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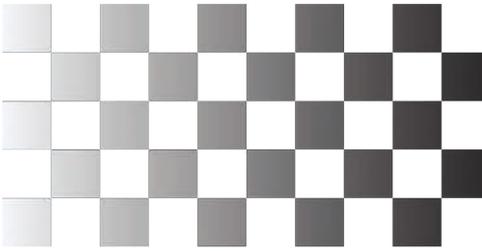
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This month in Karting: Just got back from Vietnam, Deb and I, and the boys. If you can drive in Vietnam you can drive anywhere. Crazy—we got picked up at the airport and we had to go through a round-about with 1500 motorbikes, trucks, buses, cars, scooters, pedestrians, throw in rickshaws and a water buffalo—and we come out the other end unscathed! I said to the taxi driver “try that in first corner of over 40’s?”, he just looked at me :)
See you at our next club day. - Dean.

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NOTE

Addition to Minutes: General Business
ROD MAKEPEACE MEMORIAL:
This race for all over 40’s drivers will be held on our June race day, so we would like to see as many Over 40’s have a go.



MARCH CLUB DAY



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General Meeting. 10/04/2012.

The general meeting of the Gippsland Go-Karts was held at our clubrooms, on Tuesday 10th April, 2012 and was declared opened at 7.15 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, Simon Pooley, Cameron, Tony & Luke Correa, Carolyn & Brett Hopkinson, William Hopkinson, Sue Farley, Alan & Ross Miller.

Apologies: Mick Alger, Luana & Jason Crampton.

New Members: The club would like to welcome our four new members: Elly Morrow, Andrew Reid. Ty & Martin Hinchliffe, Jack Gorman, Xanthe McKinnell & Family, Curt Sra, Matt Fraser & Family, We sincerely wish you well in your racing, and we hope that you will enjoy your time with us. Welcome to the Hinchliffe & Fraser Families from Bairnsdale, and Curt Sera from Oakleigh.

Minutes from last Meeting. The minutes from the last meeting were read by members present, Moved by Lorraine Aitken, second by Barry Stratton that they be true and correct.

Treasurers Report: The treasurers report was given by Phil Lane, and moved by Geoff Medew and second by Jeanette Monds that they be true and correct. Thank You Phil for your complete report.

Business Arising. Breakup for 2012, More discussion, Alfi has a couple of places, but has to find out dates, possible date could be 8th December, Venue still to be worked out, more about that at the next meeting.

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

State President:

Vic open was run well. Weather good, racing was good.

State Tech: Yamaha Barrel – still being investigated by AKA. Big investigation.

AKA purchase of a building – NO – look at having in other city.

State Steward Coordinator:

20-21/01/2012.

JUNIOR TOP GUNS.

1x Rule 5.01 ®

1x Rule 16.09

ENTRIES 153

Weight infringement.

Starting Infringement

OAKLEIGH

Exclusion section of event.

10 Second Penalty

4-5/02/2012

COUNTRY SERIES RD. 1

1x Rule 16.23 (a)

ENTRIES 127

Kart Contact

WARRNAMBOOL

25 Point Penalty.

18-19/02/2012.

GOLDEN POWER SERIES RD. 1. ENTRIES 254

2x Rule 25.06

1x Rule 15.08

Nose cone infringement

Passing yellow flag

BENDIGO.

Exclusion section of event.

1 Place penalty

1x Rule 15.08	Passing under yellow.	100 Point penalty.
1x Rule 16.18 (i)	Rejoining circuit.	150 Point penalty.
1x Rule 16.18 (iii)	Rejoining circuit.	Exclusion from final.
1x Rule 5.01 ®	Weight infringement,	Exclusion from final.
1x Rule 16.15 (1)	Kart Direction.	Excluded from meeting.
1x Tech Rule 15.8.2	Non complying carburetor.	Excluded from meeting + 3 Month suspension.

9-10-11/03/2012

VIC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

2x Rule 22.03(7)
1x Rule 16.10 (e)(1)
2x Rule 16.05 (e)
1x Rule 5.01 (b)
1x Rule 23.11
1x Rule 16.05(b)
1x Rule 16.23(a)16.27(3)
1x Rule 5.01 (x)
2x Rule 15.08
1x Rule 16.23 (a)
1x Rule 16.18 (iii)
1x Rule 25.22.2
1x Rule 16.23 (a)
1x Rule 5.01 ®
1x Rule 5.01 (o)
1x Rule 26.01

ENTRIES. 332.

