



Tiger Kart Club September 2011 Club Day at Cockburn circuit

Luckily we managed to dodge most of the bad weather this winter that was up until the September club day anyway. One thing for sure though the 94 karters that turned up weren't going to let a bit of weather get in the way of a great days racing. Being able to perform in all conditions is part of being or developing into a great driver, the opportunity to test your skills against both your competitors and the elements is a real challenge that should be taken with both hands. Every driver who raced at the club day in these testing conditions would have gone home a better driver and next time it looks like being a wet race day they'll have that little bit more experience and confidence to perform at a higher level. That guy that beats you all the time in the dry all of a sudden starts to look vulnerable when you know you've put in the hard laps on those cold wet race days. Instead of looking at the weather forecast leading up to an event and worrying if it's going to rain now you are hoping it rains because you have the confidence on a wet track that you are going to have as good a chance as anyone to pick up that trophy.

If we had 94 trophies to give away then we would have because every driver deserved recognition for their efforts in these conditions. A few names should be mentioned though for their individual performances. Michael Goss and Steven Summerfield blitzed their races, Craig McKeon also too a win (must have been all that practice he did at Wanneroo a few weeks ago in pouring rain) and Mark Unstead who was driving in his first race meeting finished every race, well done guys...

Some other great results were achieved by Nigel Dunne (a great win) and what looked to be a formation finish by Jordan and Aaron Love once again showing these two young drivers are on the way to the top.

Incase things weren't exiting enough Tasso Kalogeracos decided to put on a real show for the crowd by doing a ½ pike followed by a roll over in turn 3, thankfully Tasso made it through mostly unscathed, same can't be said for his kart though...

Grumpy Adams advises that he's very impressed with the fantastic starts he's been seeing for most of this years events. Seems that everyone is starting to work out that trying to win the race before the first corner often only leads to a DNF, a red a white checker or both!!! Some other advantages to these new found starting skills are extending the racing laps (we upped it to 10 laps for the final) and getting to go home well before it's dark, makes you wonder why someone didn't think of it before.

As we have mentioned before the other big improvement in getting these meetings done early is the team who operate the pick up trolleys. Matt Robinson, Oliver Baxter, Payton Nahi and Ben Spencer were this months special operatives manning the trolleys, many thanks to you guys and a tip for any drivers running a few Kg over weight, one day running back and forwards to the pits doing this job will see you bolting on lead for the next meeting!!!

The club would also like to say a big thanks to Mike Colgan for doing the starts all day and also Mike Clark and Robin Howes who have run the Wanneroo practice more than a few times this year already.

This club can't survive without support from its members be that helping out when needed or in this case financial support in the way of prizes or donations. A huge thanks to Hudson and Jacob De Cerqueira for their raffle prize (Hudson provided an extra prize for the next club day), and Ian Love who also gave us some products for the next club day. Another huge thanks to Wade Stephenson and Chris Unstead for their generous donation towards the end of race meeting presentation prize. Special mention also to Chris Unstead who has donated \$500 to the last club day of the year, what a great effort and thank you from every one of us.

The next club day will be at Wanneroo and seeing that were getting to the end of the year we expect some great racing with only a few more opportunities to get some points before the final tally is made and our 2011 champions are crowned. Hoping too see you all their for what will be another awesome days racing

Race Safe.....

Sean