



2022

Nationals

2021-22 season

A review of the year

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Well, here we are at the end of our 2021-22 season - one in which, for the first time since 2018-19 we have managed to have a “full” complement of meetings - 12 in total by the time the Nationals is finished!

After the necessity to cancel the Nationals in 2020, this year we are celebrating the 50th running of the National Sprint Meeting....and we also celebrate 50 years in karting for Colin Fenwick - truly a remarkable achievement! I know that the Barclay team are all very grateful to Colin for all that he does for them!

In August last year we were lucky to get a “double page spread” in the Motorsport UK Revolution magazine in celebration of our 50th year...you can still find that online at [NatSKA Celebrates 50 Years of Nurturing Grassroots Karters - Motorsport UK Magazine](#) (pages 40 -45).

In a year of highs, we also experienced a very deep low with the news after the Fulbeck meeting in October that our amazing Licensing Director, Dave Speed, had been taken ill and later succumbed to his illness...I know that I speak for very many of us when I say that he is hugely missed - he was a kind, gentle man of few words, but when he spoke up you got pearls of wisdom that were relevant, succinct and to the point. The team of Directors miss him greatly.



Last year, at this point of the magazine I was updating you on the progress of a couple of our alumni (Tom Oliphant and Joseph Loake). Since then, another member of our alumni has been in touch... Tom Riley was a member of Tarporley Karting Team and you will see his name in the Roll of Honour in the printed programme as he was National Sprint Champion for Class 7 in his final year at school in 2005 (back when the entry was so large we had to have split grids!). Tom, now in his 30s, has continued in karting and in recent years

has been competing successfully in Superkarting at long circuits across the country including Oulton Park, Silverstone, Donnington Park, Cadwell Park and The Anglesey Circuit.

He races in the 125cc Superkarting class. With full aerodynamic glass fibre bodywork and a six-speed gearbox which reaches speeds of 120 mph. This past year Tom raced in the Motorport UK Superkart Championship and won his class, becoming the Motorsport UK 125cc Superkart Champion driver for 2021!



There are very many people involved in putting everything together to get you all racing...but this year it would be extremely remiss of me if I did not make special mention of Stuart Hammond...

Last year our previous timing provider confirmed that the cost of the system would be increasing significantly with effect from the beginning of our 2022 calendar...the Director team together with Stuart (our Entries Co-ordinator) investigated whether there were other more affordable alternatives available, but there were issues which needed to be overcome in order to “make it work” for us, and deliver a cost effective solution...Stuart Hammond has put in many, many, many hours (well into the hundreds!!!) just to develop and deliver the system that now fits with our new timing provider - the saving in this year alone is into the £000s, and this will continue to help balance the NatSKA finances for the foreseeable future...so if you see him at the Nationals - please shake that man’s hand!

As I have just alluded to, our race meetings don’t just happen - so drivers and parents please, make a point this weekend of saying thank you to your team leader and any member of the NatSKA team who give of their time to facilitate your racing!

So... the Nationals here at Llandow mark the culmination of our season...we hope that you all HAVE FUN, are the best that you can be, and at the end of the weekend go home smiling!

DAVE SPEED = TRIBUTES



Tributes from the young people that he helped the most....



I will never be able to explain how much Dave and Carol Speed changed my future from a young age and gave me something to keep me out of trouble. They would spend their own time and money just to give students like myself a chance at doing something not a lot of people would ever get the opportunity to do.

I don't think I will ever be able to repay them for what they have done for me personally. They gave me a path and a future. I wouldn't be where I am today a fully qualified mechanic and running a Japanese Car Club and owning a modified car without them.

Dave was kind and caring, and would go out of his way to help you or get you out of trouble or back onto the track as quick as he could. He was a man of very few words but his actions

spoke volumes and he put all his time and effort into running a club to help us all have a better chance in life. (Daniel Fernandez-Garcia)



Without Dave, myself and countless others would not have had the opportunity to experience such great memories, make good friends or taught life skills that some have even built careers from. He is one of the most selfless people I have met or am sure I will meet in terms of always putting others needs first and doing so in such a kind and friendly manner. On many occasions he would skip eating lunch/eating or even drinking throughout race days in order to help fix a kart or sort something out for the team. The time, energy and money that he put into the kart team to ensure that we had fun and were able to race was incredibly generous, not forgetting that this was every year for two decades. I

DAVE SPEED - TRIBUTES

cannot ever truly be thankful enough for what the Speeds did in running the kart club from Wednesdays after school, full days on Saturday to even longer at national weekends, and I know I speak for everyone in the Edmonton Kart Club team that we are eternally grateful for everything Dave, Carol and Martin did for us. (David Cansfield)



The time I spent with Dave in my life was filled with excitement and adventure. He was always there for us when we needed him and always put us in Edmonton first before anything. He was a kind soul, making sure those around him were happy even on the bad days and tried to help in any way he could. Dave made an impact on us all and will be forever missed. (Dani Venelinov)



I'm not sure really how to explain how important Dave was so I'll just try to explain where I am now and where I was 16 years ago.

I'm 28 now, have my degree in engineering, I've got a good job in the automotive sector and I'm still tinkering and doing Motorsport in some way today.

I joined the Edmonton kart club 16 years ago, give or take a few months. I didn't have a great life at home, or at school to be completely honest. But joining the club and having the structure and support Dave provided had a huge impact when I look back at it today.

Dave taught us how to work on karts and basic mechanics. That along with the racing was the spark that got me into engineering at college and university. It also gave me the leg up for my first job and racing with the BUKC at university too.

I've said this to Dave and Carol but I honestly believe I would not be where I am today without them. Thank you for letting me into the club. Thank you for teaching me the basics to build on. Thank you for making sure I got to race, for keeping cool when I smashed up a chassis, forgot the wets or cut up a sprocket. And thank you for letting us come along to help out and see Martin race. (Pavlos Massos)



DAVE SPEED - TRIBUTES

Dave (and the Speeds in general) were those very rare people who were happy to give without expecting anything in return. Almost seemed crazy to me at the time but their good nature really did influence us all into better people.

Without Dave's beautiful stubborn gene, and his unwillingness to give the kart club up with it having near to no support from the school itself, it is common knowledge to all of us at Edmonton kart club that none of us would've had the great and rare opportunity that we did have.

I loved f1 but to gain access into racing to find out if I was any good? Unthinkable.

Dave wasn't a man of many words and honestly whenever he did give advice, you had to take that on the chin knowing it didn't come often. He would mean whatever he felt the need to say at that moment. More so than usual when my name and kart number would be called into the office! He was a very calming soul and that resonated with us all when things were to be heated.

Giving up every Wednesday (and probably all evenings when we were not around) and near to every other weekend for a bunch of random kids living for an adrenaline rush, and finding out just how competitive we were with karts was all down to the Speed family granting us the access into their lives and sharing their passion for racing. All we had to show them was the loyalty to always turn up to fix those karts. Nothing else. It went from being a chore to pure excitement to get ready for race weekends.

We managed to evade and miss all the pitfalls of teenage years purely because we were away doing something so unique and amazing. For that, not me, not any of the boys will ever be able to repay Dave for. I just hope he knew what a father figure he was to the group, I personally didn't ever think to say it out loud but I had always envied how much Dave was able to do for Martin without a hint of moaning. Pure passion for all things with an engine kept him fuelled. A genuine man with no hidden agenda, nurturing us into better people was just a side effect of having Dave in our lives. (Sebastian Jaworski)



Team Edmonton with Dave Speed at the helm!

MAGIC NUMBERS - NATSKA SCORING SYSTEM

Do you know how the NatSKA scoring system works? ...read on, and you might learn something new!

First of all, our scoring is very simple...

The winner of a heat gets 0 points, 2nd place gets 2 points, 3rd place gets 3 points (and so on until all the places have been scored) - as shown in the "Points" column of the photo below.

Race 4 - Heat 1									
Rank	No.	Class	Rank	Driver	Entrant	Gap	Best lap	Points	
1	73	Class 15	1	BYLES Alex	AMS		48.25	0	
2	3	Class 15	2	NEVE Josh	Bexley	6.99	49.21	2	
3	2	Class 15	3	HOMFRAY-COOPER Max	Barclay	8.02	48.73	3	
4	4	Class 15	4	SIME Ewan	Tarporley	8.17	48.76	4	
5	16	Class 15	5	WEBB Joe	Barnwell	14.99	49.51	5	
6	24	Class 15	6	HANDLEY Evan	Barclay	17.25	49.71	6	
7	29	Class 15	7	BOTT Cameron	Tarporley	20.12	49.66	7	
8	34	Class 15	8	ANDREWS Daniel	Tarporley	21.90	49.03	8	
9	22	Class 15	9	HINE Harrison	Tarporley	23.22	49.72	9	
10	5	Class 15	10	KING Andrew	Barnwell	23.46	49.47	10	
11	23	Class 15	11	KIRK-ROE Oliver	Tarporley	26.03	50.09	11	
12	9	Class 15	12	BOTT Caden	Tarporley	26.50	50.34	12	
13	53	Class 15	13	LIVESEY Bethany	St Michaels	29.12	50.32	13	
14	20	Class 15	14	HODGKINSON Katie	Barclay	29.36	50.30	14	
15	21	Class 15	15	HAWKINS Matthew	Tarporley	29.75	50.30	15	
16	71	Class 15	16	RAYER Tom	AMS	29.96	49.89	16	
17	13	Class 15	17	WANNERTON Tyler	Barclay	47.29	51.43	17	
	58	Class 15		WILCH Jack	Quinton House	Retired	49.96	21	
	35	Class 15		LEWIN Matthew	Tarporley	Retired	49.97	21	
	37	Class 15		SMITH Lewis	AMS	Retired	49.86	21	
	93	Class 15		ARNOLD Alexander	Kingham Hill	DNS		22	

If you do not FINISH the race (DNF / Retired) then you get the number of points equivalent to the size of the grid IN YOUR CLASS (in the case above - 21 points). (i.e. not the size of the grid where two classes run together!)

If you do not START the race (DNS) then you get points of GRID + 1 (in this case 22 points).

Each heat is scored in the same way...here are Heats 2, 3 and 4 from this meeting...

