



DKA NEWSLETTER MAR 2010



Kart display at Palmerston Shopping Centre

Dear Fellow Karters

Not long now. Yes round one is fast approaching and I hear on the grapevine there's a renewed interest in the 125 class and that some of the dads have decided to come out and play. Good to hear.

A working bee is planned for this Sunday, starting with a BBQ brekkie from around 7.30am for all those early birds. I again encourage all members to attend as there is always plenty to do.

Royce Nott and my son Jake competed in the SA State cup last weekend and both boys did really well.

Royce finished second in the Leopard Light class and was actually challenging for first in the final few laps, but had to be content with 2nd. Royce also managed a 4th place in the Clubman Light class.

Jake had a good run in Clubman Super Heavy finishing 2nd and a creditable 4th in the Leopard Heavy class.

To all our new members, no doubt an exciting time for mums and dads to watch junior compete in their first karting event. Many of us share your feelings and anxiety; you never know one day you might be standing in the pits of a V8 supercar team.

I would just like to thank all those members who participated in the shopping centre displays and those who made themselves available at the recent come and try day.

Good luck, drive with safety in mind and I'll see you all soon.

Regards.

Greg Meyer
President

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Shopping Centre Displays

The shopping centre displays held at Palmerston Shopping Centre and Karama Shopping Centre were a huge success with 8 drivers registering for the come and try day. The Committee are now in the process of approaching Casuarina Management for a similar display to promote the club and lift numbers. If you'd like to assist in any way, please contact Kelly Fullwood or Natasha Smith.

Come and Try Day

The DKA held its "Come and Try Day" on Saturday 21st February. Thank you to those families that donated their time and kart for prospective members to try. There were a lot of smiles and a few trembles, but all in all it was a successful morning.

Developments

The committee at present is considering building a shed type facility adjacent to canteen straight/corner to accommodate our hire kart operator. Quotes are being sought from various shed building businesses, which we hope to have completed around July/August this year.

Irrigation of the spectator area and adjacent track verge to commence shortly.

Track use after hours

DKA Committee remind all members that our facility is not a public facility and that track use is restricted to club members who hold a current AKA licence and whose kart and racing apparel complies with all AKA rules.

Sign on Day

The DKA is holding its annual "Sign On Day" on Sunday 21st March from 8am. This year Kelly Fullwood our Publicity Officer will be handing out Drivers Profile sheets for the drivers to fill out to include in our monthly newsletters. If you have a fantastic photo of yourself as a driver or your child on camera or computer, please contact Kelly on 0417 827 234 to email so it can be included in your profile.

National Title 2012

Timmy Driscoll has volunteered to coordinate all DKA's requirements to host the National Title in 2012. A committee is being formed and Tim is seeking a group of energetic people to assist him in his endeavours. Call Timmy D on 0418571277 to register your interest.

Friday Night Practice

The club has made available night practice on the 3rd Friday of each month. Club members wishing to practice should organise in advance with a committee member for the lights to be switched on to avoid any disappointment.

The committee reminds all members who use the facility to ensure the premises are secured on leaving.

Pit Space

Pit bays are available for hire for the year on Sign on Day. The bays cost \$20 on a first in first served basis.

Bays can be hired at the canteen.



Round 1 Saturday 27th March

The following is a guide on how things unfold.

Arrival time	3.30 – 4.00 pm
Scrutineering	4.30 – 5.30 pm
Nominations	5.00 – 5.30 pm
Carby session	5.30 – 5.50 pm
Drivers briefing	5.50 – 6.00 pm
Qualifying session immediately following Drivers Briefing	

Drivers Briefing

A drivers briefing is held at the start of the meeting to communicate the running of the days event and any information DKA or AKA feel is important to club members. It is not an opportunity for members to raise class or club issues. Class or Club issues need to be discussed in the first instance with the club captain Kerry Berry, or alternatively, by written notice to the DKA Committee.

Flag Signals

Included in this newsletter are the various flags used to control a race. A brief description has been provided. It is the responsibility of each competitor and guardian to know the full meaning of each flag. Please refer to Chapter 13 in the AKA rule book.

