



# SANDY CREEK RACEWAY

HOME OF WARWICK KART CLUB

*"The Friendly Place to Race"*

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## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Hello Karters

The February meeting was hot and reasonably well attended with over 50 karters braving the oven-like temps. I myself was unable to attend but I gather the meeting was enlivened by Nick Marshall's fairly spectacular aerial departure from his kart.

### Club Championship

The members meeting following the Saturday practice session thrashed out a new format for the 2010 Club Championship which I will post to the web page shortly.

The club's main focus at the moment is on the track extension and any members who are able to attend the working bees this coming weekend or the weekend of 6/7 March will be very welcome. Not much expertise required to move fences and tie barrels so please come if you are able. Don't forget; wear long sleeves, hats and gallons of sun screen.

### Transponders

Transponders will become mandatory in Queensland from 1 July 2010 and are already in use in some states. You can order direct from the AKAQ or through us. I will be placing an order form on the WKC website. Basically, you need to pay upfront – cost will be \$280 for the transponder, plus whatever it will cost us to post it to you if you are not able to collect it at a race meeting. At present I estimate postage and packing to be in the region of \$5. As soon as I have received the transponder from the AKAQ I will send an email advice to those members who have elected to collect their transponder at a race meeting; and will post it to those members who have asked to receive it via Australia Post. I'm sorry I can't be certain about packing and postage costs, but I haven't had the chance to weigh a transponder yet.  
Anne Spelitis

### The GOM File

"By my father's beard it's hot" exclaimed Wheelie Bin Laden, "If we don't get more rain soon the camels will need to grow another hump, I wonder if there is a market for three hump camels. I'm sure those infidels at Sandy Creek can use some camels – those fools are trying to do a track extension with a meagre band of stalwarts to do all the work, they've even conscripted the Turbanator to help them out."

As per usual for WKC, race day was sunny and still hot (bring on the brass monkeys). Considering it was Valentine's Day there were 50+ karters who either had convinced their significant others that: a) going karting was romantic, or b) a day alone was actually not such a bad thing.

Some classes had to be combined due to lack of numbers but at least everybody had a chance to get on the track for some wheel to wheel action. Unfortunately, some got a little too close and the forward roll with a half pike and double outside twist has been renamed the 'Nicko Roll'. Some wag suggested that maybe it could become a menu item at the canteen; lightly battered but without sauce. Fortunately for Nick Marshall the main damage seemed to be to his ego.

Respect for each other on the track can be easily forgotten in the adrenalin rush of the moment and this quite often results in untoward outcomes. Remember the clubs and the AKA have a duty of care to provide a safe venue and administer the AKA rules, but it is also up to each driver to exercise his/her duty of care in abiding by these rules. Once a karter is on the track the officials have very limited opportunity to intervene until after the event, so karters you need to step up and show respect for each other on the track.

A great deal was achieved at the last working bee and to borrow from Churchill, "Never has so much been done by so few for so many". There will be working bees from now until September and, even then, we will need at least thirty volunteers to run the Titles on 25 and 26 September or it will be a shambles an Wheelie Bin Laden will have to retreat to his cave again. If you can contribute please come along to a working bee, we know that everyone has 'busy lives' but having joined WKC I would have hoped that the hard yards would not be done by the same crew again and again.

So, see you at the next working bee – bring your camel if you want.  
Yuris Spelitis