Race 10 - Heat 2									
Rank	No.	Class	Rank	Driver	Entrant	Gap	Best lap	Points	
1	73	Class 15	1	BYLES Alex	AMS		47.83	0	
2	2	Class 15	2	HOMFRAY-COOPER Max	Barclay	1.47	48.44	2	
3	34	Class 15	3	ANDREWS Daniel	Tarporley	1.81	48.32	3	
4	4	Class 15	4	SIME Ewan	Tarporley	2.57	48.38	4	
5	5	Class 15	5	KING Andrew	Barnwell	3.08	48.71	5	
6	3	Class 15	6	NEVE Josh	Bexley	5.74	48.81	6	
7	58	Class 15	7	WILCH Jack	Quinton House	8.82	48.63	7	
8	9	Class 15	8	BOTT Caden	Tarporley	12.36	49.57	8	
9	37	Class 15	9	SMITH Lewis	AMS	13.08	49.27	9	
10	22	Class 15	10	HINE Harrison	Tarporley	18.39	49.28	10	
11	20	Class 15	11	HODGKINSON Katie	Barclay	23.25	49.92	11	
12	24	Class 15	12	HANDLEY Evan	Barclay	25.66	49.73	12	
13	23	Class 15	13	KIRK-ROE Oliver	Tarporley	30.32	49.26	13	
14	35	Class 15	14	LEWIN Matthew	Tarporley	30.96	49.09	14	
15	21	Class 15	15	HAWKINS Matthew	Tarporley	31.43	49.37	15	
16	71	Class 15	16	RAYER Tom	AMS	31.73	49.14	16	
17	53	Class 15	17	LIVESEY Bethany	St Michaels	33.41	49.72	17	
	13	Class 15		WANNERTON Tyler	Barclay	Retired	50.79	20	
	10	Class 15		WEBB Joe	Barnwell	Retired	50.36	20	
	29	Class 15		BOTT Cameron	Tarporley	Retired		20	
	93	Class 15		ARNOLD Alexander	Kingham Hill	DNS		21	

Race 16 - Heat 3									
Rank	No.	Class	Rank	Driver	Entrant	Gap	Best lap	Points	
1	4	Class 15	1	SIME Ewan	Tarporley		48.19	0	
2	73	Class 15	2	BYLES Alex	AMS	1.87	48.22	*2	
3	3	Class 15	3	NEVE Josh	Bexley	3.34	48.99	3	
4	2	Class 15	4	HOMFRAY-COOPER Max	Barclay	3.44	48.76	4	
5	23	Class 15	5	KIRK-ROE Oliver	Tarporley	5.25	48.73	5	
6	22	Class 15	6	HINE Harrison	Tarporley	5.72	48.93	6	
7	34	Class 15	7	ANDREWS Daniel	Tarporley	6.02	48.86	7	
8	5	Class 15	8	KING Andrew	Barnwell	6.52	48.71	8	
9	29	Class 15	9	BOTT Cameron	Tarporley	6.75	49.20	9	
10	37	Class 15	10	SMITH Lewis	AMS	11.17	49.04	10	
11	35	Class 15	11	LEWIN Matthew	Tarporley	15.52	49.19	11	
12	21	Class 15	12	HAWKINS Matthew	Tarporley	16.04	49.66	12	
13	9	Class 15	13	BOTT Caden	Tarporley	16.46	49.22	13	
14	53	Class 15	14	LIVESEY Bethany	St Michaels	17.24	50.12	14	
15	71	Class 15	15	RAYER Tom	AMS	23.36	49.48	15	
16	12	Class 15	16	WANNERTON Tyler	Barclay	36.89	50.34	16	
17	20	Class 15	17	HODGKINSON Katie	Barclay	37.10	50.37	17	
18	24	Class 15	18	HANDLEY Evan	Barclay	1 Lap	49.45	*18	
	10	Class 15		WEBB Joe	Barnwell	DNS		21	
	93	Class 15		ARNOLD Alexander	Kingham Hill	DNS		21	
	58	Class 15		WILCH Jack	Quinton House	DSQ	51.54	*22	

Race 22 - Heat 4									
Rank	No.	Class	Rank	Driver	Entrant	Gap	Best lap	Points	
1	4	Class 15	1	SIME Ewan	Tarporley		48.50	0	
2	22	Class 15	2	HINE Harrison	Tarporley	3.39	48.92	2	
3	5	Class 15	3	KING Andrew	Barnwell	4.41	48.29	3	
4	9	Class 15	4	BOTT Caden	Tarporley	8.39	49.46	4	
5	20	Class 15	5	HODGKINSON Katie	Barclay	13.95	49.80	5	
6	58	Class 15	6	WILCH Jack	Quinton House	14.68	48.54	6	
7	71	Class 15	7	RAYER Tom	AMS	15.14	49.85	7	
8	37	Class 15	8	SMITH Lewis	AMS	16.06	48.67	8	
9	29	Class 15	9	BOTT Cameron	Tarporley	23.06	49.75	*9	
10	53	Class 15	10	LIVESEY Bethany	St Michaels	25.25	50.02	10	
11	35	Class 15	11	LEWIN Matthew	Tarporley	27.23	49.49	11	
	24	Class 15		HANDLEY Evan	Barclay	Retired	49.58	20	
	10	Class 15		WEBB Joe	Barnwell	Retired	49.71	20	
	23	Class 15		KIRK-ROE Oliver	Tarporley	Retired	49.48	20	
	21	Class 15		HAWKINS Matthew	Tarporley	Retired	51.22	20	
	12	Class 15		WANNERTON Tyler	Barclay	Retired	51.79	20	
	2	Class 15		HOMFRAY-COOPER Max	Barclay	Retired	49.61	20	
	34	Class 15		ANDREWS Daniel	Tarporley	Retired	54.80	20	
	3	Class 15		NEVE Josh	Bexley	Retired	54.97	20	
	73	Class 15		BYLES Alex	AMS	DNS		21	
	93	Class 15		ARNOLD Alexander	Kingham Hill	DNS		21	

It is really important NOT to get any penalties! The Clerk of the Course can decide if you have to keep a heat score when you have received a penalty (and this could really ruin your day!)

If you get a penalty and the Clerks say that you have to keep the score, it will be shown with an asterisk *

When all heats have been completed, your best 3 scores are added up to give you a total score Your worst score (the score to be dropped) is shown in brackets....

MAGIC NUMBERS - NATSKA SCORING SYSTEM

Classification										Posting Time 07:30		Full results
Rank	No	Class	Rank	Driver	Entrant	Best	HT1	HT2	HT3	HT4	Points	
1	72	Class 15	1	BYLES Alex	AMS	47.83	0	0	*2	(21)	2	
2	4	Class 15	2	SIME Ewan	Tarporley	48.19	4	(4)	0	0	4	
3	2	Class 15	3	HOMFRAY-COOPER Max	Barclay	48.44	3	2	4	(20)	9	
4	3	Class 15	4	NEVE Josh	Bexley	48.81	2	6	3	(20)	11	
5	5	Class 15	5	KING Andrew	Barnwell	48.29	(10)	5	8	3	16	
6	22	Class 15	6	HINE Harrison	Tarporley	48.92	9	(10)	6	2	17	
7	34	Class 15	7	ANDREWS Daniel	Tarporley	48.32	8	3	7	(20)	18	
8	1	Class 15	8	BOTT Caden	Tarporley	49.22	12	8	(13)	4	24	
9	28	Class 15	9	BOTT Cameron	Tarporley	49.20	7	(20)	9	*9	25	
10	37	Class 15	10	SMITH Lewis	AMS	48.67	(21)	9	10	8	27	
11	21	Class 15	11	KIRK-ROE Oliver	Tarporley	48.73	11	13	5	(20)	29	
12	20	Class 15	12	HODGKINSON Katie	Barclay	49.80	14	11	(17)	5	30	
13	58	Class 15	13	WILCH Jack	Quinton House	48.54	(21)	7	*22	6	35	
14	24	Class 15	14	HANDLEY Evan	Barclay	49.45	6	12	*18	(20)	36	
15	33	Class 15	15	LEWIN Matthew	Tarporley	49.09	(21)	14	11	11	36	
16	53	Class 15	16	LIVESY Bethany	St Michaels	49.72	13	(17)	14	10	37	
17	11	Class 15	17	RAVER Tom	AMS	49.14	16	(16)	15	7	38	
18	23	Class 15	18	HAWKINS Matthew	Tarporley	49.37	15	15	12	(20)	42	
19	15	Class 15	19	WEBB Joe	Barnwell	49.51	5	20	(21)	20	45	
20	13	Class 15	20	WANNERTON Tyler	Barclay	50.34	17	20	16	(20)	53	
21	31	Class 15	21	ARNOLD Alexander	Kingham Hill		(22)	21	21	21	63	

In the event of a tied score (like 14th / 15th place in the classification above), then the “dropped” score comes into play...with the lower dropped score taking the higher place.

In the event that the dropped scores are the same, then we look at the next worse score...and so on...

In the event that all scores are tied 🤖 then we go the fastest lap...

At the Nationals, the scoring system is exactly the same EXCEPT...we have 6 heats, and your best 5 scores will count!

We’re telling you this so that, at the end of the meeting, you can check that I have got the maths right.... don’t forget, you only have 30 minutes from the posting time of any result to query it - once those 30 minutes are gone the result is exactly as it is published and there isn’t anything we can do about it...so always check the results as we go through the meeting!

National Schools Karting Association

Nationals ← change event
 Class 7 TKM Result ← change session

Pos	No	Name	Cls	Points	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	Tiebreak	CPs
1	93	Alexander Arnold	C7		2	0	(8)	0	0	*2*		100
2	3	Molly Nicolas-Biles	C7		6	2	0	2	(7)	0		98
3	55	Jake Bastable	C7		13	3	2	3	2	3		96
4	2	Samantha Seward	C7		17	(7)	3	4	3	4		94
5	36	Ben Johnson	C7	158	24	5	4	6	4	(6)		92
6	19	Bethany Livesey	C7		25	4	(8)	5	7	5		90
7	50	Matthew Mather	C7		29	6	5	7	5	(7)		88

MAGIC NUMBERS - NATSKA SCORING SYSTEM

The overall championship for the year works in a similar way....

The winner of a meeting is awarded 100 points, 2nd place 98, 3rd place 96 and so on dropping by 2 points for each place down the order.

Every driver's championship score going in to the Nationals meeting is their best 6 rounds (if they have done more than 6). The Nationals meeting is worth exactly the same number of points BUT...in the event of a tie when the Nationals is added to the best six scores the higher Nationals score will take the higher place (as shown here in 2018-19 for 4th place in the Championship)

National Schools Karting Association

Class 11 2018-19 championship 2018-19

Pos	No.	Name	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	Total (to count)	Total (all rounds)	Team
1	97	Harry Parr	92	90	88	92	100	100	100	100	100	100	88	100	684	1028	Bexley
2	90	James Leabitter	94	100	72	90	88	80	98	80	96	82	100	90	676	990	St Michaels
3	69	Samantha Seward	96	88	92	88	80	78	94	96	98	98	96	72	652	1000	Kingham Hill
4	45	Bethany Livesey	90	94	100	96	90	82	90	76	98	98	70	82	652	990	St Michaels
5	83	Julian Sanders	86	86	90	84	84	92	98	86	86	88	88	82	644	730	Thomas Alleyne Academy
6	11	Dylan Wright	98	84	74	88	84	90	92	86	88	88	88	84	640	798	Barclay
7	32	Matthew Hawkins	84	92	98	86	72	76	70	86	80	84	84	84	614	912	Thomas Alleyne Academy

And now.... **AVOIDING PENALTIES...**

All penalties are dictated by the table in our rulebook. They can be time penalties, lap penalties, or disqualifications (from heats or, in worst case scenarios, the whole meeting).

When you get to the circuit in the morning ALWAYS walk the track and familiarise yourself with where the marshal posts are.... that way, in the event of an incident you KNOW where the flags could be being waved from.

Also make sure that you know where the Start / Finish post is - any warnings related to your driving standards or mechanical issues will be displayed here, in the hands of the Start / Finish marshal with your number.

