



# SANDY CREEK RACEWAY

HOME OF WARWICK KART CLUB

*"The Friendly Place to Race"*

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## March Newsletter

### Race Meeting – 14 March

We were fortunate that the rain held off but turnout was a bit lower than usual – probably lots of people thought the track would be closed due to the ongoing track extension work. The positive aspect of a slightly smaller than average turnout was that we were able to finish before 2.30pm - before the rain started.

Many thanks to the 55 karters who patiently stood clutching their entry forms because the AKA Race Program had a hissy fit and would not launch. My apologies to all, there was nothing I could do and those of you who had the misfortune to encounter me while I was trying to make the program work would have been aware of how frustrated I was at the whole situation. Well done everyone for spending the time filling out the entry forms and queuing without complaint.

### Transponders

Don't forget transponders will be mandatory in Queensland from 1 July – order form is on the website. Please allow several weeks for me to receive stock from the AKA before forwarding to you.

### Track Extension

Our next race meeting is not until 9 May and Sandy Creek Raceway will not be open for casual practise until further notice due to the ongoing track extension work. If you can spare a weekend, or even a day, to help out, please phone Gary Sinkins on 0409 639 743 to see if he can use your particular talents.

### AKA 2010 Manuals

My apologies if you are still without a 2010 manual, I was hoping to hand most of them out

at race meetings to save postage cost, but will endeavour to post the remainder over the next week or so.

### AKA Secretary

As most of you probably already know Kym Coomber, the AKA Secretary, resigned last month and it has now been decided that the job should be split into two separate positions – Secretary and Licencing Officer. A new Secretary has been appointed – Swaleha Ali, who is club secretary at Mackay – and it is hoped to finalise the Licencing Officer soon. The AKA have asked that queries from individual members continue to be addressed to club secretaries, who will action or pass on as appropriate.

### AKA Licence Renewal

A few people have contacted me recently with questions about renewing their AKA licence online. Go to the national website <http://www.karting.net.au/> and click on the big button on the top right hand corner which says "Apply for Licence". Before applying, make sure your club membership is up-to-date as the program will not accept your application if you do not have current club membership. If you are renewing an existing licence the program will ask you to enter an ID and password – I handed these out over a couple of meetings at Warwick but if you did not receive yours, phone or email me and I will pass it on, if I have it.

### Club Championship

I know – I have not put the 2010 championship rules or any race results on the website yet. This is because the structure of the club championship was changed after input from club members at the February meeting and I have yet to type out the new format. Give me a few weeks and I will catch up with everything.

**Anne Spelitis, Club Secretary**

## **The GOM File**

“Wheelie, I have a question for you.” “Yes Turbanator, my twisted little goat herder, what is it?” “Why is there a small mushroom shaped cloud over the First Aid shed?” “That, my sand sliding subject, is the result of race computer program failure – you know, when a laptop becomes a doorstep! Ah Turbanator, time to call M and get her to hunt in the tent for the abacus and worry beads, because she’s going to have to do it all by hand.”

“Wheelie, I hear that in Kazakstan a man in a lime green mankini may be interested in three hump camels, if we have any.” “You fool Turbanator, those were left over mammary cakes from the birthday celebrations at the Jackie Howe, not dromedary fakes. Now stop wasting my time and go do something useful, like blow up some tyres.”

“Wheelie, has Smurf lit the fuse on his rocketship yet?” “How would I know, he’s been out there for three hours running it in, I hope it doesn’t go bang instead of piff, snaffle and pop.” “Look Wheelie, there he is out on the track, just as elusive and as quick to disappear as you are.” “Don’t worry Turbanator, Nicko will keep giving them laps until Smurf gets tired of driving the Wheelie Benz. Nicko evidently needs to be able to access his toes so that he can keep up with the lap count.” “Wheelie, you know that it’s lonely at the top, well it’s lonely at the back too!” “You fool, Turbanator, Plumdog is hoping that those over zealous, sheep station seekers in front of him in Rotax Light will destroy each other so that he can do a Steven Bradbury and clean up.” “Wheelie, I think Beryl may be his first victim.”

“Turbanator, you fool, go and see if the P platers have finished before the rain gets here.”

The rain did hold off and the meeting was concluded in a timely fashion due to efficient officialdom and well behaved drivers, which brings us to the serious side of things. There was

a meeting cancelled recently, at another Queensland track, as insufficient karters turned up on the day. Unless the Queensland clubs can formulate a viable pre-entry policy, clubs will have little idea of how many competitors there will be on the day. This is rather unfortunate for those in depleted classes, but at WKC we will always endeavour to give every karter a chance to get on the track, even if it means combining classes.

**Yuris Spelitis**