

Welcome to Rocky Kart Club's newsletter

May 2008



Rockhampton Formula K Kart Club

IMPORTANT NEWS: The Club meeting will now be held **Thursday 22nd May** due to the State of Origin being on Wednesday night.

From the President. State Championships are near!!!

Yes, the time is getting shorter before the State Championships which are upon us in July 2007. The Sup Regs have now been approved so we are expecting the nomination furry to start this week later.

With over 300 (in fact members of the AKAQ suspect more like 400) expected for the event a lot of work has been put into our facility in the lead up and we are receiving positive comments from all and sundry. The last 12 months really has been an exciting time for our club, so much happens every month as the "main event" gets closer and closer. I often worry that we are running out of time in some of our preparations as we often struggle with helpers. Sadly it is also the lack of willing bodies that let us down at race meetings then at our working bee's (why do they call them working bee's) which of course increases the workload on the helpers. PLEASE get involved...you may enjoy it.

As I said at our last race meeting the plan was to make our June meet a 2 day event as we are expecting record numbers to a non title meet for the club. Thankfully the AKA (QLD) has given us the go ahead so keep an eye out for the details on our web site etc. Also please take note of the pre- nomination process for this race as well. Again there is much on the drawing board for future events but without helpers sadly these events won't get off the ground.

Finally I am asking everyone to consider taking up a role on our committee, new people = new ideas and the growth that goes along with this. It isn't my intention to continue in the management committee next year as I believe I have achieved what I set out to do and I am confident we will see another quantum leap with the next president. I also believe a few others are thinking the same as me and are looking for breaks so if you have something to offer please come forward. I won't say all the hard work is done but I will say the club is in a fantastic shape and we have a steady platform for the next committee to take us to the next level. Please Consider.

Finally thanks to both Jo & Bruce and their involvement in the Lois Gall race presentations. So much of what we enjoy today is due to the foresight and visions of Lois. It has been from this we have built on to allow us one of the best facilities in Australia.

Till next month... Gavin Dicoski (President)

Sunday 11th May – Lois Gall Memorial Race Meeting

What another great meet in the lead up to the State Championships. With 50 karters for the event, it was going to be one with plenty of close racing and memorable moments. Congratulations to our local members for their strong performances (see over for results). But also good to see many visitors to the club. Big thanks have to go to the officials and volunteers for again giving up their time to run this event. Without these people our events would not happen. Also good to see that we are building a stronger relationship between the Gladstone and Rocky clubs with assistance on the weekend from Jill Sampson (Head Stewart) and Maddy Gretton (who assisted with the lap scoring and results processing). And I mean processing as we had a computer/printer malfunction and we had to do this manually.

Some memorable moments – include the 3 way battle between John Grother, Graham Prajbisz and Mick Doherty. Matt Dicoski throwing a wheel coming into the pit corner & of course great spirit shown by all competitors during this important event. So much of the day was summed up by the President during presentations when he suggested that the day was not only a day to remember the work that Lois Gall had done for the club but a day for us all to celebrate the importance of family, fellowship and sportsmanship in karting.

Whilst the field was small and to many it was disappointing John Grother's comment of travelling all over Australia to get quality racing has been a waste of time as he has just found it right here on his door step in Rockhampton.



Event Calendar

21st May – Rockhampton Club Members General Meeting

25th May – Bundaberg Leopard Series – Round 2

1st June – Gladstone C Grade Meeting

7th & 8th June – Rockhampton – Leopard Series Round 3 plus club meeting (confirmed for over 2 days) **PRE NOMINATIONS REQUIRED (in preference)!!**

22nd June – Rockhampton Social Kart Day

28th & 29th June – Working Bee before States

4th – 6th July - Old State Championships - Rockhampton

Results from – Lois Gall Memorial Meeting

Midgets – *Thomas Ewart*

Rookies – *Joshua Smith, Clinton Lewis*

JNL – *Christian Clark, Aiden Wright, Jethro TenBensel*

JNH – *Mitchell Else, Andrew Vessey-Brown, Luke Caputo, Jessie-James Stephens, Zak Ryan, Nicholas Weir, Nathan Baird*

SNL – *Corey James, Brock TenBensel, Josh McLean, Josh Pool, Jodie Carriage*

SNH – *Swaleha Ali*

Leopard Light – *John Grother, Graham Prajbisz, Sean Thomas, Scott Dagan, Luke Brill, Matt Dicoski, Troy Carriage, Greg Lewis*

Leopard Heavy – *Jason Laverty, Tim Samson, Elle Brydon, Ashley Carriage, Fred Watson, Ken Thorning*

Rotax Light – *Terry Huntley, Tarina Rix*

Rotax Heavy – *Marty Emerson, Allan Christian*

Clubman Light – *Lydon Dodge, Mick Doherty, John Grother, Graham Prajbisz, Tony Owen, Luke Brill*

Clubman Heavy – *Matthew Hibble, Darren Usher, Brooke Doherty*

Clubman S/Heavy – *Trevor Emerson*






Clubman Over 40 – *Stanley Peterson, Brett Else*

Congratulations to Scott Unwin and his lovely wife (and not forgetting the proud grandparents Evan and Carol) on the birth of their daughter Kloe. Kloe finally arrived on Friday 9th May- both are doing well. Scott turned up at the track on Sunday to be starter – even on Mothers Day!! Scott thanks again for this

Working bee is being held at the track on Saturday 31st May and Sunday 1st June. We have quite a few things that still need doing for the states but also for our June meeting. If you can spare a couple of hours or more please come and along to help – as we need you.

This includes both males and females!!

The States UPDATE

-  The Sup Regs have been posted and nominations are now being taken –check our website
-  A lot of the focus at the moment is ensuring we have pit areas for the 400 karters that we are expecting.
-  Sponsors are still being sought so if you can help us with the class sponsors that would be great
-  The news that Smart City Vocational College (a local former sponsor from a V8 Supercar) is taking on the position of naming right sponsor. This is great news for the club and has been a great windfall in many ways.
-  Tickets for the Welcome function are about to go on sale and promise to be a great night.