One of the most commonly penalised misdemeanours is for OVERTAKING UNDER A YELLOW FLAG - so as you come to a marshal post, just give a quick glance to make sure that there are no flags waving - you will save yourself from getting into trouble! (And don't forget a flag is valid until you have passed the next marshal post!)

Penalties are most often issued for gaining an unfair advantage or dangerous driving

Gaining an unfair advantage could be:

- At the start of a race "Breaking formation before the lights go out"
- During the race - contact with another kart which results in them losing places (deliberate or not!)
- During the race - exceeding track limits multiple times

Dangerous driving could be:

- Weaving
- Not complying with flag signals before / during / after a race (could be yellow / quarter / mechanical / black / red)
- Contact (deliberate or not!)

It would be fantastic if we get to the end of racing with no penalties on any races! 🍌 🍌

RETIRING DRIVERS 2022

So...we asked every retiring driver:

- 1) details of what their proudest NatSKA moment was;
- 2) what they are going on to do now (be that in education terms, or racing!);
- 3) a key learning point from karting that they would have told their younger novice self

This is what they all said: "directly quoted!"

Alex Fallart (Barnwell - Class 8 Kart 52)



Alex's proudest NatSKA moment was: coming 3rd in class 12 and improving my driving and skill moving into class 8.

After NatSKA, Alex is going to: Retro Racer racing in Formula A pre 95'

Alex's key learning point from karting that he would have told his younger novice self is to be patient and keep your head down, things may not always go to plan but there is always a chance to prove to yourself you can do it.

Andrew King (Barnwell - Class 15 Kart 5)



Andrew's proudest NatSKA moments were: Have to be when we were racing at Lydd in 2021. The weather conditions started out dry during practise but just before heat 1 it started raining heavily. Me and dad weren't too sure about what setup to put on the kart but luckily set it up just right and I went on to win in heat 1 and the meeting overall.

After NatSKA, Andrew is going to: be competing in the Rye House IKR championship in their senior Rotax class and continuing my tool making apprenticeship

Andrew's key learning point from karting that he would have told his younger novice self. I would tell my younger self that to achieve your goals and chase those dreams you have to work hard and stay focused because it won't be easy. If your gonna go then go all the way.

RETIRING DRIVERS 2022

Arthur Hagland
(Barclay - Class 12 Kart 8)



Arthur's proudest NatSKA moment was: getting my first win in class 12 at Bayford Meadows on 27th June 2021

After NatSKA, Arthur is going to: be Barclays photographer for the kart team and I have applied for top gears young driver program

Arthur's key learning point from karting that he would have told his younger novice self. Not to be scared to go for gaps and have confidence when racing

Daniel Andrews
(Tarpoley - Class 15 Kart 34)



Daniel's proudest NatSKA moment was: Winning my last meeting would have to be my proudest moment as it took years of trying and commitment from me and my family, we knew it would come at some point but I didn't make it easy.

After NatSKA, Daniel is going to: After Natska I'm going to carry on racing in other series in the senior Rotax category. As well as hopefully study something Motorsport related.

Daniel's key learning point from karting that he would have told his younger novice self. I'd have told my younger self to be more patient in certain situations and to listen to other people's advice more. And of course, to keep a cool head!

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Joe Webb
(Barnwell - Class 15 Kart 10)



Joe's proudest NatSKA moment was: As a novice, when it started raining as we were on the grid at Fulbeck, no time to change so we all went out on slicks. I kept it on the black stuff facing the right direction great fun and by the end of the heat my slowest lap was faster than the next fastest lap in the session. Sadly, I never managed a repeat performance.

After NatSKA, Joe is going to: have a long and happy retirement, at least for the summer, then who knows.

Joe's key learning point from karting that he would have told his younger novice self. Covid is going to mess up two years of your racing, so get to every race you can now.

Katie Hodgkinson
(Barclay - Class 15 Kart 20)



Katie's proudest NatSKA moment was: when I was able to defend 5th place against a full grid of Rotaxes for a full race without losing my nerve which is what I've struggled with before.

After NatSKA, Katie is going to: Lincoln University to study Nursing to become a Midwife (and also hopefully doing a bit of karting there as well)

Katie's key learning point from karting that she would have told his younger novice self. that I shouldn't be scared to push myself and I should always keep aiming higher and to have confidence in myself

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Matthew Lewin
(Tarpoley - Class 15 Kart 35)



Matthew's proudest NatSKA moment was: First (and only) event win at Hooton in the wet (Class 14)

After NatSKA, Matthew is going to: Engineering (mechanical) at college; senior rotax, series to be confirmed.

Matthew's key learning point from karting that he would have told his younger novice self. To not get too distracted by others, focus on what you are doing

Max Homfray-Cooper
(Barclay - Class 15 Kart 2)



Max's proudest NatSKA moment was: has got to be my first rotax win at Fulbeck in 2020. It was a wet meeting and at a track that I know quite well so made it even more special. Despite being freezing all day, the win shared with my mechanic Gibbo made it worth it.

After NatSKA, Max is going to: Moving forward I am going to the University of Leicester to study Politics. But in terms of karting, I wish to keep driving whether it be in rentals or something else and I want to keep being a mechanic to help others to get out on track!

Max's key learning point from karting that he would have told his younger novice self. Advice to my younger self would probably be to "brake later". I think every driver will always say that to themselves but only by breaking later than everyone else, ensures you likely to be the quickest on the track (that, or in a tyre wall!).

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Molly Heaps

(Thomas Alleyne Academy - Class 7 Kart 99)



Molly's proudest NatSKA moment was: Racing at Whilton for the first time in my new sparkly TKM that I was able to pay for entirely on my own after earning an apprenticeship at Airbus.

After NatSKA, Molly is going to: I will be continuing with my technical apprenticeship in Space and Defence at Airbus and have already rounded up the other apprentices and we regularly go karting together. I hope to continue racing my TKM whilst also remaining part of the Natska family attending meetings to help the next generation of drivers where I can.

Molly's key learning point from karting that she would have told his younger novice self. Don't be disheartened if you don't win there are so many other good things that you get from karting besides a trophy and great people rooting you on. Win or lose every race day will be a memory you will treasure.

Molly Nicolas-Biles

(Thomas Alleyne Academy - Class 7 Kart 2)



Molly's proudest NatSKA moment was: never finishing lower than 3rd place in a championship throughout my 5 years in NatSKA in Honda and TKM. Also achieving the lap record of 59.357s at Rowrah during the corporate event that was held in the evening

After NatSKA, Molly is going to: continue with karting in Retro Racer and in the NKC, also doing a 3-Year apprenticeship at Mercedes Benz as a vehicle technician

Molly's key learning point from karting that she would have told his younger novice self. She would have told her younger novice self to always trust her gut with set up and go with what's right, trust the equipment and learn the limits of the kart as soon as possible. Whether it involves spinning off or what! The quicker you learn the limits the quicker you become a better driver.

Molly would like to share the following... thanks to Natska for holding such an awesome series that I've been so lucky to be a part of!! I'd like to thank my dad for being my no.1 mechanic and to all the friends I've made during my time here which has made the whole road more enjoyable!! For any new drivers

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starting out and your still reading this.. if you have a passion for karting. Stick with it. Don't give up because of one little hiccup during a weekend! Learn from it and take that knowledge with you as you grow up! Good luck to all drivers in the coming seasons!

**Nathan Tyler
(Barnwell)**



Nathan's proudest NatSKA moment was: A lovely overtake last corner last lap of Rowrah with a broken track rod.

After NatSKA, Nathan is going to: Enjoy the summer relaxing and will look at Retro racing to hopefully continue racing

Nathan's key learning point from karting that he would have told his younger novice self. You don't win the race at the first corner, don't try and dive bomb everyone.



CAMBERLEY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2021 **CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 1**

Can you think back to a sunny day last September and remember what a great day you had?

Hopefully we can give you a little reminder (though it is accompanied by an apology as, for some reason I am unable to access the photos from the event - other than the two contained here 🙏)

In **Class 7** - Kingham Hill's Alexander Arnold started the new championship year off on the right note....3 heat wins, before parking his kart in parc ferme for the last heat of the day. His unassailable lead handed him the 1st place trophy for the meeting...the tone was set for the season - he was very closely chased to the podium by Molly Nicolas-Biles (Thomas Alleyne Academy) and Jake Bastable (Stoke). It was very close lower down the order with no less than 3 sets of drivers ending the meeting on tied scores, and one pair (Joshua Behan and Evan Handley) having to be separated by the fastest lap!

Sadly, only one entrant in **Class 8** for Ben Johnson - but he did finish all four heats!

In **Class 11**, John Seward also took home the "big trophy" for Kingham Hill, by virtue of his more consistent scoring throughout the day - only one heat win, but two 2nd places giving him a final score of four points. Second place guy James Thompson (Kingham Hill) also had a tremendous day with 2 heat wins...but a non-discountable penalty in the final heat gave him a score of 5 points to count meaning

he narrowly lost out to teammate John. The other heat winner on the day was Tarporley's Alex Favro who put together an overall score of 6 points.

Further down the field, Finley McDonough (St Michaels) and Finley Roberts (Tarporley) talk through their tactics on the grid before taking to the circuit!



Huge thanks to Finley's dad Scott for the photos - somehow, yours remained accessible!



In **Class 12**, Lachlan Bott (Tarporley) started the new year in a new class but continued the same winning streak! Four heat wins put him away and clear of his rivals. In 2nd place today was Lachlan's teammate and fellow class 11 graduate Alfie Atmore, he took 3 second

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places to secure the 2nd place overall - and to continue the pattern Alfie Heaps (Thomas Alleyne Academy) took 3 third places to claim the last podium place.

In **Class 14**, new to the class Archie Robinson (Stoke) showed his rivals what they could expect to see from him for the rest of the season.... his first two races in the class bringing home heat wins, followed by two second places, leaving him 8 points clear of his nearest competition. On this day, second place went to Harry Wilch (Quinton House) 10 points (2,3,5) quickly followed by Nathan Walker (St Michaels) who finished with scores of 3,4 and 5 resulting in a total score of 12 points.

In **Class 15**, Nationals runner-up Max Homfray-Cooper (Barclay) demonstrated how he earned that place taking the first three heat wins of the new season before sitting out heat 4 to give him a total score of zero points! On this day, Kingham Hill's AJ Arnold doubled up in the high-power classes for the first time taking second place overall with the final heat win and scores of 4 and 5 to give him a total of 9 points. The final spot on the podium was narrowly taken by Andrew King (Barnwell) from Josh Neve (Bexley) - the only difference in their final scores being a did not finish for Andrew compared to a did not start for Josh.... it's going to be very close racing this year!

The **Novice of the Day**, as selected by our expert eyes on the circuit co-ordinated by our Start / Finish team was awarded to Joe Harley

from Quinton House - I am absolutely gutted I don't have a photo of Joe to accompany the report 📷





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LYDD 2ND OCTOBER 2021

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If there is one photo that sums up the day at Lydd, then this is it...!



WHAT A DAY!

Nicky and Caroline were wearing those flags in the end as they were so wet, they stuck to them!