Non conforming fuel.
Alighted from kart
Weight infringement TQS
Speak in an intimidating manner
Failed to manage tyres.
No Transponder.
Contact of kart.
Remove seal.
Passing under yellow.
Contact of kart.
Rejoining circuit.
End cap missing from exhaust.
Contact of kart.
Weight infringement.
Engine part illegal
Failed CC.

GEELONG.

Excluded TQS 1
Excluded TQS 1
Slowest time + 1 Second
Written warning
Excluded heat 1
Excluded heat 2
16 point penalty.
Excluded heat 1
1 Place penalty.
Excluded Pre Final.
15 Place penalty.
DNF Pre Final.
1 Place penalty Final.
Excluded from final.
Excluded from final.
Excluded from final + 1 Month suspension.

State Technical: Rotax engines. MUST comply with the regulations. Make sure they read the rules on the karting.net.au site.

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

State Track: Clubs that have had a bit of rainfall in the last months I would ask that you check your “catchtraps” and “drop off” areas to make sure that they have not been damaged and/or washed away. If there is damage, please ensure that they are repaired and rectified as soon as possible.

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: Historic meeting is going ahead on 24th March 2012. Result of meeting hopefully in the next lot of reports.

Agenda items for delegates meeting 12th April, 2012. Results of discussions will be given at our next meeting.

Item 1: Ongoing agenda item: 125 Sportsman light and heavy classes weight parity for restricted to be an ongoing item. Discussion on the weight changes.

Track: Suggested rule change for the AKA conference or deletion of this rule/s:

That we revisit the rule/s in relation to the Acceleration Line – Rules 17.06 and Rule 16.09(iv). Is the Acceleration line required? This rule is not adhered to by the drivers.

Technical/Scrutineering: This item to be discussed at the meeting on 12th April, 2012.

Rule 26.01.

Rule 26.01 Cylinder Head Volume Measurement:

8) To clean out measuring fluid after failure of the first test and before commencement of second test, unleaded petrol to be poured into cylinder, Motor to be rinsed and blown out by inserting air hose into spark plug recess and turning the piston to open exhaust, therefore, expelling excess fluid. Cylinder Head and engine seal is not to be removed prior to any C. C test.

Change to read:

Rule 26.01 Cylinder Head Volume Measurement:

8) To clean out measuring fluid after failure of the first test and before commencement of second test, unleaded petrol to be poured into cylinder, **Rinsed out twice** and turning the piston to open exhaust, therefore, expelling excess fluid. Cylinder Head and engine seal is not to be removed prior to any C.C test.

Rule 25.31 2

This is the rule in the rule book about brackets for the camera's

The camera must be mounted to the kart with a "fit for purpose" mounting system that, in itself, does not pose a hazard to other karts or karters under any circumstances. My interpretation on the brackets would be that they could pose a hazard to other karters if the 2 kart collided. There are photos up on the notice board.

I think the rule should have something like: can only be fitted a fixed part of the chassis or the radiator with the brackets that come with the camera, (do brackets come with the camera I'm not sure).

There are a lot of things for the delegates to discuss at this meeting here is a list of them: Clutch test procedure.

Rule 25.17 f. 25.19 Weights: 25.11 Guards: 25.09 Exhaust System: 23.03 Tyre Treatment: 23.04 Preheating of Tyres: 1.19 Running in an engine: 25.11 Guards:

All the above items for discussion at the meeting are up on the notice board for all of you to read, plus the photos.

Item 3: 2013 Race Calendar Clubs to provide a preference date for race meeting allocation for 2013.

Thank you Graeme for the report.

General Business:

Graeme Monds has looked into getting stickers to put onto your trailers or karts. It was bought up at March meeting. The stickers will be advertisement of our club. More about it next meeting.

Don't forget about the parking in the pits, it also was bought up at the last meeting. Please be fair to everyone.

Glenn Wall: Graeme asked Glenn to tell members present what was happening with the new timing system.

There was a discussion about the new timing system, Glenn spoke about how things were being done at the club. We will be able to see all info of racing in the clubroom, through the TV, when everything is set up, It may take a few more weeks until everything is working properly, Glenn will inform us when it is a go.

Thank you Glenn for all your work in getting this project up and going. Members please be patient.

Sharon Lowater: Anita Lowerson from Todd Road, has been helping Sharon re qualifying.

