

Round 2 of the Winter Series Championship and record entries continue in the New Year! 314 drivers surpassed any previous January (or any other months) records in the Club's 20 year history. A massive THANK YOU to all the drivers who supported the event, and while track time is limited in the winter months, the numbers and level of competition provides a sensational platform for ultra-competitive club karting.

Double grids of IAME & Honda Cadet along with X30 Junior & Senior and strong support grids of Rotax ensured some competitive action. The ongoing running of the new CIK style 'push back' front nose cones was again proving its worth and from the outside, more respectful driving was evident. Timetable completed on schedule, no red flags and a great days racing – in changing and difficult conditions.



IAME Cadet –50+ drivers meaning two groups for TQ – Bray Kenneally heading one of them and Taylor Barnard the other. Pre Final 'A' was won decisively by Zak O'Sullivan, with Josh Rattican a solid second and Ben Kasperczak third. Pre Final 'B' was a much closer affair with Joseph Taylor having a 'ding dong' with Harry Thompson, Taylor held on for the win, Thompson second and a strong drive by Alicia Barrett into third. Toby McDonald took the 'B' Final win while second, after a storming drive, was 'rookie' Kai Askey. So onto the 'A' Final, and a cracker over 10 laps – Harry Thompson and Alicia Barrett had a brilliant scrap the whole race but Thompson used his race craft to hold on (just) to the win, Barrett an excellent second and Taylor Barnard third holding off the chasing pack, which consisted of Georgi Dimitrov, Zak O'Sullivan and Harrison Skinner

1st Rookie – Tom Edger

1st Novice – Luke Watts



HONDA Cadet – A brilliant entry, almost eclipsing the IAME numbers. 50 + meant split grids for TQ, Sam Heading and Oliver Marsh taking 'top spot' in their respective groups. In Pre Final 'A' pole sitter Sam Heading took a dominant lights to flag victory, Justin Breward had a strong race into second while Caden McQueen drove an excellent race moving up 13 grid slots to claim third. Pre Final 'B' was a solid win for Lucas Ellington who drove a great opening lap and never looked back, Wesley Mason was a solid second and Oliver Marsh rounded out the top three. 'B' Final and a great dice between Kieran Conchie and Oliver Greenhall, Conchie resisting the pressure and taking the win. 'A' Final and wow.....5 lead changes in the race and some very skilful driving by these young guys/gals – but as is often the case, when its 'racecraft' that counts, there's no denying Harry Thompson's skill – always aware, always sharp, and always seems to be in the right place at the right time, and usually at the chequered flag – and so it was today – First. Ben Fayers also had a brilliant drive climbing from a very lowly grid slot to end up second. Oliver Bearman also gained places to finish a well-earned third, and mention for a storming drive from Ben Kasperczak who improved 20 places to take fourth.

1st Rookie – Jayja Cook

1st Novice – Oliver Phillips



JUNIOR MAX – A strong grid of 30 drivers, and some strong racing.

Jonathan Hoggard was the star of TQ – Fastest. He continued that form into the Pre Final and converted it to a win, Luke Ide took a strong second with Tyler Sullivan third. The 'A' Final produced some great racing but the results were affected by nose cone penalties – Luke Ide being very unfortunate after taking the win had to take his 10 place penalty – after an incident not of his making involving Hoggard – Hoggard receiving a driving infringement penalty so his result was affected also. Out of all the turmoil, Tyler Sullivan drove a mature race to take the win, William Pettit was a strong second while Adam Smalley continued his good days work with third. Mention of Scott Symons who ended up third after starting mid grid – nice drive.

1st Rookie – Jason Lockwood

1st Novice – Isaac Smith

All Results and current Club Championship standings can be found on the website.

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MINI MAX - Another strong grid of Rotax Mini's – Dexter Patterson looking very classy as he took fastest lap in TQ. The Pre Final provided a shake up as Jenson Butterfield took a lights to flag victory – good drive in tricky conditions. Finlay Bunce was his nearest rival ending up second and Jonny Edgar quietly working his way to the front. The 'A' Final took a couple of laps to settle in difficult wet conditions, but once Jonny Edgar hit the front it was game over – win. Jenson Butterfield couldn't match his pace but was a solid second although Dexter Patterson chased him to the line ending up third.

1st Rookie – Brandon Abraham



SENIOR MAX - Stuart Middleton was top of the pile after TQ, his nearest rival being Josh White. In the Pre Final nothing changed as Middleton looked well in command – 1st, White second and Tom Croydon third. The 'A' Final however was a complete reversal of fortunes as Josh White harried Middleton until mid-race then hit the front and was never headed, Stuart having to settle for second and a strong drive by Jack McConnell secured third.

1st Rookie & Novice – Ryan Jones



X30 JUNIOR - A stunning 60 drivers ensured an action packed event and also required two Groups for TQ. Owen Byatt heading one of them (making a habit of it!) and Callum Bradshaw the other. Pre Final 'A' belonged to Elliot Harvey showing his class (again), he was pushed hard though by Byatt and a solid drive into third by Sam McDonnell. Pre Final 'B' and a similar scenario as Bradshaw took a lights to flag victory, Chris Lulham drove well into second while Tom Douglas completed the top 3. Some big names in the 'B' Final – Thomas Pegram the deserving winner while Morgan Porter drove a storming race up 11 places to claim second. The 'A' Final showed just what an 'edge' Elliot Harvey has over a massive quality field, a lights to flag victory in tricky conditions – he never put a foot wrong – 'classy win (again). Another driver to shine and one we haven't seen around for a while (good to have you back) was Oliver York – improving all day and a storming Final saw him take second, while Sam McDonnell ended up third with Bradshaw (appearing to have problems) back in fourth.

1st Rookie – Mitchell White

1st Novice – Charlie Dillon



X30 SENIOR - Another stunning grid of over 60 X30 Seniors. Brilliant. Sam Marsh was impressive in his TQ session claiming Pole, and after a while away, a stunning Pole in the other session from Josh Price, the rest of the places were littered with some of the best Senior karters in the country. The Pre Final for Price went to plan with a stylish win, he did have to contend with a strong drive from John Stewart who claimed second pushing Brett Ward down to third. Hugo Bentley-Ellis and Marcus Pett had strong drives finishing 4th & 5th. The other Pre Final was taken by Scott Mackrell in good form, Euan Wilson strong in second and Dan Stocks rounding out the top three. 'B' Final – nose cone penalties shook up the final result but credit to Jay Rudd who drove a mature race to claim the qualifying top spot. 'A' Final – Well if you want to show everyone who's Number 1 what better way than a clean sweep of a 60 strong grid – TQ, Pre Final & Final – Josh Price back with a 'bang'. Scott Mackrell completed a good day also as he was a strong second. John Stewart had a solid drive into third, holding off a strong challenge from a fighting Danny Keirle fourth.

1st Rookie – *Jordan Bailey*