The weather was SO BAD that, at the end of the second heat, the officials of the meeting and the team leaders decided that, on safety grounds, the meeting should be abandoned, with all results being declared as at the end of Heat 2.

Our start / finish team for the day Nicky and Caroline were DEFINITELY NOT arguing with the decision!

In **Class 7**, AJ Arnold continued his running streak from Camberley taking both heat wins, demonstrating superb skill in handling the extremely difficult windy and wet conditions. Molly Nicolas-Biles once again took second

place overall (we think it was down to her pit crew keeping her dry for as long as possible...)



Third place on this occasion went to Harrison Hine to make the journey from Tarporley worthwhile!

In **Class 8** we had a race on! Two drivers Alex Fallart and Ben Johnson made the trip to Lydd with Alex taking home the trophy on this occasion.

In **Class 11**, as you might expect on a topsy-turvy day with weather as bad as it was, the result was never predictable. The most consistent driver on this occasion was Ellis De Cadenet (Thomas Alleyne Academy) who absolutely monstered the conditions to take two heat wins in very impressive manner! In second place was Peter Nunes-Randall from Barclay, and on this day Phoenix driver James Hunting completed the podium.

In **Class 12**, Harry Hurst from Barnwell proved that once again, consistent scoring is the key

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to success at NatSKA - he didn't take either heat win, but he took two second places to give him the lowest combined points score - with his nearest rivals Arthur Hagland (Barclay) and Alfie Heaps (Thomas Alleyne Academy) both having non-finishes to count in their scores.

In **Class 14** the big smiles were definitely in the Wilch household from Quinton House School...brothers Jack and Harry claimed the top two places in the event (just to balance up the mantelshelf!) On this occasion Jack came out on top with two heat wins, and Harry taking a 2nd place and a fourth (teammate Adriel Ngwa taking the other 2nd place from the back of the grid, but unfortunately having a non-finish in heat one to go with that score!).

Evan Bradley from St Michaels completed the podium for the event.

Evan's teammate Millie looks like she was enjoying the weather conditions (mum Anna, definitely isn't so sure!)



Meanwhile, back at Quinton House base, Mr Sirett Jnr was hosting an open day to drum up future teammates for the half team that went to Lydd.... we think Mr Sirett Snr drew the short straw on the weather front (seen here marshalling on Post 1)



Team Quinton at home...or marshalling

Who had the short straw?



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Pictured below are the trophy winners from Thomas Alleyne Academy who took home 4 trophies!

The trophy winners from QKT definitely think they got the best side of the deal!

(Tom Holland, Jack Wilch, Adriel Ngwa and Harry Wilch)

In **Class 15** Andrew King (Barnwell) was also the King of Conditions - he took both heat wins demonstrating fantastic driving skill! In 2nd place today was Bexley's Harry Parr with 4&2 being his scores. The final podium sport went to Tarporley's Daniel Andrews.



...and finally in those extreme weather conditions our Novices were really thrown in at the deep end (and looking at the puddles that accumulated at some of the corners that really was the case!). Our soggy start / finish team and circuit officials saw enough to decide that the **Novice of the Day** should be Conor Young from Bexley.



Genuine question...in adverse weather conditions, which do you consider to be the most appropriate leg covering?

Exhibit A on the left or Exhibit B on the right?

I think it is safe to say, when we left Lydd, we were all praying for better weather next weekend at Fulbeck 🙏 🙏

FULBECK 9TH OCTOBER 2021 **CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 3**

...it seemed that our prayers were answered and Race Day dawned with summer holiday style blue skies (as modelled here by Quinton House's Mrs Ngwa whose sunny smile rivalled the weather!)



...and it seemed like you all had the foresight of knowing about the weather conditions when the entries closed...more drivers came to the October Fulbeck meeting than came to the Nationals meeting 3 months earlier!

Leading the charge once again in **Class 7** was Kingham Hill's Alexander Arnold, though at the start of the day it looked like he was going to have a battle on his hands...a DNF in the first race put him under a little bit of pressure for the rest of the day, but following that result up with 3 heat wins settled the matter in his favour. Second place, once again, went to Molly Nicolas-Biles (Thomas Alleyne Academy) - she took the first heat win, and

two second places to finish with a score of 4 points. Stoke's Jake Bastable had another good day taking two seconds and two thirds to finish the day with a score of 7 points (2,2,3).

At the other end of the table, Will Wood from Quinton House had a nightmare of a day...we blame the mechanic ...(shown here doing a bit of "tinkering")!



In **Class 8** we were once again back to just one driver, Ben Johnson didn't finish the first heat, but more than made up for it in the rest of the day!

In **Class 11**, John Seward (Kingham Hill) didn't start the first race...but that minor hiccup didn't stop him for the rest of the day - three heat wins followed to seal the deal on the big trophy! The most consistent of his rivals was, once again, teammate James Thompson who had a 2nd and two 3rd places on his way to a counting score of 8 points. Completing the podium today was Warren Kiss (Barclay) who took two 2nd places and a 7th to finish on 11 points.

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In **Class 12**, Lachlan Bott (Tarpoley) was back in town, and determined to show his rivals what he was made of... all four heat wins resulted in another big trophy for his collection! Once again teammate Alfie Atmore was giving Lachlan something to keep him on his toes...three 2nd places for Alfie meant no-one else could beat him. Completing the podium in class 12 was Harry Hurst from Barnwell - he took three 3rd places (scores of 3,3,4,3) and tied on points and dropped score with Alfie Heaps (2,4,3,4) - meaning we had to look at the next worst score (who said NatSKA scoring was complex!) - thus comparing Alfie's 4 with Harry's 3 to award Harry 3rd place overall...

In **Class 14**, Quinton House's Jack Wilch had a scorcher of a day, literally! After demonstrating that he could master extreme wet weather at Lydd a week ago, he showed today that he wasn't a "one-trick pony" and came and dominated in the sunshine too! Three heat wins meant that he decided to sit out the final heat - job done!

This was the first meeting that teammate Adriel Ngwa was not racing from the back of the grid - and boy did he show what he was made of! Counting scores of 4,4,4 gave him 12 points overall to narrowly shade out Stoke's Archie Robinson (total score 13), and teammate Harry Wilch (also 13). Dropped scores came into play for Archie and Harry, with Archie taking 3rd place by virtue of the better 4th score.

Further down the field, we think that Willoughby Steel and his dad were taking NatSKA relaxation just a little bit too far!!!



In **Class 15**, we saw the emergence of two new contenders! This was the first meeting that we saw Alexander Arnold and Alex Byles overcome Max Homfray-Cooper. Alexander took 3 heat wins and a second place to finish on 0 points. Alex took the other heat win a second and a third (5 points), and Max had, what for him was, a bad day at the office...a 2nd and two 4ths giving him 10 points to narrowly shade out Daniel Andrews.... fair to say, the season looks VERY exciting in this class!

...and the two most important trophies of the day, decided on by the circuit team, and highlighting where the future is bright were:

Cadet Novice of the Day: Max Trainor (Kingham Hill) and

Low Power Novice of the Day: Lukas Armstrong (also Kingham Hill)

HOOTON PARK 23RD OCTOBER 2021

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 4

Well, sadly the weather forgot that we had really enjoyed the sunshine at Fulbeck, and “normal service resumed” at Hooton - it was overcast and COLD!



In **Class 7** it was all change at the top of the leader board this weekend - Jake Bastable (Stoke) and Molly Nicolas-Biles (Thomas Alleyne Academy) duked it out all day - both taking two heat wins and two 2nd places, meaning that their scores were absolutely tied and we had to look at their best lap time to determine the winner (in this case Jake took the overall victory by six one hundredths of a second.... now that's close! Behind the duelling pair, Ben Hurrell (Quinton House) took all of the 3rd places - very impressive when you consider that this was from the back of the grid! Jamie Leadbetter from St Michaels also raced from the back of the grid to take 4th place overall - its going to be interesting between the two of them this year!



In **Class 8**, it was great to, once again see two drivers taking to the track in this, the oldest NatSKA class (it dates back to the very first National Sprint meeting!). On this occasion (as with class 7) it was super close - both Ben Johnson and Alex Fallart had two heat wins and two second places - and once again we had to look at the lap times to determine the winner...in this case, the difference was only ONE ONE HUNDREDTH OF A SECOND - even closer than the Class 7 result!! In this case, Ben took the overall victory!

In **Class 11** today, James Hunting (Phoenix) got the better of rival John Seward (Kingham Hill). Two heat wins and a second place gave James the better combined score of just 2 points, compared to John's total of 4. Alex Favro (Tarpoley) completed the podium (6 points).

Our photo correspondent today was a little further down the field - but please make a point of going to say “Hi” at some point to Tom Holland and his dad Richard from Quinton House!

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In **Class 12**, once again it was a battle royal between Lachlan Bott, Alfie Atmore and Harry Hurst. Once again, Lachlan took all four heat wins, Alfie three 2nds, and Harry three 3rds....it is fabulous watching the racing in this class!

In **Class 14**, Archie Robinson (Stoke) reclaimed the top spot of the podium...but it was definitely a very interesting day in the class.... Four different heat winners meant that consistent scoring was the key to the big trophies! Archie's results were (2,0,2,2) to give him a total of 4 points, narrowly beating Millie Howard (St Michaels) who took her first ever step on to the podium in claiming 2nd place. Adriel Ngwa (Quinton House) couldn't quite match his Fulbeck performance, but took 3rd place overall (5,3,3,12)...



The other heat winners on the day were Deven Trotman (Kingham Hill) and Tom Strefford (Tarpорley) - pictured



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It really is fabulous to see the Class 14 grid looking like this...



In **Class 15**, it was also fantastic to see Ewan Sime (Tarpurley) return to racing after a non-karting related accident during the summer had kept him away from the circuit for a while....and what a comeback it was!

Ewan started “gently” with two 2nd place finishes, and then turned up the heat to take the last two heat wins, giving him an overall score of 2 points. It was oh so close though between Ewan and nearest rival, Alex Byles (AMS). Alex took the first two heats, and then had a real battle with Daniel Andrews in heat

3 which meant that he took 3rd place in his other scoring heat - his final score being those 3 points! Daniel Andrews (3,3,2,2) had a really good, consistent day and took 3rd place overall with a score of 7 points.

(Just gutted I haven't got a photo!)

Two novice of the day awards were in play at Hooton - first of all in **Class 14 Novice**, our ace start / finish team of Lis Brown and George Jones consulted with other members of our on-circuit team (which included former chairman, Bruce Lister and former 1165ATC team leaders Rick Bright and Kevin Mooney) to decide that the trophy should be awarded to Oliver James from Quinton House (pictured here!)



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...and in **Class 11 Novice**, team Quinton proved that the future is bright for them by taking home that award too...Oliver's teammate Kai Draper catching our observers' eye with some super driving.



...and to round off the day at Hooton - Lis our Start / Finish guru sent me the next picture of her helper for the day, George Jones (younger brother of 2021 Class 15 Champion Dan)...

...George was happy to help out all day issuing the warnings as they were given by our Clerking / Observing team...and the last chequered flag of the day was also done by George...we're hopeful that he will get to go racing next year!





