



## February 2010 Newsletter

A great start to the year as far as entries are concerned despite the overcast and cold weather.

Well done Callum Cleat winning the first round of the Senior Tkm class having transferred from Rotax to Tkm. The KNE sponsored Tkm kart fitted with a brand new TAG engine failed miserably probably due to a lack of running in and set up time on the track. It will be out next month when we have a few Scottish drivers boosting the grid. The combined junior and mini max grid was won by Louis Large (Jnr) with Ben Mills the first of the mini max drivers home. Ben Thompson had a cracking day in the Open Cadet class with Ewan Tindall giving Ben some serious competition.

The Prokart grid lived up to the predictions with a fantastic entry which included some first class drivers. The return of Stephen White is very welcome as is the return of Steven Welsh. Lee Metcalf dominated the results on his SWD chassis giving the Lucas Racing drivers something to think about. The clubman results saw Mark Forster win the first round ..... can he top the table at the end of the year? He tells me he can!

Congratulations to Grant Murray who was awarded the Driver of the Day trophy. Grant started last in the final due to a collision in the last heat. He came through the grid to finish 5<sup>th</sup>. Several drivers caught Bill's eye but incidents in the finals affected his decision.

### **Please note...**

Tyre warming remains a concern to Bill and Peter. Please avoid doing it.....in my time at Warden Law I have seen accidents result from drivers doing so. I have asked Peter & Bill to stop the start and put offenders to the back. That should get the message across.

Kart numbers do help officials and the time keeper in race control. Please understand that you can avoid the wrong kart being black flagged, an incorrect result being displayed etc etc all for the cost of a pound or two on stick on numbers. Please check the regulations for the correct colours for your class.

### **The Kart Shop @ Warden Law**

Shop Hours have been changed. I heard a rumour that owner drivers avoid the shop when I am there as I am clueless about karts and engines. So we have decided to reduce the shop opening hours to fit in with Anton's working week. As a result the shop will be open on –

Tuesday and Wednesday-	9am till 4.30pm
Thursday-	1pm till 8 pm
Sunday -	8am till 4.30pm (except 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month)

Please pre order tyres for race days so that Anton can have new rubber available for you to use. Recent threads on the [www.karting.co.uk](http://www.karting.co.uk) should make the point that the top drivers do not want old rubber as old tyres (with lots of tread) can be up to 1 second a lap slower than new rubber.

## **Endurance Races**

Prokart Endurance races used to be popular some years ago. Bill Routledge got involved with Karting with his two sons through prokart enduros. He has suggested that we organise 2 or 3 races of, say, 3 hours on either a Friday or Saturday night but not on the first weekend of the month. The cost would be kept low, probably £ 120.00 per team. I would like to see teams bring along at least one “unknown” driver to introduce new faces to kart racing. I am sure that you may have suggestions as to how these races should be organised so please contact Bill (07904 173015) or myself (07720 405056). We would avoid weekends when Teesside Karting are organising similar events extending your options for racing within the North East.

## **CRG Rotax**

I am pleased to hear that an old friend of the circuit is planning to support our Championship as of the March Meeting. John Johnston of JJR Racing will be onsite to support those drivers using CRG karts. Contact John on 07810 436866.

## **Dates to Remember**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February-** Exclusive Owner Driver testing from 8am to 2pm

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February-** Exclusive Owner Driver testing from 8am to 11am in sessions from 11am to 2pm due to The Thunderkart Challenge. Please bear in mind the shop will not be open.

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February-** Exclusive Owner Driver testing from 8am to 2pm

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March -** KNE Championship 2<sup>nd</sup> Round

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.

