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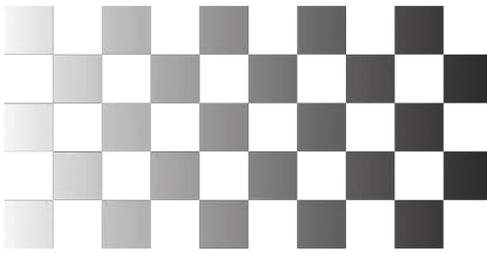
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This month in Karting:

A great days racing the first club day at the end of February. We had a good number of entries which

was great for a country club.

Last year I went on a driving holiday up NSW along the East coast and ended up a spectator at some club days at NSW Kart tracks. We didn't have our karts but went and had a look anyway. Up there they are battling to get numbers—one Rookie did 10 laps by herself, that was her race! They don't run last Sunday of the month racing either, they run odd Sundays and to make up numbers other clubs run together all year round.

So we are lucky we can run 10 club days and most of the time we the numbers in the classes, with some good racing just in our own club.

Talking to other Victorian clubs, and they too are envious of our club for the great following we have.

Inter-club day is on the last Sunday in May(27th) at Bairnsdale Kart Club. If you have never raced there then you are missing one of the best tracks about—flowing, safe and normally great weather. You will also be supporting a club that doesn't have the numbers attending that we do, so give them some competition. The inter-club meet is also a week before their open (on June 3) so you can get some practice in for that. Look forward to seeing you next club day.—Dean.

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Gippsland Go Kart Club Inc.

General Meeting. 06/03/2012.

The general meeting of the Gippsland Go-Karts was held at our clubrooms, on Tuesday 6th March, 2012 and was declared opened at 7.17 pm by President Graeme Monds.

Present: Anita & Barry Stratton, Graeme & Jeanette Monds, Glenn Wall, Phil Lane, Geoff Medew. Sharon Lowater, John Schena, Alfi Prestipino, Peter & Lorraine Aitken, Daniel Inglis, Luana Crampton Mick Alger, Simon Pooley, Damien Scurlock, Cameron, Tony & Lucas Correa.

Apologies: Jason Crampton, Brett & Caroline Hopkinson, Ross Miller.

New Members: The club would like to welcome our new member Bailey Collins who will be racing in the cadet class. We hope you and your family enjoy your stay with us.

Minutes from last Meeting. The minutes from the last meeting were read by members present, Moved by Glenn Wall, second by Jeanette Monds that they be true and correct.

Treasurers Report: The treasurers report was given by Phil Lane, and moved by Jeanette Monds and second by Sharon Lowater that they be true and correct.

Business Arising. Breakup for 2012, More discussion, Alfi is going to get some more quotes, report back next meeting.

Delegates Report: The delegates report was given by Graeme Monds.

State Tech: Yamaha KT100S barrels-check to see if there is more than 12mm of grinding on the inlet port. They will still be ground but some have excessive grinding. AKA currently in discussions with Yamaha.

State Steward Coordinator:
28-29th/01/2012.

ROTAX PRO TOUR

ENTRIES 172

GKCV.

1xRule 25.06

Nose Cone Infringement

Excluded Section of Event.

1xRule 16.05(d)

Fail to Register a Qualifying Time.

Slowest time + 1 second.

1xRule 16.10(e)(i)

Driver did not remain seated in kart.

Excluded Section of event.

1xRule 16.02

Not attending drivers briefing.

Fine \$20.00

1xRule 5.01®

Weight infringement.

Excluded from final.

Treasurers Financial Report: Phil explained to the delegates present the new financial reporting.

State Delegate: Cyber bullying policy has been approved. **Drugs in Sport-**competitors to go onto the website to check their medication and get dispensation if required.

State Track: All tracks have now had their annual inspections completed. Some clubs are to be commended for the way their tracks were presented. Some clubs need to work on their presentation.

Once again a reminder that **all tracks** must be presented at all times in a condition that is acceptable for a race meeting.