COLIN FENWICK

Colin became involved in schools karting in the early seventies when he was team leader of the Heronswood team in Welwyn Garden City. Heronswood School was later merged to become the Sir John Newsom School in 1985 and Colin continued as team leader with great success.

BKT is now in its fifty third year and 2022 will be Colin's fiftieth National Championship.



In 1995 Colin moved to Barclay School in Stevenage where he took up the post of Head of Technology. He brought with him several karts, some other equipment as well as several past and current karting team members. Barclay already had a well-established kart team but with Colin's enthusiastic help, the BKT grew to be the largest school-based kart team in the country.



CLAY PIGEON RACEWAY 5TH MARCH 2022

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 5

...and during the winter break, some of you will have spotted that we changed our timing services provider...so Clay Pigeon was quite stressful for the “Time Team” - as we had to iron out all of the little niggles (and operate a completely new system that works in a very different way to the old one!)

Huge thanks to my timekeeping Mentor, Ian Rogers (Motorsport UK’s kart timekeeping guru) for coming all the way to Clay Pigeon to help us!



...and on to the racing!

The weather was, as you might expect for early March, COLD... but at least it was DRY! (Even so the spectators were trying to take shelter on the balcony!)



The weather might have been on the chilly side...but the racing was HOT!

In **Class 7**, after missing the Hooton meeting, Alexander Arnold was back on “scorching” form - once again taking the first three heat wins and parking the kart in parc ferme for the last race of the day. Jake Bastable and Molly Nicolas-Biles resumed the season where they had left it at Hooton - close racing all day saw Jake once again get the upper hand. His scores of 4,10,2,0 resulted in a final score of 6 points compared to Molly’s 2,3,3,2 score of 7 points. Their rivals are definitely getting closer though, and maybe just need to get some consistent scoring into their race days. Watch this space - Jamie Leadbetter (St Michael’s) Scott Hayward (Bexley) and Harrison Hine (Tarpoley) are all on the up!



The **Class 7** trophy winners...apart from AJ Arnold...

No **Class 8s** in Dorset!

Class 11 resumed the season with an 18 strong grid that included some newcomers!

CLAY PIGEON RACEWAY 5TH MARCH 2022

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 5



Racing was really good, but once again John Seward (Kingham Hill) stole the march on his rivals and took three heat wins. Close behind are James Hunting (Phoenix) (2,0,4,3) overall score 5 points, James Thompson (Kingham Hill) overall score 9 points (3,5,2,4) and Alex Favro who also had an overall score of 9 points, but a slightly worse dropped score (5,2,8,2) to make the difference in the final standings.

In Class 12 Lachlan Bott (Tarpoley) didn't quite have it all his own way and had to work hard at the end of the day for the overall win...his scores of 3,2,0,0 left him with an overall 2 points. It was an absolute battle between Alfie Atmore (Tarpoley) and Harry Hurst (Barnwell) - Alfie had scores of 2,0,3,2 compared to Harry's 0,3,2,3...its so close between these guys that they decided to share the podium!



At the Novice end of the racing grid Team Quinton were working super-hard to get Abdul-Rashid Daud out on circuit....as this photo proves!

In Class 14, Archie Robinson (Stoke) once again took the top spot with two heat wins and a 2nd place to count. Behind him Millie Howard (St Michaels) is fast making progress and it is surely only a matter of time before she takes an overall win (a heat win and two 3rd places her counting scores today). In 3rd place was Lydd and Fulbeck winner, Jack Wilch (Quinton House) - another heat win for him today (0,6,2 his counting scores).



Quinton's Mrs Hurrell shows how it's done!

CLAY PIGEON RACEWAY 5TH MARCH 2022

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 5

In **Class 15**, Max Homfray-Cooper (Barclay) once again took to the top spot of the podium - this time seeing off AMS new boy, Harry Kidd and Alexander Arnold (Kingham Hill). Max took a heat win and two 2nds on his way to overall victory. Harry Kidd was impressive on his first NatSKA outing - from the back of the grid he took three third places as his counting scores. Alexander Arnold was unlucky on this occasion - a flag infringement in the second heat with the points to count in his final score costing him the meeting - otherwise he was unbeatable with three heat wins.



...and the last words from Clay Pigeon...

...as the sun was setting over the circuit, the drivers from Stoke were looking forward to the journey home in the knowledge that they both had a new piece of silverware for the trophy cabinet...



Once again, our star start / finish team of Nicky and Lis selected the novices of the day - on this occasion the **Class 4 Novice** was chosen to be Thomas Baxter from Kingham Hill, and the **Class 11 Novice** was selected as George Hopcraft (Quinton House) - both demonstrating super skill on the circuit and highlighting that they each have bright futures in karting!

(Though they each need their own correspondents as we can't spot them in this pic of the novice grid!)



Jake Bastable and Archie Robinson celebrate!

BAYFORD MEADOW – 26TH MARCH 2022

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 6

Our Bayford Meadow meeting saw the sun come out on the early spring morning - and for quite a few people T-shirts were the order of the day...and because the sun shone, it seemed that everyone was taking photos to send to me...so I had well over 140 to choose from here!



I'm not going to lie...

I don't think it was shorts weather! Brrrrr..

Today I am going to start with the future...our Novices of the Meeting - and such was the size of the novice field we actually had three trophies to decide upon!

Class 4 Novice of the Day was decided to be Max Trainor from Kingham Hill.... sadly, I have looked through every one of the photos that I have for the day, but clearly don't have a "Max Correspondent!"

Class 11 Novice of the Day was selected as Oliver Parsons (seen here in the middle celebrating with Tarporley teammates Tom Strefford and Alfie Atmore). Only the 2nd time at a NatSKA event - so clearly Ollie made a good impression on our start / finish novice observers!



...and the Class 14 Novice was decided to be Kai Draper from Quinton House. After starting racing with us at Hooton, this is Kai's first trophy (and we are sure that it won't be his last!)



BAYFORD MEADOW - 26TH MARCH 2022

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 6



In **Class 11**, sixteen drivers made their way to Kent for a great day's racing.

John Seward (Kingham Hill) once again showed the way to go.... he took the first three heat wins and sat out heat 4. He also had the fastest lap of the day in Class 11 - almost 2 seconds a lap quicker than his nearest rival...looking good for when we have timed qualifying at Rowrah! John's teammate, James Thompson took second place overall with the final heat win and other counting scores of 2 and 4. Third place on the podium today went to Finley McDonough from St Michaels (2,3,5 his counting scores).



Class 12 saw Alfie Atmore (Tarpoley) take to the top step of the podium, taking 3 heat wins and a second place, ahead of nearest rival Harry Hurst (Barnwell). Harry had three 2nd places and a heat win - the two of them really sealed off the top of the racing today! Third place went to Alfie Heaps from Thomas Alleyne Academy. Sadly, no photos from Class 12 today (though you have already seen Alfie, in the photo of Oliver Parsons our Novice of the Day!)

In **Class 14**, Archie Robinson (Stoke) once again took the overall win - taking the first three heat wins he sat out heat 4! Nathan Walker and Millie Howard had a titanic battle all day! Going into the last race of the day Millie was marginally in front having two 2^{nds} and a 3rd place while Nathan had a second and

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two third places.... Nathan took the last heat - and that gave him the single point difference that he needed to take the bigger trophy!



Millie and Nathan leaving the grid...it was that close all day!

In **Class 7**, once again we saw Alexander Arnold take the victory (0,0,0,9). Behind him Scott Hayward overhauled Molly Nicolas-Biles for the first time - Scott really is learning quickly since switching to class 7 at the start of the season! His scores today were (3,2,2,0) whilst Molly had two 2nds and two 3rds.... very close racing between these and Clay Pigeon winner Jake Bastable makes for an exciting remainder of the season!



Jake, Molly and Scott racing

In **Class 8**, sadly we only had Alex Fallart (Barnwell) racing today.

In **Class 15**, we had 19 Junior Rotax's raring to go...and in a season where nothing is predictable in this class, we were all looking forward to seeing what would happen!



After the issues he had at Clay Pigeon, Alexander Arnold was determined to take to the top step again...duly delivering the first three heat wins to make sure he could leave the kart in parc ferme for heat 4. Behind him, Clay Pigeon new boy Harry Kidd was “in the mix” of the grid for the first time...he made it count (3, DNF,2,2) his scores for the day in taking 2nd place overall)



Harry Kidd (AMS)

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Behind Harry, Clay Pigeon winner Max Homfray-Cooper had an “ok” day... but was perhaps a little frustrated... (I don’t have any other explanation for this photo!)



Alex Byles (AMS) Class 15



George Hopcraft (Quinton House) and his mum, Leonie

...and that was the racing at Bayford Meadow - and as the sun set on a beautiful day we were all eagerly anticipating our next meeting at the beautiful circuit of Glan y Gors in North Wales! Hoping to see you all there!



Bella Arnold (AMS) Class 4 Novice

As I said, I had so many photos sent to me I am going to share some “random” others!

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Hattie Shutt (Quinton House) Class 11 Novice



Gabriel Towers (Quinton House) with his two-ace mechanics!



Tom Rayer (AMS) Class 15



Circuit Marshal Andy Jones takes 5 to catch up with the world!



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...And son George Jones (AMS) Class 15



Bayford looking beautiful in the spring sunshine



Tom Holland (Quinton House) Class 11



Oliver James (Quinton) Class 14 Novice



Jessica Liddle (Quinton House) Novice

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Just one of lots of photos of Stuart's legs!

Harry and Mr Wilch (Quinton House) Class 7



Alana Arnold (AMS) Class 11



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How fantastic was it to be returning to GYG? Its one of my favourite places, with very many happy karting memories there!

In racing terms, it was the first time we had been able to visit the circuit since March 2019 - so it was a new venue for many of our drivers - and since we last went a few of the facilities have changed - meaning we had to put in a few “work arounds”

Val was certainly not anticipating the drop out of the lap-scoring window...at least 6 foot up in the air...not a great place to be for the day!



Having said that - it's a good view (with the window open!)



As you might expect in a very rural place...we were having issues with our Wi-Fi! Here Stuart is pictured trying to sort it out for us!



When racing began it was fantastic to see the battle going on for the **Class 12** trophy. Today we saw a familiar name take the big trophy for the first time this season - Harry Hurst (Barnwell) had three heat wins and a second on his way to first place overall - a fantastic day for him making the journey from Stevenage very worthwhile! Behind him, championship leader Lachlan Bott (Tarpoley) consolidated his points lead taking (3,2,0,3) as his counting scores. On this occasion, Bayford Meadow winner Alfie Atmore had to settle for third place (2,3,3,2) his scores - as you can see it is uber-close between these three!



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In **Class 14**, Archie Robinson (Stoke) once again took three heat wins and then parked the kart in parc ferme! Behind him we saw two new names on trophies....Harry Leadbetter (St Michaels) took 2,3,7,0 as his counting scores to finish on 5 points, while Tom Strefford (Tarpoley) scored 3,2,2,7 to finish on 7 points.



