.

The new protest system worked well for a second month running with all protests dealt with prior to the start of the next heat. The vast majority of karts were checked through scrutineering and there were no issues other than a couple of underweights. As a reminder, please check the Tyne & Wear Kart Club Regulations for weight limits. The TKM's engines were stripped with heads and barrels removed and all found to be legal and above board. It is the responsibility of all drivers to make sure they are above the weight limits. This can be checked at scrutineering before the race starts.

Overnight Race Weekend Stay

There was an incident this race meeting on Saturday evening/ Sunday morning involving a firework. We don't need to explain the dangers or anti-social behaviour for others onsite and our NEIGHBOURS! We will not tolerate behaviour like this. We don't want to start banning people or stopping the overnight stay, but we will do if needed, so act responsibly. You have been warned.

Drivers' Briefing

Drivers' briefing is to be brought forward to 9am, before open practice, as a trial as of September. We will retain open practice and timed qualifying. Please remember, parents or guardians of junior and cadet drivers must attend drivers briefing.

Monthly Testing/Race Pass

Monthly passes are available for members of the Tyne and Wear Kart Club, offering unlimited testing (subject to circuit availability) plus entry into the owner driver race day on the 1st Sunday of the month. Passes will be available for each calendar month starting 1st September (This offer excludes the peak months of July and August. Transponder hire for race days is not included). Passes for September are available now to purchase from reception.

One month owner driver testing pass, for members only:

1 kart, £100.00 to include 1 race entry

2 karts (same family), £160.00 to include 2 race entries

Lap Records

After two to three months of problematic timing, we are pleased to say that we seem to have found the problem in that a new computer and reinstallation of the program has solved all of our problems.

New lap records have been set at this meeting and are as follows:

Prokart Elite	Grant Murray	57.63
Prokart Clubman	Scott Harrison	58.14
Senior TKM	Robin Bailes	53.44
Senior Max	Jay Taylor	51.25
Junior Max	Ben Mills	52.36
Junior TKM	Daniel Barber	53.06
Cadet	Ewan Tindall	59.50

The mini max record stands from last year, having not been beaten, at 53.19 by Ben Mills and Brunno Wray.

Parking

Thank you for listening to requests from KNE in newsletters and at the weekend. Parking was vastly improved compared to previous race weekends.

Non Race Weekend Parking

All drivers must report to reception before setting up. Vehicles to be parked in the bottom paddock, with the front paddock used once this is full.

Race weekends

- All drivers must report to reception before setting up.
- All owner drivers must be allocated a space by KNE staff regardless of whether they are here for the day or full weekend. If here for the day alone parking will only be allowed in the front paddock.
- On the Friday, all drivers staying for the weekend will be directed to the bottom paddock. You must park in the area designated to you by KNE staff. Awnings will be allowed to be erected. Be warned, if you set up in an impractical position you will be asked to move, awning and all.
- All parking in the front paddock will be as directed by KNE staff, with vehicles pointing to either the fence or tarmac. No working on karts over tarmac is permitted. The tarmac road must be kept clear at all times.
- Only small motorhomes and vans will be allowed to use the junior circuit. (Caravans must now use the front or bottom paddocks). Drivers must have a ground sheet at least twice the size of their kart.
- No cars are to be parked in the bottom paddock. Spectator cars to be parked in the new carpark.

Any actions on site overnight and at all other times are to be of a responsible adult nature. If you are responsible for children staying overnight, then please be aware that you the adult are accountable for the actions of the children! We do not want anybody to spoil this overnight privilege for others. You have been warned (for a second time!).

Please note parking times below as our night-watchman has instructions not to allow anyone in outside of these times. In addition, he is not employed to let cars out every few minutes.

Mechanics' & Parents' Race

The mechanics' / parents' race was held after the race meeting on Sunday. Interestingly enough, it was more popular with ex racing drivers turned mechanics than parents. We may need to exercise penalties to give a more level playing field but nevertheless it was interesting racing and most of the time they gave a good account of how it should be done. Alan Maclean did take the honours, however foul play resulted in him winning the race and a black flag being issued to another driver. Paul Hardy could not make it back to the front after being baulked. There was fantastic spirit shown by some parents and a special mention must go to the only female competitor for giving her best against the boys. Helen Gagliasso showed exactly what we'd hoped for from the parents, in that her spirit was fantastic throughout and as she even said she was the winner of the ladies' race! We will be holding another event after the September race day and hopefully more of you will enter into the spirit and if any young speed demons turn up we will penalise them with masses of weight!

Litter

You are responsible for your own litter, please deposit rubbish in the blue bins. Whilst we are happy to dispose of your litter, disposing of tyres is expensive, either take them with you or give them to Anton for disposal, a £5 charge will apply. Leaving a few plastic bags full of rubbish on the gravel is not acceptable. Place them in a bin. Do not spoil it for others.

The Kart Shop

Please Contact Anton prior to the race weekend for any kart checks, preparation or repairs. As from Septembers race there will be a charge for any work done to karts on the race day.

Three trolleys have been left at the circuit after Sundays race please contact Anton if you have abandoned your trolley!

Race Weekend Parking Times

No overnight stays prior to Friday.

Friday – Main gate closes 8pm

Saturday – Main gate opens 8am

Saturday – Parking spaces allocated on junior circuit between 7pm and 8pm only

Saturday – Main gate closes 8pm

Sunday – Main gate opens 7:30am

Overnight Parking Fees

£10 per vehicle per night, plus £5 per night for electricity

Dates to Remember

Sunday 7th August Exclusive owner driver practice from 9am to 1pm

Sunday 14th August Exclusive owner driver practice from 9am to 1pm

Sunday 21st August No practice, hire kart race day

Sunday 28th August Exclusive owner driver practice from 9am to 1pm

Sunday 4th September Owner Driver Race Day – 8th Championship Round

As always, we welcome your thoughts and views throughout the year. Should you have any queries regarding the race day and race results please email laura@kartingnortheast.com.