Historic Karting: There is 28 members. First meeting for 2012 is in March at Ballarat should have about 10

members attend. The Club will be holding meetings in Bendigo and other tracks throughout the year. Greg thanked the council for helping them get the Historic club going. Thank You Graeme for your report.

Correspondence In & Out: Moved by Lorraine Aitken and second by Luana Crampton that the correspondence be accepted as true and correct.

Race Report: Glenn Wall, Bendigo. Very Hot weekend, not enough stewards, Glenn's opinion, especially when others are busy. 258 entries. Lot of "C" grade drivers in with the fast ones, you could see the difference.

General Business:

Geoff Medew: Stewards school. Graeme Monds, Andrew Broadbent, Glenn Wall, Phil Lane, Geoff Medew and Russell Frost attended the school, they have been going for years. Geoff mentioned that only one new steward had joined in the last 12 months.

There was a discussion re the AKA current manual, why can't we all get a copy at the beginning of the year. Some get them in the middle of the year when they renew their licences. Phil said you can download it from the computer.

Proposal of new Land and Track!!!

Alfi spoke again about the sale of our land and us being relocated to a new and better Go Kart Complex. Alfi, Phil and Mario Monacerlers have had a meeting with the council which was well accepted. We still have a long way to go to find out if the proposal from Monasellers will go ahead or not, but before we move forward on this we will be asking our members for their support, and may even need to hold a Special Meeting so Members can vote for or against this matter. Phil will be looking into our Code and will inform us of the way this is to happen. Much more about this matter in coming months, Alfi & Phil are looking into this matter and they will be keeping all of us well informed on this matter.

Thank you Mick for having cleaned the track of all wire. Much appreciated Mick.

Geoff Medew thanks to all those who attended working bee, to make the track look great, for our race day, and for those members who did the tyres and taking the old ones away and screwing the new ones together, and putting the along the out grid fence. To the few members who stayed back, cleaned the big shed and take all the rubbish away, it is greatly appreciated. You know who you are???

Graeme getting more tyres to complete the out grid fence.

Luana Crampton: spoke on behalf of Jason who was absent, about a stickers kit to put on our trailers or karts to advertise our club. Going to look into this matter. Graeme to see Mr. Tomkins. More later.

Peter Aitken: Drivers would like another lap counter, so that they can see it from the other side. Glenn has been trying to get in touch with the company concerned for months.

Jenny Monds: Parking in the pits. Members have been asked many times to unhook your trailer from car, and park your car further back. If you want to pit on the gravel do that by all means, but leave room for the others, that would happen if the cars were parked further back. There is not supposed to be any cars in the pits, so please think of the others and give them room also.

Glenn Wall: Golden Power, Pam is doing a new cover. Glenn is getting the sup regs ready for our round of the Power, and he is working out the sup regs the our "C & D" grade titles.

Sharon Lowater: Anita Lowerson from Todd Road, has been helping Sharon re qualifying. All drivers has to be weighed when they come in.

Inter-Club race day. Our annual inter club race meeting between Gippsland and Bairnsdale will be held in Bairnsdale on the **MAY** race weekend. The date is **27th May**. Bairnsdale will be coming down here for their return visit on **29th July**. I will keep putting it in the newsletter to remind you.

Working Bee: Saturday 24th March. Finish tying tyres for wall along pit straight and tidy up the surrounds. Please come a lend a hand, so that we can get things done. **No practice until all work is done. Glenn.**

Glenn told me today that we have a Web page the address is. www.ggkc.org.au get onto it and see what is happening at the club.

Members: If you want to renew your license, you have to do your membership first. If you wish to race on a race weekend, and your license is due for renewal, you must have your license done with Lorraine by the Wednesday before the race meeting, as they have to have all information about your license on the computer by late Wednesday night. For anymore information see Lorraine or give her a ring.

Members remember to keep reading the Notice Board with all the new addendums, they will be of interest to driver and pit crew.

