



## March 2011 Newsletter

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### 2011 Championship

Weather conditions were good, being dry and fine, for the second round of the championship. Sunday saw the worst day we have had from a Clerk's point of view, with three karts turning over due to collisions. It is not in our nature to black flag without just cause however following these serious incidents the Clerks had no option but to make the decision to issue black flags for all unnecessary contact. Racing standards did improve towards the end of the day, with some excellent driving by Danielle Gardner (Senior Max). Driver of the Day was awarded to Danielle to recognise her high driving standards as she worked her way up the grid.

All drivers who attended hospital were discharged the same day. Ian Pickersgill was reported to be "waiting in the pub" for his lift, whilst cadet driver Daniel Spicer, whose kart turned over in qualifying, returned to the circuit to carry on racing and finish his first ever race day.

### Safety

Neck braces played their part at saving further injury at the weekend. Although we can't enforce that they are worn we are sure drivers can see their benefits.

As we saw at Sunday's meeting, motorsport can be and is dangerous, and as such drivers need to remember this when racing. We have mixed abilities on the circuit with "elite" drivers racing against novices. Drivers must drive with care at all times and within safe limits relating to their skill level and that of other drivers on the circuit. Remember, if the overtaking manoeuvre is likely to be unsuccessful, do not attempt it!

### Race Weekend - Code of Conduct

Despite previous newsletters, may we remind drivers that our marshals are in a better position to comment on incidents on the circuit. We will not tolerate shouting or aggressive behaviour from the side lines or the drivers. We are more than happy to have a reasonable conversation after the race has finished.

### Race Weekends - Practice

As of next month, open practice for all classes will be run prior to racing commencing with a minimum of 3 laps (number of laps may vary depending on number of drivers on the day).

### British Schools' Karting Championship

2011 saw yet another successful year for Warden Law drivers with three teams making it through to the national finals in Milton Keynes. Well done to all who have taken part, especially Gateshead College, Royal Grammar and Richmond School who we hope will continue their success and bring back a trophy to Warden Law.

### Free Speedball

Until the end of March we are offering free speedball entry when booking a weekend hire kart event. This is a fantastic chance to experience our fast moving tournament version of paintball. Ring the circuit or visit [kartingnortheast.com](http://kartingnortheast.com) for details.

### **Championship Points and Results**

Race results will be displayed on the [twkartclub.com](http://twkartclub.com) website within a few days of the race day. Results will be displayed in the clubhouse throughout the day with results for the finals not being released until the presentation has taken place (no print outs will be given on the day). Please bear in mind that there may be occasional delays in displaying the results e.g. as a result of queries raised by scrutineering/race control etc, however we will make every effort to display the results asap after each race.

In addition to a detailed breakdown of each race, the championship points will also be available to view on the club website. Please direct any queries to [laura@kartingnortheast.com](mailto:laura@kartingnortheast.com) no later than the last day of the month you wish to query. If you are new to racing remember that points are awarded for competing in each heat and final so check the website after each race day to see your current championship position.

### **Karting North East Facilities and Improvements**

Please respect the facilities available to you. There will be continued work done to the site but we need your help to maintain the high standards we wish to achieve. The more respect e.g. disposing of your own litter, clearing oil spills etc, the more improvements will be made.

### **Overnight Parking**

The £10 overnight charge (£15 with electric hook up) is per vehicle on site, whether slept in or not. Extra, non-servicing vehicles are not allowed in the paddock area over night or during the day (cars must be parked in the car park not paddock area). Please note the gate will be closed from 10pm to 7am therefore please do not stop our night watchmen doing their job with out of hours requests.

We have received some enquiries for reserved parking bays. This is not something we currently offer however please email [laura@kartingnortheast.com](mailto:laura@kartingnortheast.com) to let us know your thoughts so we can gauge the level of interest.

### **Special Offers for March**

Listen out for our special "hire kart" offer running with Metro Radio in March. If there's someone in the family who's at least 8 years old, why not introduce them to karting whilst taking advantage of our limited "money off" offer. Discount not only applies to juniors; visit [kartingnortheast.com](http://kartingnortheast.com) for further details.

### **Dates to Remember**

Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Exclusive owner driver practice 9am to 1pm.
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	No owner driver practice (hire kart race day)
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Exclusive owner driver practice 9am to 1pm.
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Third 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).*

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