

# DKA NEWSLETTER MAY 2010

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70 Tim Driscoll and 8 David O'Dowd

Dear Fellow Karters

Well how time flies when you're having fun. Round 4 is about to commence this Sunday, with carby session from 8.30am. It doesn't seem that long ago we kicked started the season and the fact we're only a few meetings away from holding the NT Titles.

Don't forget Sunday racing also means Sunday breakfast. The ladies in the canteen will again be cooking those delicious bacon and egg sandwiches, a variety of toasted sandwiches and of course tea and coffee is also available.

It's very pleasing to see that numbers on both sides of the fence has increased significantly in 2010, with many new members and their families enjoying the thrills and competitiveness of kart racing.

It's also pleasing to see good numbers in all junior classes, with more young ladies putting on the helmet and giving the boys a run for

their money. As I mentioned earlier, our NT Title is fast approaching and there are many small tasks to be done. A working bee is planned for the 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> (if needed) of June to prepare our facility and judging from the many phone calls and emails so far, there's definitely an added interest in this years titles, with many commenting "I've heard so much about your title", nominations are expected to far exceed the 120 nominations we received in 2009.

I'm back in SA for round 4, but will be back in the lead up weeks to help the committee finalise NT Title arrangements. So until then, please offer your support, be kind to the officials, drive with safety in mind and I'll see you all soon.

Kind regards.

Greg Meyer  
President

### **From the Club Captain**

Welcome everyone to Darwin Karting Association's 2010 Championship season. It has been very heartening to see the number of competitors slowly increasing at each meeting. Round 2 saw 45 competitors, with Round 3 having 50 competitors.

Of this number there are some 27 junior racers enjoying this year's event, which is a great testament to the DKA being the "affordable family motorsport".

With this mantra in mind, it is probably timely to remind all members about codes of conduct and behaviour, particularly seeing there are so many new members who are new to kart racing and may be confused by the manner in which the race meetings are conducted and by the actions of other competitors and officials.

I'd like to draw all members attention to Pages 11 – 13 of the DKA "**Members Guide 2010**" which can be viewed/downloaded at <http://www.dka.org.au/PDF/2010%20Members%20Guide.pdf> Those few pages outline the expected "code of conduct" subscribed to by DKA and the AKA. I encourage all DKA members to appraise themselves of the code of conduct, in particular those sections headed "**Competitors**" and "**Parents and Spectators**".

I look forward to seeing you on the starting grid at our next race meeting

Kerry Berry  
Club Captain

### **National Title 2012**

Our Aussie Title committee is gathering momentum. The committee is meeting fortnightly and has outlined stage development timelines, infrastructure requirements, pit design, with Earl James & Assoc (EJA) a prominent local surveyor, agreeing to CAD draw our new pit layout, plus sponsor a class at this year's titles. Thank you Kevin Dodd, Director of EJA.

At our next meeting, we have invited Paul Cattermole (Major Events) and Steve Rossingh (Executive Director Sports and Rec) to gain some valuable information on how to best tackle the task ahead, funding allocation options, development deadlines and how they can assist leading up to the event.

If you are interested in offering assistance throughout the development phase, then please let us know, as there will be many small tasks to be completed over the next 18 months.

### **NT Titles Canteen**

At this year's NT Titles, our canteen will open from around 7am each morning from Thursday. The day is long and very busy and we ask our growing member base to put their hand up and offer to help at some stage over the 4 days. A roster will be drawn up into 2 hour time slots, so if you have a spare 2 hours on one or more days, then please register your willingness to assist at our lead up meetings. I can assure you it will be very much appreciated.

### **Developments**

The committee is continuing to finalise quotes to build a shed type facility adjacent to canteen straight/corner to accommodate our hire kart operator. The committee hopes to have the shed completed around July/August this year.

### **Hire Kart Facility**

The DKA has sought expressions of interest both locally and Australia wide for persons interested in operating a hire kart business from August 2010. DKA is currently in the process of having plans drawn up for a new shed facility to be located on either canteen corner or canteen straight. DKA is hoping to have the facility completed before August 2010.

### **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.

### **NT Titles Nominations**

Nominations for the upcoming NT Titles being held in Darwin between 24 – 27<sup>th</sup> June are closing on the 4<sup>th</sup> June, please make sure you have your nomination in to avoid disappointment. It's a fantastic opportunity to race against southern competitors.

### **Round 4 Sunday 23rd May**

The following is a guide on how things unfold.

Arrival time	7.30 – 8.00 pm
Scrutineering	7.30 – 8.30 pm
Nominations	8.00 – 8.30 pm
Carby session	8.30 – 8.50 pm
Drivers briefing	8.50 – 9.00 pm
Qualifying session	immediately following Drivers Briefing

### **Friday Night Practice**

The club has made available night practice on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month. Next practice is being held on Friday 16th July. Club members wishing to practice should organise in advance with a committee member for the lights to be switched on to avoid any disappointment. There will be no practice night in June in lieu of the NT Titles.

The committee reminds all members who use the facility to ensure the premises are secured on leaving and rubbish is put in the bins provided.

### **Pit Space**

There are still a couple of Pit bays available for hire for the year. The bays cost \$20 on a first in first served basis. Bays can be hired at the canteen.

