

Southland Sports Car Club Inc. Newsletter August 2012

Welcome to the Pre-season Newsletter. It seems like no time since our last meeting in March. We have had a reasonably mild winter so let's hope that means a nice mild Spring and Summer. I hear we are going to have a few new cars racing which is great. There is also a high interest in ClubSport with lots of new cars and competitors. It is encouraging to see so many people willing to commit to our sport.

Presidents Report

Hope you all have had a restful and productive off-season and are rearing to go for the 2012/2013 Race Season. With our calendar already set we should have full exciting racing.

July started with the Annual General Meeting which saw a couple of changes to the Executive Committee with Robert Ralston and Clive Campbell stepping down from their positions of ClubSport Convenor and Club Captain respectively. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them both for all their efforts during their terms and welcome Paul Fairweather and Rick Michels on to the Executive.

Later in July we held a Car Trial and Quiz Night combined with the Vintage Car and Mustang Clubs. This was very successful with our clubrooms full. A big thank you to Wendy for organising it.

Our new ClubSport Convenor, Paul Fairweather, ran a Motorkhana & Sprint fun day in August. Despite the weather it was a very successful day with a lot of new faces and the promise of more to come. Some of our new ClubSport competitors will also be racing this season – good to see some new fresh blood coming through.

Dave Holland and his helpers have been hard at work over the winter building tyre bundles to help soften the blow if anyone happens to make an excursion of the black stuff.

As always, the club relies heavily on the support of Club Members, Volunteers and Competitors. This is greatly appreciated and we look forward to your continuing support for the coming season.

Howard Kingsford-Smith
President

Race Report

The Teretonga Park Calendar Poster is now available at the circuit – feel free to pop out and pick one up. At the time of print it was correct however since then we have had notification that a new class in the South Island, the Honda Cup class, will be attending our December Race Meeting which is great. Great to see also, that the Production GT and Sports GT classes will once again run in January at the National meeting. The Production GT class especially put on a great show this past January with lots of our local Clubmans competitors getting great exposure at the top level. Let's make it bigger and better for both classes this year. We will make entry forms and regs available as soon as we can.

As always we are looking for volunteers to assist us run the meetings, so if you are having a year off competing give the office a call and help us on Race day.

Enclosed is a Race entry form for the September meeting. Remember they close a couple of weeks out from the race meeting, so please get them in on time. Entry forms will be posted out prior to each race meeting as well as being on the website www.teretonga.org.nz.

The Track Hire card is available once again, so if you intend to hire the track often, think about a hire card. They are \$200 and can be purchased at the office.

The Race Committee are appointed to organize race meetings so if you have any ideas or issues please contact us and we will try to help if we can. The full Race Committee for this season is –

Bevan Gerrard	Chairman/Timing/Fire Brigade
Norma Burns	Race Secretary
Richard McMillan	Flag Marshals
Noel Atley	Crash Crews / Intervention
Paul Rosel	Course Cars / Scrutineers
Tony Forde	New Drivers / Accident Investigation
Wendy Jenks	Pit/Grid Marshals
Anne Rosel	Teretonga Tasties
Howard Kingsford-Smith	Gatekeepers
Dean Maw	

Bevan Gerrard
Race Committee Chair

ClubSport Report

The start of the ClubSport season started out with a hit out day (or test day) on the 12th August. It was great to see so many people turn out. It looks like we are going to have a bumper season, it is definitely an up and growing part of our sport.

As the start of the 2012/2013 competition is due to start on the 9th September big expectations are set as the competition is getting more competitive and more cars are being built, also more and more young girls and guys are turning up to give ClubSport a go.

As it is my first year helping run these events, more and more help is needed for timing and flag marshals, so if anyone can help on the day it would be much appreciated, or phone Norma at the office with your interest of help.

The 2012-13 season maybe the biggest yet for ClubSport and I look forward to watching and racing with you all.

Paul Fairweather
ClubSport Convenor

Annual General Meeting

This was held on Monday 2nd July. The club had quite a good year financially, but the January Meeting was not the best result we wanted, with the gate take down a lot from the previous year. The Classic Speedfest meeting in February was good financially for us as was the ClubSport Championships.