In **Class 7** (sorry no photos today - you clearly all peaked at Bayford Meadow!) Molly Nicolas-Biles (Thomas Alleyne Academy) took 3 heat wins and a second place to take the overall win. Behind her St Michaels Jamie Leadbetter is gaining in confidence as each meeting goes by - he drove from the back of the grid today to take second place overall, also taking his first heat win in the class! (DNF,0,2,2) - a fantastic result after a DNF in heat one put him on the back foot at the beginning of the day! Samantha Seward (Kingham Hill) also had a good consistent day (2,3,5,3).

In **Class 15**, it was as unpredictable as usual - three different heat winners today meant that the overall result would be down to consistency and some good maths!

In **Class 8**, Alex Fallart (Barnwell) had another good day finishing three of the four heats!



In **Class 11**, John Seward had another great day taking the two heat wins and a 2nd place before parking the kart in parc ferme for heat 4. Finley Roberts from Tarpoley had a great start to the day with a heat win, going on to take 3rd and 2nd in the following two heats - he finished the day with a DNF, but by then he had done all the hard work to claim the 2nd place trophy! Third place today saw Robbie Smith (AMS) have a good solid scoring day (6,4,4,2).

I don't know what "my old man" was up to here....but it did furnish a very rare photograph of Alexander Arnold! Thank you to whoever took the picture!

Safe to say that, in spite of what some of the photos from the day might say....it was COLD!

...and so on to the results

Fair to say, the racing in this class is very close - and exciting!

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...sadly I don't have photos to accompany the news that our **Class 4 Novice** was awarded to Zac Strefford (Tarpoley) and our **Class 11 Novice** was selected as William Cook (Tarpoley)...you can just about see William in the photo below (he is kart 91)



Top spot went to Max Homfray-Cooper (Barclay) his scores were (2,0,3,5) to give him 5 points overall.

Second place today went to Ewan Sime (Tarpoley) he also took a heat win on his way to 6 points overall (3,3,0,4).

Third place went to Alexander Arnold who had two heat wins, but consistency let him down today...his scores were (0,16,10,0) to leave him with 10 points overall.



Harry Wilch trying to demonstrate that the weather was beautiful!

Camberley Novice of the Day Joe Harley pictured at GYG

In the Novice classes we once again had two trophies to decide upon...

...and sadly no photos from the **Class 4** gang (either Novice or racers)...but I can tell you that the big trophy went to Rowan Slaughter (Tarpoley) who had three heat wins!

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Other random photos from the day!



We like Team Quinton's picnic (and the dog is looking out for a tasty treat too!)



All my other photos from the day are vaguely like this...I was clearly still getting to grips with putting all of my timing equipment together!



FULBECK 7TH MAY 2022

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 8

So...I am starting to learn that, when the sun shines, I get lots of photos....and I also now know that I have regular photo correspondents! Thank you to everyone who goes out of their way to send me images to share with you all...looking at the assortment of photos, I am sure you can work out where they come from! (...and if you want your photo in here, then you need to send them to me!)

I am not going to lie...Fulbeck brought issues of a technical kind with Live Timing... basically, the British Kart Championships were being held next door at PFi...and they seemed to suck in all of the 4G coverage like Harry Potter's Dementors...which obviously interfered with our own timing system's ability to link to the outside world 🙄🙄🙄

Sadly, no photos from **Class 12 today**...but on the circuit the racing was extremely close! In fact, the result had to be decided by the fastest lap time - both the first and second placed drivers had identical scores... (0,0,2,8) - on this occasion Lachlan Bott (Tarpoley) took the overall win by 0.29seconds - his best lap time was 55.86 compared to GYG winner, Barnwell's Harry Hurst's time of 56.15.... exciting!

In **Class 14**, Archie Robinson (Stoke) had to work a bit harder...forced to go out in heat 4 after a DNF in heat 3! He did still manage 3 heat wins though to finish on 0 points. His closest rival today was Millie Howard (St Michael's) - a heat win and two second places were her counting scores to finish on 4 points overall. Third place today went to Millie's teammate, Harry Leadbetter. Fantastic consistent scoring from Harry - 3,3,2,3 to finish on 8 points!

My "Quinton House Correspondent" did manage to send me photos of all three of his drivers in this class!



Kai Draper, Tom Ratcliffe & Oliver James



...and he also managed to capture this rather splendid moment of their dads!



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In **Class 7**, Molly Nicolas-Biles (Thomas Alleyne Academy) took to the top step of the podium again - two heat wins and two 2nd places meant she ended the day with 2 points. Behind her, Scott Hayward (Bexley) had scoring results of 0,2,2 to finish on 4 points and in 3rd place today Jamie Leadbetter also took a heat win to go with two 3rd places to finish on 6 points!

Two **Class 8s** at Fulbeck - so we had a race on! Both Ben Johnson and Alex Fallart took two heat wins and two second places - so as with the class 12s they were split by their fastest lap...on this occasion Ben took the overall win by virtue of his 47.84 second lap (compared to Alex's 48.24) ...we love it when the racing is this close!

In **Class 11**, we had 24 drivers take to the circuit (it was going to be very interesting through the first chicane!) - and because of the number of entries the consistency of results was going to be key to a good overall score.

This week saw Ben Seward (Kingham Hill) overtake his brother John to get to the top spot of the podium...Ben's scores of 4, DNS, 2, 2 gave him an overall score of 8 points. Next up was AMS driver Robbie Smith - 9,0,6*,3 were his results for the day giving him an overall tally of 9 points. Third place today went to Championship Leader, John Seward (Kingham Hill) his scores were 0,4,10*,0 - so two heat wins and a fourth place, which ordinarily would have sealed the win BUT a 10second penalty that meant the score had to be kept in heat 3 put him down the standings...always keep a look out for those yellow flags!



Ben Seward (No 1) makes his way through the field of Class 11s on his way to overall victory



Robbie Smith (AMS) contemplates the race on his way to 2nd place overall

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Alana Arnold (AMS) Leo Grayling (Barclay)...

In Class 15, Alexander Arnold (Kingham Hill) was back on form taking the first two heat wins and 2nd place in the 3rd heat to result in parking his kart in parc ferme for heat 4. Behind Alexander, Max Homfray-Cooper (Barclay) took scores of (3,3,5,2) to leave him on 8 points at the end of the day. Ewan Sime (Tarpoley) took the final heat win of the day in his results of (6,5,10,0) to finish on 11 points and 3rd place on the podium. The other heat winner of the day was Evan Handley - we think that this was possibly a first win for him?! Well done to you all!

The only Class 15 photos I have for today are all from my AMS Correspondent....



Alex Byles AMS Class 15



George Jones AMS Class 15 (with brother Dan, our current National Sprint and Championship champion)



Tom Rayer AMS - current holder of the Martin Speed Memorial Trophy

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In Class 4 - again I don't have any pictures, but...Robbie Smith (AMS) took 3 out of 4 heat wins, Max Trainer took 3 out of 4 2nd places, and Rowan Slaughter took (3,3,4,0)!

In the novice classes...all were keen to get their marshalling signature cards filled up resulting in a queue...



...and the trophies were decided as...

Class 4 Novice Bella Arnold (AMS) and **Class 11 Novice** Lukas Armstrong (Kingham Hill)

...and just one other comment...this was the meeting that we were finally able to start training lapscorers...thank you to Hayley Wilch, Leonie Hopcraft (Quinton House), Bridget Robinson (Stoke), and Janine Graham (Tarpорley)

...and in other pictures...just a sense of what the Fulbeck meeting was like in the paddock



Team Quinton - just chilling



Teamwork makes the dreamwork as the Quinton Team get Abdul-Rashid Daud to the grid

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The Class 11 kids work out the racing line



AMS Team Trophy winners...Chris Brown was awarded Team Leader of the Day!



...and that's a chequered flag from Fulbeck (featuring Scott Hayward!)

CAMBERLEY 21ST MAY 2022

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 9

Thinking back through the season this year I am contemplating how lucky (so far 🍀) we have been with the weather...and Camberley dawned into another beautiful day!



In **Class 14**, Archie Robinson continued his charge (0,0,5,0) to take overall victory. Today his closest rivals were Oliver Livesey (St Michaels) and Tom Strefford (Tarpoley). Oliver narrowly edged 2nd place - his scores were (3,3,2,7) to total 8 points, Tom had a more consistent day (7*,2,3,2) but was unfortunate that the penalty 7th had to count - keep an eye out for those yellow flags!!!

In **Class 12** it was, once again, close between Lachlan Bott (Tarpoley) and Harry Hurst (Barnwell). Lachlan recorded results of (0,2,0,0) on his way to the big trophy. Harry's scores were (4,0,2,2) to take second place. Behind them 3rd place went to Harley Grayling (Barclay) who had a fantastically consistent day (3,3,3,3)!



It was an emotional day in **Class 7** as this meeting marked Molly Heaps' last non-Nationals meeting - here, brother Alfie gives her the fist-pump ahead of their last race!



It was just another day at the office for Alexander Arnold - he took three heat wins and then parked the kart in parc ferme for heat 4 (honestly is this guy looking for a reduction in his entry fee!). Behind him Molly Nicolas-Biles and Scott Hayward battled it out all day and it was really close until the last heat when Molly took the heat win and Scott recorded a DNF. Molly's scores (2,3,2,0) Scott (3,2,3, DNF).

It was fabulous to see two **Class 8s** on the circuit again. This time, Alex Fallart (Barnwell) got the better of Ben Johnson (Bexley) - three heat wins to Alex...

In **Class 11**, it was a bit of a mixed blessing for the organisation....29 entrants into the class.... but unfortunately, at Camberley we are only allowed to put 24 on the grid at any one time....so for the first time in a very long time we had to have a split grid system in operation (with 6 races for the class and each driver taking part in 4 of them according to which group they are randomly allocated to A, B, or C).

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John Seward was determined to reverse the Fulbeck result...and so he did! On this occasion his closest rivals were Warren Kiss (Barclay) and Alex Favro (Tarporley).

John Seward and Alex Favro on the grid



In **Class 15**, Alexander Arnold was seeking to serve up a double-whammy of the two high power classes. Two heat wins and two second places sealed that deal! Behind him Max Homfray-Cooper took the first heat win, but could only manage 5th place in heat 2, his final score was 4 points (0,5,2,2). The other heat winner on the day was Bexley's Harry Parr (12,0,3,7) gave him a tally of 10 points, just one point ahead of his teammate Josh Neve.

In **Class 4** Joseph Smith (AMS) took the first three heat wins and then having sealed the victory Did Not Start the final heat. Behind him it was uber-close between Rowan Slaughter (Tarporley) and Max Trainor (Kingham Hill).

The **Novices of the Day** were selected to be Matthew Riley (Tarporley) - Class 4, and Thomas Hodge (Kingham Hill) - Low Power.

More pictures that we love from around the paddock



Just look at that sky!



Team Ratcliffe (QKT) cheerleaders in canine form!

ON THAT SUBJECT...KEY INFORMATION AHEAD
OF **WHILTON MILL - ABSOLUTELY NO DOGS
ALLOWED AT THE CIRCUIT**

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And the last word from Camberley...it feels only right to highlight Molly Heaps

Her very last non-Nationals Race Meeting, and she was DETERMINED TO ENJOY IT AS MUCH AS SHE HAS ENJOYED EVERY OTHER!