To help the girls in the canteen, if you would like something special for your lunch e.g. Soup, Sandwiches or salads etc, if you have any dietary needs, would you please give them your order, so they can get them ready and it will make it easier on them. Thank You.

Personnel for Sunday 25th March, 2012.

Clerk of Course: Andrew Brooadbent,
Scales: Lisa Scott.
Grid Marshall: Carolyn Cameron.
Announcer: Geoff Medew.
Scrutineer: Brett Hopkinson.
First Aide: John Head.

Lap Scorers: Sharon Lowater. Lorraine Aitken.
Lights Operator: Luana Crampton.
Stewards: Glenn Wall, Phil Lane, Russell Frost?
Starter: Peter Richards.

If any of the above personnel cannot do the allocated job they are named for, could you please ring Anita on 51 74 3870 or 0407 74 3780 before 22nd March, 2012.

Meeting closed 9.30pm.

Next meeting 10th April, commencing 7pm.



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2012 VKA CALENDAR

MARCH

4	Begonia City titles	Ballarat
9/10/11	Vic Open Championships	Geelong
18	F1	
24	Historic	Ballarat
25	Clubday	

APRIL

1	AllStars Series R1	Oakleigh
6/7/8	Kart titles	GVKC Altered to Mildura!
15	Val & Joyce Findlay Memorial	Geelong
22	Country Series R2	Portland (CIK Rd 2)
29	Club Day (Pro-tour Albury)	

MAY

6	Golden Power Series R2	Rochester
13	Southern City Classic	Oakleigh
20	Country Series R3	Wimmera
27	Club Day	

JUNE

3	Open	Bairnsdale
9/10	North West Titles	Mildura
	Golden Power Series R3	Gippsland (CIK Rd 3)
24	Club Day	

JULY

1	HorsePower Heaven	Geelong
8	Sun Centre Titles	Swan Hill
6/7/8	Australian Championships	Darwin
15		
22	AllStars Series Rd 2	ELKC
29	Club Day	(CIK Rd 4)

AUG

4/5	C&D Titles	Gippsland
11	City of Melb Titles	GKCV
19	Golden Power Series R4	Albury
26	Club Day	

SEPT

2	AllStars Series Rd 3	GKCV
8	Junior Sprint Classic	ELKC
15	Shane McPhee SWKC	(CIK Rd 5)
23	Country Series Rd 4	Hamilton
29	Historics	Bendigo
30	Club Day	

