



## Tiger Kart Club October 2011 Club Day Report from Sean Phillips

Another great turn out for the October club day at Wanneroo shows just how popular our club days have become especially since it was only a week before the State Titles in Albany. Everyone's favorite little track the 750mtr was used for the day night event and as always it keeps the fields tight with its high speed open layout.

Once again the starts were spot on, nice steady pace, all formed up in order and green lights without having to run around and around wasting time for everyone, great stuff.

As you might have noticed we are now able to offer more racing laps at nearly every club day this year so thanks to all the drivers who are really making an effort to help us run these events like clockwork, your bonus is more racing and more fun, keep it up guys!!!

Racing was top notch and great to see such close racing with everyone being sensible and fair at the same time. This events standout performers were Luke Gabin and Oliver Baxter who were at it all day long and Jack Cattalini taking a win with Harrison Lang picking up a well deserved 3<sup>rd</sup> place too. It makes us all proud to see the Midgets (or cadets as they will be called next year) and Rookies doing such a good job out there, thanks also go to the hard working Mum's and Dad's for making such an effort both financially and time wise so all these lucky kids can go racing...

The club would also like to welcome the 6 new drivers having their first race event at the October club day. A big welcome to Scott Petersen (who took 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the day by the way!) Rainer Heigi , Keith Caie ,Alex Hannant (rookies) Matthew Harvey and Shane Gartrell (who by the way came up early to help us set up), cant thank you enough for that it makes a huge difference, it was a good result for all with everyone earning their endorsements.

Other standouts were Tim White who cleaned up 125 Heavies, Aaron Grossman with 2<sup>nd</sup> place in JNH, an excellent effort and the cream rose to the top in Super heavies with Dave Willis having a win. Tim Zapantis ran 2 classes, a 2<sup>nd</sup> in clubbies was a pretty good effort but struggled all day with the "J" and we'll keep it a secret why he didn't go out in the final of the SNH!

Richard Cotton, well we didn't think it could be done but you proved otherwise, you can actually drive a go kart in reverse for 50 meters at 40 kmh, impressive and so funny, don't think I've seen anyone laugh so much.

One thing that was a bit of a surprise was a lack of personnel for duties??? So far this year we have had a great turn out and as they say many hands make light work. Unfortunately some of our head officials had to run around with pick up trolleys while also trying to steward races.... Let's hope we get everyone who's up for duties at the next club day so it won't have to happen again.

Speaking of helper's, big thumbs up to Lloyd Nicholson and Cassy Budgeon for starting all the races and also Steven Summerfield who ran around picking up karts all day for us. To all those who helped pack everything up at the end of the day (scales, fire extinguishers etc etc) thanks for your help it's much appreciated.

Remember also that the raffle has jackpotted again so \$500 is up for grabs, all you have to do is be around for the presentations, it's that easy!!!!

I couldn't do the report without acknowledging an absolute standout performance in the highest level of our sport the CIK series by Jake Klarich. Jake took a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the series and for the first time in many years a WA driver is making some real impact on the east coast. Not that it's ever been easy to compete at that level traveling all the way from WA but seeing the specialized CIK karts are rarely raced over here Jake's performances are even more outstanding. Keep an eye on this guy because in a few years he's going to be one of Australia's hottest Motorsport talent's and sure to add to the list of past TKC champions (like Garth Tander who just won his 3<sup>rd</sup> Bathurst!!!)

Jake from all of us at the TKC, well done mate and watch out next year, that number 1 will be looking like making a trip back west!!!

Race safe.....Sean