



Christmas Newsletter

December 2008

From everyone at Karting North East may we wish you a Happy Christmas and a Successful New Year. After two wet summers and a cold end to 2008 I am sure that we are due a red hot summer with plenty of warm dry Race Days to look forward to.

Scrutineering

Roland Padley has finally decided to step down as chief scrutineer not least because the journey up from Barnsley is getting too much for him before and after a long day at the circuit. He has been a loyal supporter of Warden Law circuit both for the kart club and Karting North East for many years. He will be missed by many as he is always friendly, fair and approachable. Roland has actively supported schools karting in the West Yorkshire area giving up a lot of his time to do so. In addition he has been an MSA scrutineer at many circuits in the U.K. over the years often accompanied by Glynnis who is a first class kart marshal. Roland and Glynnis have been invited by KNE to come to the Presentation night as our guests.

Mark Nicholson will continue to scrutineer along with Bill Elliott who has agreed to step into the gap left by Roland. Bill will be known to many of you as he has been regularly scrutineering at MSA meetings at Rowrah and at circuits in Scotland. We are pleased that Bill accepted the invitation to come to Warden Law.

December's Race Day

Many thanks to all who turned out on a bitterly cold day. Good entries of Cadets contrasted with the soft lot of Prokart drivers who chose to stay at home in front of the fire. Congratulations to Driver of the Day **Cameron Sharpe** who did exceptionally well to take the lead despite the conditions in the Cadet final. He extended his lead over second place Stuart Middleton who is consistently quick around Warden Law. A misunderstanding over a back marker dropped him down the order but he had done enough to impress the Clerks.

Rolling starts were introduced for the first time with some success. As circuit operators we want to keep entry speeds into the first corner as low as possible. Consequently we need the two drivers on the front row to control the start by waiting until the flag is raised before they accelerate. Some drivers clearly forgot (or chose to ignore) Peter's explanation of what was wanted which he outlined in the drivers briefing. Parents who do not attend drivers briefing and consequently miss the advice given by the Clerks only confuse their driver when they advise him / her differently.

Please remember to clean your kart properly if you raced last Sunday as there was some salt left on the circuit used to melt the ice.

Presentation Night

The final placings have been agreed so it's time for the presentation of the trophies to the top three in each class. The venue chosen this year is the Chester le Street Cricket Club on Saturday 3rd January 09 starting at 7pm. As always there will be drinks, dinner then the presentation. Please contact KNE and speak to Margo or Lauren if you require tickets.

New monthly testing pass

KNE have introduced a monthly pass for members of the Tyne and Wear Kart Club. It includes unlimited testing plus entry into the owner driver race day on the 1st Sunday of the month the pass is valid for. Several families use two or more karts at the circuit so we thought that a monthly pass may be a way of keeping costs down. The cost of the pass (including entry to a race day) is £85 for one kart, £150 for 2 karts and £210 for 3 karts. The pass does not include transponder hire. For those of you who have your own

business and wish to advertise on the boards at the side of the pitlane we can include annual testing in the cost of the advert. Speak to Ian Lawson if you are interested in this option.

Circuit Improvements

The new drain through Bryan's Bends is now working well. The repairs to the workshop following the fire have been completed and we have now started repairing and painting the tyre barriers. The appearance of the circuit is much improved as a result. Over the next month we will be decorating throughout the public areas of the centre. It is unlikely that we will need to close some sections of the circuit while we get the work done but it is always worth a phone call if you intend testing midweek.

The Kart Shop at Warden Law

Like all high street retailers we are discounting prices to sell stock. **There is 10% off** all kart suits and clothing that is in stock between now and Christmas with **£5.00 off** a set of tyres. In addition Anton will happily haggle with you over the price of a kart or anything else you need.

Race for Your School/College in the British School's Karting Championship

The British Schools Karting Championship (BSKC) is a hire kart national karting championship for students aged 13 to 18 years old and kicks off again at Warden Law in January. We have around 30 school teams taking part in tuition and Endurance racing using our fleet of 390cc karts to find the top 3 teams to represent the North East at the final in March. The national final will be held at Daytona Milton Keynes with drivers competing in their fleet of prokarts. Lewis Hamilton has generated a lot of interest in karting which has given this annual Championship an enormous boost. For further details visit www.bskc.co.uk.

Tyne & Wear Kart Club Membership

2009 memberships are now due. Just to remind you of the benefits of membershipa £5.00 discount every time you practice, a monthly newsletter including the Championship points, a full set of Regulations and a copy of the Code of Conduct 2009. However T&WKC is not an MSA kart club so you will need membership elsewhere if you intend racing at MSA events.

Dates to Remember

Sunday 28 th December	Christmas meeting - Second round of Winter Series
Saturday 3 rd January	Presentation Night
Sunday 4 th January	Exclusive Owner Driver testing from 8am to 2pm
Sunday 11 th January	Exclusive Owner Driver testing from 8am to 2pm
10 th & 11 th January	Autosport at the NEC - a brilliant day out if you are into motorsport. The live arena is well worth a look but, sadly, the karting section is not as big as it used to be.
Sunday 18 th January	Third round of Winter Series
Sunday 25 th January	Exclusive Owner Driver testing from 8am to 2pm