Good luck for the future Molly - and thank you so much for sharing these photos with us!



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CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS 10 & 11

...and so, on a weekend of Platinum Jubilee celebrations, we made our way to Rowrah for the first time since the 2019 Nationals!

The weather for the Saturday was absolutely beautiful - exactly the kind that karting deserves!

Team Quinton House certainly took the Jubilee Celebrations to heart, and it was really lovely to see their awnings be-decked with bunting!

Mr Smith had also sent cupcakes - and these were very kindly shared with everyone in Race Control...



Val and I definitely enjoyed the cupcakes - thank you!

The racing was as exciting as ever - and lots of drivers were looking to maximise and consolidate on their Championship scores...two days of racing, and two championship rounds!

In **Class 12** Lachlan Bott took two heat wins and two second places to secure the victory in Saturday's "Normal NatSKA Scoring" day. As is usually the case, it was super close at the top of Class 12 with Lachlan's nearest rivals, Harry Hurst (Barnwell) and Alfie Atmore (Tarporley) battling all day! Final scores for Harry were 3,0,3,2 to total 5 points - the same as Alfie (2,3,0,5) - but Harry took 2nd place by virtue of the better dropped score.

In **Class 14**, we saw three different heat winners on Saturday...Archie Robinson took two heat wins and a 2nd place as his counting scores to finish on 2 points. Behind him, St Michael's Nathan Walker, Oliver Livesey, Ethan Bradley and Millie Howard locked out the next 4 places - impressive from the team! On this occasion Nathan took 2nd place overall with 6 points (DNS, 4,0,2) followed by Oliver on 8 points (3,2,3,11), Evan had 9 points (4,



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DNF,2,3) and Millie (0, DNF,7,4)...very, very close!



In **Class 7**, Scott Hayward (Bexley) had a fantastic day! Second place in heat one was followed by three heat wins to finish on 0 points!



Behind him it was a really intense battle! Jake Bastable (Stoke) finished on 7 points (DNF, 2,3,2) narrowly edging out Jamie Leadbetter (St Michaels) and Molly Nicolas-Biles (Thomas Alleyne Academy). Jamie and Molly finished on the same total score (8 points) but on this day Jamie was more consistent (0,4,4,4) compared to Molly's (DNS,3,2,3) - that dropped score and non-start crucial on this occasion.



Saturday's Class 7 trophy winners
Scott Hayward, Jake Bastable, Jamie Leadbetter and Molly-Nicolas-Biles

Only one **Class 8** in Cumbria - Bexley's Ben Johnson finished all 4 heats!

In **Class 11** we had 25 entrants for Saturday's event - Kingham Hill's John Seward scoring (0, DNF, 0, 0) on his was to overall victory.

Behind him it was very close between Alex Favro (Tarpoley) and Ben Seward (Kingham Hill). Alex finished with 6 points (2,3,2,2) while Ben ended the day on 8 points

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(5,0,6,3)...(sadly no photos of these guys today!)

In **Class 15**, Alex Byles had a superb day - to end on a total score of just 2 points! (0,0,2 his counting results). He was closely followed by serious championship rivals Ewan Sime and Max Homfray-Cooper who could really have used those extra two points! Ewan had a fantastic day with (4,4,0,0) to finish on 4 points - Max also had a non-finish on his way to 9 points (3,2,4). It really is superb watching the racing in Class 15!

Only one **Class 4** on the circuit on Saturday - Bella Arnold making sure that she fulfilled the requirements for Nationals qualification!

The **Novice of the Day** for Saturday was awarded to Frankie Taylor from Tarporley!

....and if you are wondering why all of the trophy presentations are grey skied.... it's because there was a Corporate Event on the Saturday evening for the dads and older drivers to race in....(so presentation was delayed until Sunday morning)

...and in the Corporate Event? The trophy winners were:



Daniel Andrews, Mattie Lewin & Ewan Sime took the top step.



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...and on Sunday, we thought we would try something COMPLETELY different!

For the first time in NatSKA history, we gave timed qualifying a try...well if its good enough for Formula 1 it must be good enough for our guys, right?

Of course, our Novices had a normal day...the **Novice of Day** trophy was awarded to Thomas Wimshurst from Kingham Hill.

The question was, could we all get our heads around track limits warnings and the deletion of lap times....?

In **Class 11**, John Seward was once again imperious at the head of the standings - his time a full 1.4 seconds faster than his nearest rival. Timed qualifying resulted in a little surprise in the form of Quinton House's George Hopcraft only completed his novice licence on Saturday before posting the 2nd fastest lap time in qualifying ahead of regular trophy winners Alex Favro, James Hunting, Ben Seward and James Thompson...George is definitely one to watch out for in the future!

The result of timed qualifying gave us the grid for heat one...the result of which put John Seward on the back foot for the rest of the day as he was forced to retire from the race (and was thus at the back of the grid for heat 2). The top three in this race (and taking the all-important classification points towards their final grid position) were Alex Favro (Tarpoley) Ben Seward (Kingham Hill) and James Hunting (Phoenix). Heat 2 brought a similar result with Alex and James taking places in the top two, this time joined by Kingham Hill's Lukas Armstrong...the final classification for the grid places putting Alex

on pole with James Hunting and George Hopcraft...but who could get their kart to the flag first?

The result was a resounding victory for Alex followed line astern by James and George - behind them came the Seward brothers led by Ben, with John posting the fastest lap time in the final to take 5th place overall from his grid slot of 24th place - certainly damage limitation mode for his championship score!

Tarpoley's Alex Favro takes to the top step as the winner of Round 11, Class 11
James Hunting Phoenix took second place



In **Class 12**, Lachlan Bott had transponder issues in timed qualifying - but fortunately our photocells were able to catch him! 59.31 his qualifying time - a second a lap faster than nearest rival Alfie Atmore, and a full 3 seconds faster than 3rd placed Harry Hurst...and that set the tone for the day! The

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classification for the final grid, put Harry slightly ahead of Alfie, but by the time the chequered flag was waved Alfie had wrestled back second place!

Lachlan Bott (1st) and Alfie Atmore - both Tarporley



In Class 14, Nathan Walker posted the 4th fast time in qualifying (behind St Michaels teammates Oliver Livesey and Millie Howard), Tom Strefford (Tarporley) posting the 3rd fastest time. Archie Robinson (Stoke) was among the many drivers (across all classes!) who had problems with track limits...meaning that he was right at the back of the grid for heat 1...but that didn't stop him - he came through to take 2nd place in the first heat, and 1st place in the 2nd heat to put him on pole

position for the final, and Nathan Walker our TQ expert in second place. It was a fantastic race! Archie led for the first three laps, and then was overtaken by Nathan, and subsequently Tom on lap 6. The final result saw Nathan take maximum championship points for Round 11, closely followed by Tom and Archie.

This was a shot in the arm for Nathan's championship hopes, and he is now in joint second place (behind Archie Robinson) with Millie Howard going into the title decider at Llandow!

Archie Robinson and Jake Bastable (Stoke) celebrate double trophies at Rowrah



In Class 7, Jake Bastable (Stoke) was being inspired by his young teammate - he posted the fastest lap in TQ, took 2nd place in heat one, 1st place in heat 2 to claim pole position for the final. He led from lights to flag, eventually putting 5 seconds between himself and nearest rival Scott Hayward before the chequered flag was waved.

The battle between Scott and Molly Nicolas-Biles was somewhat closer - only 1 second when they crossed the finish line. Fabulous racing!

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The Class 7 podium - Round 11
(l-r) Scott Hayward, Jake Bastable, Molly Nicolas-Biles



Heat 2 saw the same four drivers duking it out to see who could stake their claims to the highest places on the grid for the final...the end result for the heat was 1st Alex, 2nd Ewan, 3rd Max, 4th Lewis. (This result had seen Daniel Andrews [Tarpoley] demoted from 2nd place as a result of a 5 second penalty for track limit infringements).

The grid for the final was therefore decided as: Alex on pole, followed by Ewan, Lewis, Max and Daniel...but who could keep within the white lines in the final!?

The lap chart for the final tells a very interesting story! Alex led over the line, but by the end of lap one the two Tarpoley guys had taken the lead with Ewan out front! On lap 6 Daniel made a great overtaking manoeuvre to take the lead, and on lap 8 Alex managed to get back into second place.... the racing was SO CLOSE - and SO EXCITING...and then, the Cumbrian weather intervened resulting in a red flag midway through lap 11. The result was rolled back to lap 10, and the result declared!

Daniel Andrews, in his last ever NatSKA race, had finally taken an overall victory! Just going to show that if something is worth having, it's worth waiting for!

In Class 15, quite a few of the drivers had issues with track limits...meaning that there were a lot of fastest lap times deleted! (Only 14 of the 19 drivers posted any lap times!) which of course meant that racing in heat 1 was very interesting as some of those incredibly quick guys tried to get through the traffic to restore their chances later in the day.... I suppose you could liken it to Max Verstappen getting a grid penalty!

Fastest in timed qualifying was Round 10 winner Alex Byles (AMS), he was swiftly followed by Jack Wilch (Quinton House) and Ewan Sime (Tarpoley). Stunning driving!

CLASS 15		11 & 14 NOVICES		CLASS 1 & 4		EMERGENCY	
Qualifying Practice							
Row	No.	Class	Row	Driver	Entrant	Time	
1	21	Class 15	1	BYLES Alex	AMS	48.23	
2	56	Class 15	2	WILCH Jack	Quinton House	48.62	
3	4	Class 15	3	SIME Ewan	Tarpoley	48.85	
4	23	Class 15	4	KIRK-ROE Oliver	Tarpoley	49.11	
5	22	Class 15	5	HINE Harrison	Tarpoley	49.25	
6	37	Class 15	6	SMITH Lewis	AMS	49.37	
7	4	Class 15	7	BOTT Caden	Tarpoley	49.61	
8	24	Class 15	8	HANDLEY Ewan	Barclay	49.64	
9	16	Class 15	9	WEBB Joe	Barnwell	49.85	
10	71	Class 15	10	RAVER Tom	AMS	50.11	
11	53	Class 15	11	LIVSEY Bethany	St Michaels	50.42	
12	26	Class 15	12	HODGKINSON Katie	Barclay	50.62	
13	28	Class 15	13	BOTT Cameron	Tarpoley	50.97	
14	13	Class 15	14	WANNERTON Tyler	Barclay	51.88	

Heat 1 saw Alex lead from lights to flag, followed home by Ewan, and AMS teammate, Lewis Smith. Max Homfray-Cooper brought it home in 4th place to make up for his TQ troubles.



CAPTION COMPETITION



One of my correspondents has suggested that the above photo needs an appropriate caption....



....no prize.... please don't be unkind!

LLANDOW 8TH - 10TH JULY 2022

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 12

We are looking forward to seeing you all in South Wales for the 50th National Sprint Meeting...



CHAMPIONSHIP TABLES - AS THEY STAND!

