



## February 2011 Newsletter

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### Welcome

*For those who were unable to attend the first meeting of the year, I would like to introduce myself as the new circuit owner. Having competed in various motor sports for a number of years I hope that my experience will only bring value to Karting North East and its facilities as well as the race meetings. Please respect and look after the facilities and as you will see work will be carried out throughout the year to the benefit of you all. I look forward to meeting you all in the near future.*

*Guy Wilks*

### 2011 Championship

Despite the heavy rain, we had a good turnout for the first race of the 2011 championship. The Clerks reported that, although conditions were seriously wet and some warning flags were issued for unnecessary contact during the heats, standards were markedly raised in the finals. Several drivers experienced problems with the wet conditions, including engines misfiring. Driver of the Day, junior max driver Stuart Middleton, was chosen by Bill to recognise his high standard of driving. Stuart looks in good form for the year and was on target for a podium finish when mechanical failure of a stuck throttle prevented him finishing the final.

There appeared to be some confusion on the day regarding max tyres. To clarify, as mentioned in January's newsletter, tyres have been changed for at least two classes (Rotax & Tkm) by the MSA for the coming year. T&WKC will allow those of you who wish to use last year's specified tyres to do so for the first three rounds to get them used up before investing in new rubber. TKM tyres must be collected and returned to the Kart Shop on race day, with a maximum of 2 sets permitted for the year.

As the championship continues, rolling starts need to be improved with emphasis given to getting speeds right to ensure the formation is not broken before the start/finish line. In addition, we will be looking into a future method for lodging race day complaints.

### Race Results

As a result of the ongoing problems experienced with displaying results on [karting.co.uk](http://karting.co.uk), we will now display all race results on the club website [www.twkartclub.com](http://www.twkartclub.com). Details for each race and class can be found in the "Championship Points" section of the website, and will allow drivers to view/print results at their leisure. No race day print outs will be issued on the day from reception (although race results will continue to be displayed in the clubhouse during the course of the day).

## Race Weekends – Practice

Following a trial run of practice for all classes on the February race day, we have decided to revert to cadet only practice on the race day morning to ensure the event stays on schedule. Practice for all other classes will be available the day prior (10 minutes per hour between hire kart bookings).

## Race Weekends – Overnight Stay

We will be introducing an overnight charge as of March as follows:

£10 per vehicle per night

£15 per vehicle per night with electric hook up (limited availability therefore first come first served).

## Code of Conduct

A serious reminder with regards to respect of circuit staff and race officials. There were a couple of incidents dealt with that shouldn't have occurred. We do not want to see this in the future. Also a reminder about respect for each other on the circuit and site. Motorsport can be and is dangerous, as we were all reminded the weekend of the race when we heard about Robert Kubica. We all send our best wishes to him.

No business is to be conducted at KNE of any type. Please remember it is your responsibility to dispose of your own litter (including cable ties), oil and petrol spills and general waste.

## Dates to Remember

Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Exclusive owner driver practice 9am to 1pm.
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	No owner driver practice (hire kart race day)
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Exclusive owner driver practice 9am to 1pm.
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Second round of 2011 Championship.

*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](mailto:laura@kartingnortheast.com).*