### **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.

### **From the Bar**

A bloke wearing a CRG cap was addressing his ball near the ladies tee on the first, when over the PA system came "Will the bloke wearing the CRG cap please move back and tee off from the men's". The bloke in the CRG cap steps back, takes a swig of his Melbourne stubby, then re-addresses his ball. Once again over the PA system came "will the bloke wearing the CRG cap on the first tee please tee off from the men's". The bloke wearing the CRG cap takes a step back, shakes his head, has a couple of swigs of his Melbourne and once again re-addresses his ball. This time the manager shouts into the PA system "WILL THE BLOKE WEARING THE CRG CAP ON THE FIRST TEE PLEASE MOVE BACK AND TEE OFF FROM THE MEN'S". The CRG golfer hurls his club in the direction of the clubhouse and shouts "WILL THE IDIOT IN THE CLUBHOUSE SHUT THE HELL UP SO I CAN PLAY MY THIRD SHOT".

### **Canteen**

The ladies in the canteen (we could debate that) are asking if members could purchase items using smaller denominations. Too many first purchases are with fifty dollar notes leaving the ladies with very little small change early in the race meet.

Don't forget to purchase a delicious fresh bacon and egg sandwich as well as tea and coffee available from around 7.30am next race meet.

### **Transponders**

Transponders are mandatory from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010. If you would like to purchase a transponder, please speak to a committee member who will be able to point you in the right direction. The club currently has 10 new transponders on order at a value of \$290 each.

### **Alcohol in Pits**

It has been reported alcohol is being consumed in the pits before the last race of the day. Anyone caught drinking in the pits before the last race will lose race day points and will be required to front the executive committee. Further, if you are under the influence of alcohol, you are not permitted to enter the pit area until after the last race. Same penalty will apply.

### **Club Shirts**

The DKA now has Club Shirts for women and kids in a variety of sizes for sale. More men's shirts are on order. 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. Final orders will be placed for the upcoming NT Titles by Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> May. The club will continue to take orders throughout the year providing we have a reasonable number to purchases.

### **Commentator**

The DKA is still looking for 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, or if you know of someone who would be perfect, please contact Kelly Fullwood our Publicity Officer on 0417 827234.

### **AKA News**

Jenny Taylor from the AKA has advised that if you'd like to renew your AKA licence online, you must have at least 3 months club membership up your sleeve otherwise the computer doesn't like it.

### **Drivers Profiles**

Kelly Fullwood our Publicity Officer is slowly but surely obtaining Drivers Profiles from the drivers 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.

### **Positions Vacant**

The club has two vacant positions.

- Club Secretary
- Assistant Treasurer

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

The Assistant Treasurer's position is responsible for processing nomination and membership monies on the day.

For more information please contact Steve Green on 0401117354.

### **Drivers Profile**

Name: Luke Burt

Age: 8

Classes: Midget

Brand of Kart: Arrow

Racing No: 4

How Long Karting: New

Most Respected Competitor: None as yet

Favourite Driver: Dad

Career Highlights: Getting a Kart

Driving Ambitions: To have fun

Favourite Food: Chicken/Pineapple Fried Rice

Favourite Drink: Sunkist

### **Working Bee**

Thank you to all the members who showed up for the last working bee. We achieved a huge amount of work and the donation of Terry Carew and Brad Fullwood with their machinery allowed to club to complete all the tasks allocated. A big thank you also to the ladies in the canteen who kept the workers going with fresh bacon and egg sandwiches and copious amounts of tea and coffee.

### **Shield & Perpetual Trophies**

Could all those members that were awarded shield and perpetual trophies at last year's presentation night please return them so that they may grace the walls of the clubroom for all to see.

**YOUR LOGO COULD BE HERE, PLEASE CONTACT KELLY FULLWOOD FOR MORE DETAILS**



## **Drivers Profile**

Name: Lachlan Burt

Age: 10

Classes: Midget

Brand of Kart: Arrow

Racing No: 2

How Long Karting: Just started

Most Respected Competitor: None as yet

Favourite Driver: Tossup between dad and Craig Lowndes

Career Highlights: None as yet

Driving Ambitions: To have fun

Favourite Food: Seafood

Favourite Drink: Banana Smoothy



## **Race Calendar**

The complete 2010 Race Calendar is available on the DKA website [www.dka.org.au](http://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 19th July 2010.

Month	Event	Comments
Mon 17/05/10	DKA Committee Meeting	
Tues 18/05/10	SKC AGM	Motorsports House 7.30pm
Fri 21/05/10	Friday Practice Under Lights	
Sun 23/05/10	Championship Round 4	Track 3 Reverse
Sat 05/06/10	Junior Top of Australia (Senior support event)	Night Meet Track 4 -One off Competition night with trophies presented to 1st, 2nd & 3rd to Juniors
Sat 12/06/10	Working Bee – Saturday	Part 1 up to until 11am
Sun 13/06/10	Working Bee – Sunday	Part 2 up to until 11am
18-20/06/10	V8 Supercars	Track Closed
Mon 21/06/10	DKA Committee Meeting	
24 – 27/06/10	NT Titles	Day Meet Track 4
Sun 11/07/10	Championship Round 5	Day Meet Track 3
Fri 16/07/10	Friday Practice Under Lights	
Sun 18/07/10	Championship Round 6	Day Meet Track 2
Mon 19/07/10	DKA Committee Meeting	

### **DKA Committee Members**

President	Greg Meyer	0418893484
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**Watch this space next newsletter for point score results**