OCT

6	Kingston Cup	Oakleigh
14	Open	Bendigo
21	Country Series R5	Ballarat
28	Club Day	

NOV

4	AllStars Series R4	Geelong
11	Golden Power Series R5	ELKC
17	Historics	GVKC
18	Country Series R6	SWKC
25	Club Day	

DEC

1/2	Vic Closed	Bendigo
8	VKA Presentation	
9	Enduro	GKCV

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CLUB DAY

RESULTS Morwell

26 FEBRUARY
2012

SENIOR NATIONAL LIGHT

- 1 John SCHENA
- 2 Samantha CLARKE
- 3

CLUBMAN HEAVY

- 1 Grant WICKS
- 2 Ryan AITKEN
- 3 Damien SCURLOCK

CADETS

- 1 Bailey HUME
- 2 Samuel DOWNING
- 3 Adam WATCHORN

JUNIOR NATIONAL LIGHT

- 1 Troy ALGER
- 2 Jayden O'SULLIVAN
- 3 Jeremiah SHEEHAN

SPORTSMAN RESTRICTED HEAVY

- 1 Scott LOWATER
- 2 Alfi PRESTIPINO
- 3 Brett HUME

CLUBMAN OVER 40'S

- 1 Peter AITKEN
- 2 John SCHENA
- 3 Frank SCHENA

SPORTSMAN RESTRICTED MEDIUM

- 1 Neville WATT
- 2 Brett HUME
- 3 Alfi PRESTIPINO

JUNIOR NATIONAL HEAVY

- 1 Jayden O'SULLIVAN
- 2 Troy ALGER
- 3 Benjamin SCHENA

CLUBMAN LIGHT

- 1 Nikola AALGER
- 2 James DEAN
- 3 Thomas HICKMAN

ROOKIES

- 1 James FYFE
- 2 Brock WATCHORN
- 3 Benny SCOTT

SPORTSMAN MEDIUM

- 1 James DEAN
- 2 Dean WATCHORN
- 3 Geoff WYHOON

Results available online: <https://app.austkarting.com.au/aka/results/>



GIPPSLAND GO KART CLUB Clubperson of the Year			
Year	Name	Year	Name
1985	LYDDO WICKS	2006	GRAHAM CLARKE
1986		2007	SUE FARLEY
1987		2008	MARK LOWATER
1988	RUSSELL ROGERS	2009	GEOFF KATHY, RACHEL & TRACEY MEDEY
1989		2010	JEANETTE MONDS
1990	KEVIN MCKINNON		& JOHN SCHEVA
1991	MARJ MCKINNON	2011	LI SCHENA, SUE SCHENA & ANDREW BROADBENT
1992	MARJ MCKINNON		
1993	MARJ MCKINNON		
1994	KEVIN MARJ ANGELA & GRANT MCKINNON		
1995	MAVIS MILKINS		
1996	GRAEME MONDS		
1997	MARJ MCKINNON		
1998	RHONDA GREY, MARJ MCKINNON & GRAEME MONDS		
1999	WAYNE RUSSELL		
2000	MARJ MCKINNON		
2001	WAYNE RUSSELL		
2002	IRENE COLE		
2003	BARRY STRATTON		
2004	PETER KEY		
2005	BARRY RIPPER		
	PATRICK RIPPER		
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ANNOUNCEMENT
21ST ANNUAL AUSTRALASIAN KART TITLES
EASTER WEEKEND 6th, 7th & 8th April 2012

Happy 21st Birthday

21ST Birthdays don't come around every year and usually generate great anticipation and excitement. The 21st running of the Australasian Kart Titles is no different. However, the tradition of the event has been turned upside down and inside out.

Firstly, the traditional date of September has been changed. When the Australian Championships were shifted to a July date to cope with the Darwin heat, the Goulburn Valley Kart Club was presented with an opportunity to fill the Easter date with their ever popular Australasian Kart Titles. This gives Karters the chance to use their Easter weekend to go motor racing and compete in a quality event. Potentially attracting Karters, who may not have been qualified nor had the desire to compete in the Australian Championships. The Australasian Kart Titles accepts entries from A, B, C and D grade licence holders, including P platers.

The next twist has come with the flooding rainfall experienced in North-East Victoria over recent weeks. The resulting flood-waters have left the Numurkah Raceway, over 1 metre under water. Members of the GVKC have remained undeterred and keener than ever to present Karters with the chance to compete in the event. A number of different possibilities have been explored and we are pleased to announce, that with the co-operation of the Mildura Kart Club, the 2012 Australasian Kart Titles will now be held at Mildura Raceway, with Saturday's 2nd heat to be held in the evening under lights. Let the Birthday celebrations commence.

The event has been an established breeding ground for young Karters, providing the opportunity to pit themselves against their peers and prepare for National and State championship challenges. All junior classes will again feature at this meeting including; Rookies, Midgets, Junior National, Junior Clubman and Junior Max. With support from the Moira Shire and Empire Trade Exchange, trophies will be presented to fifth place for all junior classes, as well as limited edition prints for the Junior Champions.

Organisers anticipate up to 240 racers will compete in 16 classes, including senior Clubman and Sportsman Tag classes. Drivers will participate in four races over two days, culminating in a winner take all Championship final on Sunday afternoon. Qualifying was re-introduced to the Titles in 2011 and proved to be an extremely popular innovation. The 2 timed qualifying sessions in this year's event will only add to the tension and drama. The Australasian Kart Title is a recognized Victorian Karting Association Title and the victors are awarded an Australasian Kart Titles trophy along with the right to carry the prestigious Champions, Red Number Plate in Victoria.