2021-22 Championship - Class 4

Position	Kart	Driver	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5	RD 6	RD 7	RD 8	RD 9	RD 10	RD 11	TOTAL	To Count
1	3	Joseph Smith			100	100			98	100	100		100	598	598
2	15	Rowan Slaughter							100	96	98			294	294
3	5	Max Trainor							96	98	96			290	290
4	19	Bella Arnold										100	98	198	198

2021-22 Championship - Class 7

Position	Kart	Driver	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5	RD 6	RD 7	RD 8	RD 9	RD 10	RD 11	TOTAL	To Count
1	93	Alexander Arnold	100	100	100		100	100			100			600	600
2	2	Molly Nicolas-Biles	98	98	98	98	96	96	100	100	98	94	96	1072	592
3	5	Jake Bastable	96		96	100	98	94				98	100	682	588
4	31	Scott Hayward	84	90	94		92	98		98	96	100	98	850	584
5	28	Jamie Leadbetter	78		92	94	94		98	96		96	92	740	570
6	1	Dougal Hamilton-Smith	76	86	80	84	88		94	80	94	90	94	866	546
7	96	Samantha Seward	86	84	84	92	86	90	96	92				710	542
8	12	Joshua Behan	82	92	88	86	84	92		90	88	92		794	542
9	54	Harry Wilch						88	90	84	90	88	90	530	530
10	27	Faith Hunting		88	82	88	82			94		82	86	602	520
11	7	Matthew Mather			76	82			92	88		86	88	512	512
12	99	Molly Heaps	74		74			86	88	86	86			494	494
13	46	Harrison Hine	90	96	78	90	90							444	444
14	67	Ben Hurrell	94	94	86	96								370	370
15	98	Alfie Heaps								78	92	84	84	338	338

2021-22 Championship - Class 8

Position	Kart	Driver	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5	RD 6	RD 7	RD 8	RD 9	RD 10	RD 11	TOTAL	To Count
1	53	Ben Johnson	100	98	100	100				100	98	100	100	796	600
2	52	Alex Fallart		100		98	100	100	100	98	100			696	598

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2021-22 Championship - Class 11																	Nationals Eligibility Count	To Count	RD12	FINAL SCORE
Position	Kart	Driver	ERN	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD5	RD 6	RD7	RD8	RD9	RD10	RD11	Total					
1	19	John Seward	9-65	100	74	100	98	100	100	100	96	100	100	92	1060	11	600		600	
2	1	Ben Seward	9-19	88	70	94	92	80	82	86	100	94	96	94	976	11	570		570	
3	45	Robbie Smith	9-104			86	88			96	98	92		90	550	6	550		550	
4	43	Warren Kiss	9-119	92	78	96		90	92		76	98			622	7	546		546	
5	90	Finley Mcdonough	9-41	70	94	88	86	84	96		82	48	88	82	818	10	536		536	
6	37	Finley Roberts	9-42	76		82	84	92		98	90	80	54		656	8	526		526	
7	22	Alana Arnold	9-4	78	84	68		78	90	90	72	82	86	84	812	10	516		516	
8	28	Matthew Pepe	9-85	86	88	90		72	94		58	72			560	7	502		502	
9	59	Tom Holland	9-114	80	90		76	76	86		80	46			534	7	488		488	
10	9	Oliver Costello	9-97	84	76	76		74	88		84	76			558	7	484		484	
11	24	Archie Jackson	9-13		92		90	86			78		82		428	5	428		428	
12	5	Nathan Tyler	9-94		68				84		66	68	80	62	428	6	428		428	
13	23	Robert Davey	9-105	74				70	80			58	72	72	426	6	426		426	
14	31	Leo Grayling	9-77						74	82	70	50	68	78	422	6	422		422	
15	55	Ethan Grundy	9-36			78	82			88	86	64			398	5	398		398	
16	30	Reece Wannerton	9-103					66		84	64	44	60	58	376	6	376		376	
17	33	Marcus Car	9-81							92	74	62	64	54	346	5	346		346	
18	10	Max Goodall	9-86						78		54	88	58	56	334	5	334		334	
19	72	George Hopcroft	9-45									86	92	96	274	3	274		274	
20	57	Lukas Armstrong	9-80									74	90	88	252	3	252		252	
21	44	Aaron Leach	9-134									70	78	80	228	3	228		228	
22	91	William Cook	9-138									84	76	64	224	3	224		224	
23	95	Harlen Kavanagh	9-133									60	74	76	210	3	210		210	
24	78	Abdul-Rashid Daud	9-2					68	70		68				206	3	206		206	
25	69	Thomas Baxter	9-112									56	70	70	196	3	196		196	
26	21	Harrison Wright	9-49						76		62	54			192	3	192		192	
27	20	Gabriel Towers	9-127									66	52	66	184	3	184		184	
28	73	Hattie Shutt	9-128									66	74	140	2	140		140		
29	77	Oliver Parsons	9-137									56	68	124	2	124		124		
30	93	Evie Arnold	9-144									62	60	122	2	122		122		

2021-22 Championship - Class 12																	Nationals Eligibility Count	To Count	RD12	TOTAL
Position	Kart	Driver	ERN	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD5	RD 6	RD7	RD8	RD9	RD10	RD11	Total					
1	11	Lachlan Bott	13-74	100		100	100	100		98	100	100	100	100	898	9	600	0	600	
2	16	Harry Hurst	13-51	92	100	96	96	96	100	100	98	98	98	96	1068	11	592	0	592	
3	12	Alfie Atmore	13-9	98		98	98	98	100	96	96		96	98	878	9	590	0	590	
4	96	Alex Favro	9-7	96		62	96	94		94	60	96	98	100	796	9	580	0	580	
5	27	James Hunting	9-60		96	72	100	98			92		94	98	650	7	578	0	578	
6	8	Arthur Hagland	13-15	94	98	92		94	92		90	94			654	7	564	0	564	
7	68	James Thompson	9-61	98	86	98		96	98		88	78	84	86	812	9	564	0	564	
8	31	Harley Grayling	13-47	86	92	90		92	94	94	92	96	94	92	922	10	562	0	562	
9	17	Noah Webb	13-96	82	88		94	90	90	92	88	92	92	94	902	10	554	0	554	
10	21	Joshua Potts	13-71	84	90	84		88	88		86	90			610	7	526	0	526	
11	29	Peter Nunes-Rar	9-102		98	84		88			94	90			454	5	454	0	454	

Denotes drivers who are required to move to Class 12 by virtue of regulation D4.11.8

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2021-22 Championship - Class 14

Position	Kart	Driver	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5	RD 6	RD 7	RD 8	RD 9	RD 10	RD 11	Total	To Count
1	50	Archie Robinson	100		96	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	96	992	600
2	41	Millie Howard		92	92	98	98	96		98	94	92	90	850	576
3	61	Nathan Walker	96	84	88	90	94	98		82	90	98	100	920	576
4	60	Oliver Livesey	88	88	90	92	76	90	92	94	98	96	92	996	564
5	4	Harry Leadbetter	76		72	94	88		98	96	86	88	94	792	558
6	62	Evan Bradley	90	96	74	82	84		88	80	88	94		776	540
7	3	Tom Strefford			68	86		94	96		96		98	538	538
8	6	Abbie Mills	82	90	80	80	82	86	90	84	78	80	84	916	516
9	81	Casey Wannerton	86	82	78	78	80	84		92	84	86		750	514
10	53	Cayetano Ruiz	78	86	84	84	90			78				500	500
11	48	Conor Young			82		86	92			92	82		434	434
12	8	Jack Wilch	98	98	94		96							386	386
13	10	Harry Wilch	92	100	100		92							384	384
14	35	Adriel Ngwa	84	94	98	96								372	372
15	74	Kai Draper								90	82	84	86	342	342
16	70	Oliver James									80	90	88	258	258
17	88	Tom Ratcliffe					78	88		86				252	252
18	54	Devon Trotman		80	76	88								244	244

2021-22 Championship - Class 15

Position	Kart	Driver	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5	RD 6	RD 7	RD 8	RD 9	RD 10	RD 11	Total	To Count
1	93	Alexander Arnold	98	90	100		96	100	96	100	100			780	594
2	2	Max Homfray-Cooper	100	94	96		100	96	100	98	98	96	82	960	592
3	4	Ewan Sime				100	94		98	96		98	96	582	582
4	73	Alex Byles			98	98	84	84	94	86		100	98	742	574
5	3	Josh Neve	94	92	84		90	94		94	94	94	68	804	562
6	5	Andrew King	96	100	76	94	58		88	76	55	92	92	827	562
7	34	Daniel Andrews	82	96	94	96		86				88	100	642	560
8	10	Joe Webb	90	80		92	60	90	90	80	92	64	64	802	534
9	9	Caden Bott	92		86		92		86	58	90	86	78	668	532
10	29	Cameron Bott	88		92		86		80	88	74	84	76	668	518
11	22	Harrison Hine					76	88	78	78	82	90	86	578	502
12	97	Harry Parr		98	90		70	74		72	96			500	500
13	20	Katie Hodgkinson	78	84	82	86	80	80	74	74	76	78	74	866	490
14	23	Oliver Kirk-Roe	76			90		70	82	60	70	80	90	618	488
15	24	Evan Handley		78	74	84	78	76	76	90	78	74	72	780	484
16	35	Matthew Lewin	86		66		88			84		72	88	484	484
17	53	Bethany Livesey	74	82	78	88	66	82	72	68	68	70	66	814	476
18	71	Tom Rayer	80		70		62	72	60	66	84	68	84	646	458
19	8	Joseph Wardell		86	72		72	78	64	62	64			498	436
20	13	Tyler Wannerton	72		68	80	74	68		64	62	62	70	620	432
21	7	Hayden Abrahams	84	88	88					92	72			424	424
22	19	Francesca Beretta			80	82	64		66	50	58			400	400
23	80	Harry Kidd					98	98	70		86			352	352
24	37	Lewis Smith							84	82		82	94	342	342
25	21	Matthew Hawkins					82		68	56	66	66		338	338
26	58	Jack Wilch								70	80	76	80	306	306
27	72	George Jones					68	66	62	52	54			302	302

On Sunday afternoon, one very worthy driver will be the recipient of

The Martin Speed Trophy.

This trophy is awarded in memory of Martin, a former NatSKA racer and team leader, and the son of our NatSKA stalwarts' Dave & Carol. Martin very, very sadly died after a short illness in 2018.

He is hugely missed by all who knew him in his life.... but particularly by those who were "less fortunate" than himself, but who shared his passion for motorsport.

Martin gave his time generously and provided the help that allowed many, many young people to participate in karting.... without him and his parents many in the school team (Edmonton) quite simply would not have been able to take to the circuit and enjoy our sport.

Martin was taken far, far, far too soon.... but during his time on this planet, he achieved far more than many of those who live to be much, much older. Quite simply he was inspirational. The paddock is a sad place without him.

If you like, this trophy is awarded to the "sportsmen of the year" - a person who loves their racing as much as Martin did, and always finishes with a smile on their face (irrespective of the results).

This will be the 3rd time that this trophy has been awarded - and is indeed a huge honour to be the recipient....



Previous recipients are:

2021 - Tom Rayer (AMS)

2019 - Sean Conway (Thomas Alleyne Academy)