The qualifying trial was run last club day, not many people were happy with it, only the ones that started off the front every race. The other way was fair to everyone. We will all have to wait and see what happens in time, one of our officials said she did not want anymore qualifying??

Alfi: I Would like to welcome two new **GOLD** sponsors to our club, Tackle World \$2000.00 per year, and the Italian Club \$2000.00

per year, break down \$1500.00 in cash and 10 x \$50 vouchers, these vouchers will be given out as prizes at the end of every club meet. (Please support our sponsors when you can)

There was another lengthy discussion about the land and track, Alfi had some properties on show, but the discussion took up nearly 1 hour, and nothing was finalized. As mentioned before it will take some time to work it all out, Phil has to get some legal advice, then we will know how /where we go. Stayed tuned.

Lorraine: Newsletters. Lorraine bought it up that a lot of members had got in touch with her asking why they

are not getting their newsletter sent to them. From Anita, by now everyone on the mailing list will have another letter asking for those who still wish to have their newsletter sent out to please get in touch with Anita. If you still want yours sent out, if you haven't got a computer, then I will send one to you, I will download them off the computer, photo copy them, sent them to you, BUT if you need a newsletter sent out, you must let me know ASAP.

Carolyn: Transponders sharing. One of the drivers ran his race and didn't have his transponder on. Carolyn got upset after words were spoken. Drivers if you are sharing transponders it is up to you to make sure that you have your transponder on your kart when it is your race time.

Sharon: Cannot show points, or still show the points, (not sure of the answer to that, will let you know after the next meeting. Also at our last meeting some members inquired about how they get a key so that they can come and now the track, the key was cut and given to Sharon, you can get it off Sharon at her work, but as yet no one has been to get the key?? If you don't know Sharon works at Alfi's.

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.

Don't forget that we now have our own web page the address is. www.ggkc.org.au click onto it and see what is happening at our club. You can also download the newsletter from this web site. Thanks.

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 29th April, 2012.

Clerk of Course: Andrew Broadbent,
Scales: Lisa Scott.
Grid Marshall: Carolyn Hopkinson.
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,
Starter: Michael Bantick?

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 25th April, 2012.

Meeting closed 10.0pm.

Next meeting 8th May, 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 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

Photos courtesy Steve Dansey



MARCH CLUB DAY

If you wish to add in any way to the newsletter with club news, photos, classifieds or sponsorship you can contact me by phone: 03 56622660 mobile: 0408 622084 or email: dwatchorn@bigpond.com

CLUB DAY

RESULTS Morwell

25 MARCH 2012

SENIOR NATIONAL LIGHT

- 1 John SCHENA
- 2 Samantha CLARKE
- 3

CLUBMAN HEAVY

- 1 James DEAN
- 2 Ryan AITKEN
- 3 Grant WICKS

CADETS

- 1 Adam WATCHORN
- 2 Samuel DOWNING
- 3 Chad DENSLEY

JUNIOR NATIONAL LIGHT

- 1 Jacob PRESTIPINO
- 2 Troy ALGER
- 3 Jayden O'SULLIVAN

SPORTSMAN RESTRICTED HEAVY

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

CLUBMAN OVER 40'S

- 1 Brian MILKINS
- 2 Grant WICKS
- 3 John SCHENA

SPORTSMAN RESTRICTED MEDIUM

- 1 Neville WATT
- 2 Scott LOWATER
- 3 Callum MCCAUGHAN

JUNIOR NATIONAL HEAVY

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

CLUBMAN LIGHT

- 1 Curt SERA
- 2 Nikola ALGER
- 3 James DEAN

ROOKIES

- 1 Jordan CARUSO
- 2 James FYFFE
- 3 Marcus FRASER

SPORTSMAN MEDIUM

- 1 James DEAN
- 2 Jason BARGWANNA
- 3 Dean WATCHORN

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2012 GGKC IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT	CLUB
Apr 22	Country Series R2	Portland
Apr 29	Club Day	GGKC
May 6	Golden Power Series R2	Rochester
May 8	Meeting @ 7pm at clubrooms	GGKC
May 20	Country Series R3	Wimmera
May 27	GGKC Club Day Interclub meet at	Bairnsdale
June 24	Club Day	GGKC
July 29	GGKC Club Day Interclub meet at	GGKC
Aug 19	Golden Power Series R4	Albury



Photos courtesy Steve Dansey—March Club day.
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