YOUR LOGO COULD BE HERE

Please contact Kelly Fullwood for more information 0417 827 234

New Members

Steve Green will be available trackside on the morning of Round one (Sat 27th March) between 8 & 10am to offer advice to new members about what to do when you arrive at 3.30pm that afternoon.

- Nomination and scrutineering process.
- Carby session, time trial, how to form up.
- Flags and what they mean.
- Where to pit etc.

P Plates

New members please note that you are required to display a **P** plate on the rear of your kart as a signal to the officials and other drivers that you are new to the sport. In addition, you will be required to start from rear of field of your respective class for the first 4 events.

Further, each class has a weight restriction. The driver (dressed in race gear) and kart must meet class weight. Class weights are listed in the members guide and a copy has been placed on the inside door of the metal box above the scales.

Weighing is conducted at the end of each race and failure to meet minimum class weight will result in a Weight Penalty Notification being issued.

Alcohol in Pits

Historically, there have been a number of new members (B2), who have unknowingly indulged in a wee drink during the lunch time break (or evening break). This is a gentle reminder to all competitors, pit crew and guardians that you cannot consume or be under the influence of alcohol in the pit area on race day.



Code of Conduct

All sports bring out the competitive nature of individuals, whether they are competing, assisting or officiating. Karting is no different.

The committee would like to remind all competitors, parents, guardians, support crew, spectators, officials and administrators to participate with the words “friendly, fun, family motorsports” in mind.

Competitors

- Play by the rules.
- Be a good sport, race fair.
- Show respect towards other drivers and officials.
- Race for your own enjoyment.

Parents and Spectators

- Encourage good sportsmanship.
- Show appreciation towards effort.
- Respect officials.
- Congratulate other drivers.
- Set an example.

Officials and Administrators

- Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport
- Compliment and encourage good sportsmanship.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Place the safety and welfare of participants above all else.
- You are a role model and a source of a young person’s confidence building.
- Your behaviour should be positive and supportive.

Tech Corner

This month’s tip – Be kind to your mother and if your carrying those extra 3-4 kilos, now is the time to give up take away.

If anyone would like to contribute to tech corner, please contact Steve Green.

Club Shirts

The DKA now has Club Shirts in a variety of sizes for sale. Each shirt is \$45 and you can purchase your shirt from the Canteen. The shirts were a huge hit when club members went to Karratha in October 2009 for the WA State Titles. They were considered a collector’s item and quite a few were swapped for other competitor shirts.

Personalised shirts can also be ordered, please see Kelly Fullwood our Publicity Officer on race days.

Positions Vacant

The club has two vacant positions.

- Club Secretary
- Race Day Secretary.

The Club Secretary is an executive committee position responsible for maintaining all club correspondence.

The Race Day Secretary’s position is responsible for processing nomination and membership forms on the day.

For more information please contact Steve Green on 0401117354.

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From the Bar

Spare a thought for Wayne Norman's heart beat at our recent Come and Try Day. Wayne dusted off the trusty blue rotax and thankfully took it for a test run to make sure everything was in good working order.

After a few laps, Wayne had the pedal to the metal going up the back straight and took a stab at the brakes as he approached the corner only to discover he had none!! Wayne left the track at a great rate of knots and disappeared through a tyre barrier eventually coming to rest in an eroded drainage area. Wayne's nose cone was completely remodelled and each front tyre had 4 inches of toe out. Shortly after, Rob Knight was seen testing the brake pedal on the recently purchased Kevin Norman kart.

If you have a funny story, let Kelly know.

Canteen

Our canteen ladies of 2009, Annie, Carolyn and Barb will again grace us with their culinary delights. The now famous bacon and egg sandwich on Sunday morning will return in 2010, along with tea, coffee and a variety of toasted sandwiches.

Menu items for 2010 are;

- Toasted sandwiches.
- Ham and Salad rolls.
- Hotdogs.
- Sausage rolls.
- Pies.
- Steak sandwiches at lunchbreak.
- Lobster Mornay.
- Drinks of all descriptions.

