



Tyne & Wear Kart Club June Newsletter

MSA Approval

Having finally received recognition of the Tyne & Wear Kart Club we are aiming to reintroduce MSA National B racing in February 2009. This will mean changes to the way we manage kart racing at the circuit as it is at the moment. The following points need to be understood.....entry fees will be higher, ARKS packs and tests involved, karts and equipment that fully comply with the Blue and Gold books, points and possible penalties on your licence etc etc. However from the circuits' perspective we prefer to operate our entire business with the comfort of an annual MSA circuit licence which we can only obtain if we operate MSA Club meetings..... so it's not an easy decision as re introducing MSA racing may deter some of you from racing with us.

My thinking is as follows.....the first Sunday will alter offering racing for 4 stroke classes i.e. Prokarts, World Formula, junior (hire) karts and senior Thunder karts. No MSA regulations and costs will be involved.

.....the third Sunday will offer National B racing for –

- i. Cadets (Comer & Honda) – only one race day a month
- ii. Junior Tkm - low budget Championship similar to this year.
- iii. Junior Rotax (and Mini max)
- iv. Senior Max - only MSA licence holders allowed to race at Warden Law.
- v. Formula Blue - (or an equivalent low budget 2 stroke class)

Clearly this will upset some of our customers so please let me know your thoughts by emailing me on ian@kartingnortheast.com. The north east has plenty of chimney pots i.e. no reason why we cannot have a successful MSA kart racing club.

Let's go karting ("have a go for a fiver")

The MSA's new initiative is based on Karting for buttons which has worked well at Rowrah and PF International. KNE has been chosen to be one of the three commercial Karting centres in the U.K. to offer the "Let's Go Karting" programme to schools. We are targeting 8 – 12 year old children who have never karded before but who may be interested in taking up the sport. The MSA are sponsoring the initiative which will run in July of this year. Please help the MSA and KNE by providing us (KNE) with contact details for your son or daughters school so that the MSA can write to the school to invite them to take part. Rod Taylor, who many of you will know as the Super One Clerk, is the coordinator for this initiative. He has obtained the sponsorship to enable many more youngsters to give karting a go whose interest has been stimulated by Lewis Hamilton's success.

Cadet Karts Wanted

The initiative mentioned above will mean that the Kart Shop at Warden Law needs pre owned quality Cadet Karts fitted with either Comer or Honda engines. If you have anything suitable please talk to Anton who will, hopefully, make you an offer you cannot refuse. We are looking to build a Cadet grid of 20 plus karts for 2009.....we need your help!

Karting North East Championship

What an opportunity Sunday 1st June was for everyone to improve their wet weather technique! The staff enjoyed the day so much that we stayed back to run hire karts until 8 pm. It's a good job skin is waterproof! Congratulations to Daniel Reay (junior World Formula) who appeared to cope better than anyone with the conditions winning all 4 of his races. The Prokart Championship was thrown wide open as Grant Murray was pushed back into 3rd place on the day (much to Steven Welsh's delight?). My apologies for the landscaping work that we have been doing, to reinstate the circuit edges, but it is a job that we need to do twice a year to keep the circuit safe. The tyres will be gone by the time you return in the sunshine in July.

Circuit Improvements

The new trackside scoreboard is now working and appears to be a hit! The new seeds and turf are coming through and looking good. We are planning to upgrade the male toilets as soon as possible and we are now investigating CCTV around the entire circuit. Those drivers who question the judgement of the officials on the circuit will still be able to protest their innocence! After we have heard their protest the playback facility will be interesting for all concerned. Examples of bad driving could be kept by us to show new entrants to kart racing how it should not be done. Better still we could show the best clips at the Presentation night at Christmas!

Championship Points

Please check your points on receipt of these newsletters and contact Emma if you have any queries with them. We will normally only alter the points for any meeting before the subsequent meeting takes place. This allows all concerned to remember what happened if there is a problem.

Dates to Remember

- Sunday 15th June - Tyne & Wear Kart Club Championship Round
- Sunday 22nd June - Exclusive o/d testing 8am to 12pm
- Sunday 29th June - Exclusive O/d testing 8am to 2pm
- Sunday 6th July - KNE Championship Round
- Sunday 13th July - Exclusive o/d testing 8am to 2pm

Sunday exclusive practice sessions are proving to be popular. Anton is now in the shop every Sunday to advice, assist etc etc. Please support these sessions as it is, without doubt, the best time to practice each week. If you intend practicing at other times I suggest that you always phone the circuit before travelling to check that there is time available.