Something new for 2012 is the introduction of the *Empire Trade - Engine Builder's Point Score*. The GVKC wants to reward engine builders who are successful at the event. Karters must register their engine builder as a sponsor in their entry for them to be eligible. A holiday voucher from Norwood House, Mt Eliza Victoria (www.norwoodhouse.com.au), valued at \$400, will be presented to the most successful Engine Builder. So we encourage ALL engine builders to get their Karters to the Australasian Kart Titles this Easter weekend.

Revised Supplementary Regulations will be available online at: <http://www.vka.asn.au> very shortly.
MOST IMPORTANT: event entry is ONLINE ONLY at <http://www.karting.net.au>
Payment must be received by the GVKC via the CMS system for entry to be accepted, prior to 3rd April 2012.
Once class grid is full no further entries will be taken – classes will NOT be over subscribed

The Goulburn Valley Kart Club is keen to continue the social fabric of the Australasian Kart Titles, providing a relaxed atmosphere combined with highly competitive racing. Camping is available on site, while catering will be provided over the course of the weekend. Bar facilities will be available Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings with the highlight of Saturday evening combining a BBQ dinner and BAND. Mildura Raceway is a high caliber facility that many Victorian racers may not have experienced before. The 2012 Australasian Kart Titles gives competitors the chance to experience Mildura and what the region has to offer. As we go to press there is still plenty of accommodation available as well as camping on site at Mildura raceway.

Michael Scott
GVKC Vice-President
Ph 0401 092 257

Golden Power Series Round One: 18/19 February 2012

The Golden Power Series is becoming one of the richest karting series in Australia with over \$45000 in prizes up for grabs for the year. There are incentives for completing the full series – (ie. 5 rounds) these include the chance to win a new Go-Kart. Hopefully all in karting support the sponsors who assist our sport.

Had a great weekend of racing with the first round of the Power Series – the weather was hot and so was the racing. There was over 250 entries for the meeting held at the Bendigo Kart Club. Clubs were represented from all over Victoria and interstate including Northern Territory and Queensland. It was excellent to see a large number of entries for the junior fields.

Saturday everyone was finding their limit as for most people it was their first time in the Kart for 2012. There was 2 x 10 lap heats on Saturday, and then Sunday the Pre-final and finals were contested. Weather held up for the 14 lap finals with some spectacular racing. The first corner was hotly contested keeping the officials busy throughout the day.

The Clubman Heavy final saw Dylan Collett leading from start to finish, with an excellent drive from Ian Murray fighting his way through the field from 6th to finish second. There was a massive field of 22 for Sportsman Restricted Light, and after finishing the prefinal 4th Jack Richards won the final with Tim McCarthy in second place. In the Junior National Light final there was lots of dicing throughout the field, but Brayden North took the lead in Lap three and won the final.

Results for individual races can be found at <https://app.austkarting.com.au/aka/results/>

A great job was done by all the volunteers from the Bendigo Kart Club, and it may turn out to be one of the last race meets on the existing track before the extensions are completed this year. The second round of the Power Series will be held at the Rochester Kart Club on the 5th and 6th of May 2012.



2012 GGKC IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT	CLUB
Mar 24	Working Bee no practice until done!!	GGKC
Mar 25	Club Day	GGKC
April 7/8/9	Australasian Titles	Mildura
April 10	Meeting @ 7pm at clubrooms	GGKC
Apr 22	Country Series R2	Portland
Apr 29	Club Day	GGKC
May 6	Golden Power Series R2	Rochester
May 20	Country Series R3	Wimmera
May 27	GGKC Club Day Interclub meet at	Bairnsdale
June 24	Club Day	
July 29	GGKC Club Day Interclub meet at	GGKC

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FEBRUARY CLUB DAY