Commentator

If you have the gift of the gab or just love to hear yourself on a microphone or you know someone that does, DKA is looking for you. DKA is in need of a highly motivated and exciting commentator to commentate our meetings. It is an unpaid position but the benefits of your voice we think would be compensation enough. To offer your highly sought after services, please contact Kelly Fullwood our Publicity Officer on 0417 827234

Working Bee

A working bee is planned for Sunday the 14th at 8am. The committee encourages all members to participate as many hands make light work.

- Refresh sand traps
- Road base to be packed on eroded edges of track (mainly corners)
- Rakes leaves in Pit area
- Clean leaves from under scales
- Some tyre barriers need re-stacking
- Plenty of whipper snipping
- Remove grass that has been snipped.

We need whipper snippers, blowers, rakes, shovels, couple of trailers and plenty of hands.

A BBQ brekkie, tea and coffee will be available from 7.30 to 8ish.

WANTED

SPONSORS WANTED FOR THE 2010 RACE YEAR

For more information, please contact Kelly Fullwood



Race Calendar

The complete 2010 Race Calendar is available on the DKA website www.dka.org.au and a copy has been placed on the DKA noticeboard. (Please do not remove)

The below table shows calendar events to 30th April 2010.

Month	Event	Comments
Feb 7 Sunday	DKA Club Day	
Feb 15 Monday	DKA Committee Meeting	
Feb 19 Friday	Night Practice	
Feb 21 Sunday	DKA Club Day	
Mar 7 Sunday	DKA Club Day	
Mar 14 Sunday	Working Bee	BBQ Brekkie 7.30am
Mar 15 Monday	DKA Committee Meeting	
Mar 16 Tuesday	AKA Committee Meeting	
Mar 19 Friday	Night Practice	
Mar 21	Sign on day	
Mar 27 Saturday	Championship Round One	Evening Track 3
Apr 16 Friday	Night Practice	
April 17 Saturday	Championship Round Two	Evening
Apr 19 Monday	DKA Committee	
May 8 Saturday	Championship Round Three	Evening

DKA Committee Members

President	Greg Meyer	0418893484
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Secretary	Lawrie Foscaro	0401117358
Treasurer	Michelle Gatt	89310041
Club Captain	Kerry Berry	0417323080
Publicity Officer	Kelly Fullwood	0417827234
Public Officer	Wayne Norman	0418689105
Social Officer	Natasha Smith	0417879252
AKANT Rep	Brent Nott	0407410200
National Event Manager	Tim Driscoll	0418571277

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Know your flag signals

The following flag descriptions have been abbreviated. It is the responsibility of all competitors to know the full meaning of each flag. Please refer to Chapter 13 in the AKA rule book.

Failure to observe and obey flags could be considered a breach of rules.

In addition, DKA use a lighting system at various points around the circuit to inform drivers of track conditions ahead. The lights (green, yellow, red) have the same meaning as the flags.



You are about to be overtaken. Maintain your racing line.



All clear ahead or start of warm up laps.



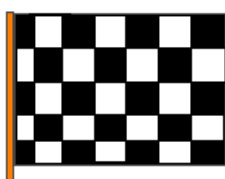
You are about to be lapped, return to the pits.



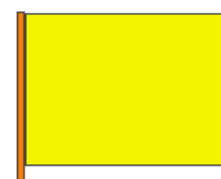
Slow right down and return to the pits.



Start the race.



End the race.



Danger ahead, slow down, no passing.



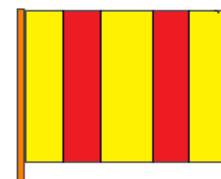
Used to stop a driver. They must return to the pits.



Officials are watching you for unsportsmanlike behaviour.



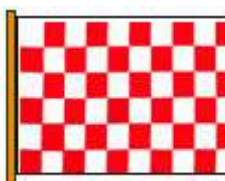
Restart race.



Bad track conditions ahead, slippery, oil, water.



Mechanical failure return to the pits.



False start or no start, return to the pits.

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