Jack Johnstone continues in his role as Club Patron and David Robertson was once again elected as the Club Representative to the Board.

The election of officers for the coming year was also held and there were a couple of changes. Our executive is made up of the following people -

President	Howard Kingsford-Smith
Immediate Past President	Noel Atley
Vice President	Dean Maw

Treasurer	Nick Hamlin
Chairman Race Committee	Bevan Gerrard
Chairman ClubSport Committee	Paul Fairweather
Chairman Social Committee	Nicky Maw
Club Captain	Rick Michels
Custodian	Richard (Oz) Osborne

At the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting we had the Annual Prize-giving, where we honour those people who did well during the 2011-12 race season. There were also a couple of special awards.

The list of winners is as follows -

MOTORKHANA CHAMPION *Keith McFadzien Trophy*

- 1st Nick Hamlin
- 2nd Roger Laird
- 3rd Paul Fairweather

SPRINT CHAMPION *SSCC Speed Trophy*

- 1st Nick Hamlin
- 2nd Errol Hewlett
- 3rd Robert Ralston

CLUBSPORT CHAMPION *Warren Robbie Memorial Trophy*

- 1st Nick Hamlin
- 2nd Errol Hewlett
- 3rd Brendon Mitchell

SPORTS & RACING CHAMPION *Harold Williams Memorial Trophy*

- 1st Don Nelson
- 2nd Damon Leitch
- 3rd Stephen Heffernan

FLYING FAREWELL CHAMPION *Evolution Motorsport Trophy*

- 1st Jamie Conroy
- 2nd Dave McKenzie
- 3rd= Don Nelson
 Brendon Leitch

RACE CLASSES

0-1300cc *Turntru Machining Trophy*

- 1st Ian McKenzie
- 2nd Walter Willmott
- 3rd Alan Crawford

1301-1600cc *Nebulite Windows & Doors Trophy*

- 1st Bradley Dawson
- 2nd Jeremy Dawson
- 3rd Nick Hamlin

1601-2500cc *Arrow International Trophy*

- 1st Ivan Harvey

2nd Glenn Johnston
3rd Dean Maw

2501cc & over

Auto Centre Trophy

1st Darryn Andrews
2nd Brent Cross
3rd Paul Muir

FLYING FAREWELL CHAMPION

Erskine Flying Farewell Trophy

1st Ian Clapperton
2nd Darryn Andrews
3rd Brent Cross

MOST IMPROVED DRIVER

Howard Kingsford-Smith Trophy

Rachael Beck

NOVICE DRIVER

Arrow International Trophy

Glenn Johnston

JUNIOR DRIVER

Ladies Committee Trophy

Joseph Oliver

LADIES CHAMPION

SSCC Club Championship Ladies Trophy

Rachael Beck

RACE CHAMPION

Noel McIntyre Trophy

1st Darryn Andrews
2nd Brent Cross
3rd Bradley Dawson

RUNNER UP – CLUB CHAMPION

SSCC Club Champion Runner Up Trophy

Robert Ralston / Errol Hewlett

SSCC CLUB CHAMPION

SSCC Club Champions Trophy

Nick Hamlin

WORKERS AWARD

R B Munro Trophy

Anne Rosel/Hilary Atley

MARSHALL OF THE YEAR

Macks Panel & Paint Trophy

Arthur Lewis

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Keith Douglas Memorial Trophy

Richard McMillan

HEDGES CHALLENGE TROPHY

Anthony Ralston

Car Trial and Quiz Evening

On the 21st July we invited the SSCC members, Southern Mustang Club members, and Southland Vintage Car Club members to join us for a social evening. About 80 people (20+ cars) turned up at Feldwick gates for the start. Once the car trial finished at Teretonga Park we had a pot luck tea followed

by a light hearted quiz evening. It was a great way to spend an evening, I'm sure everyone enjoyed themselves.

If anyone has an idea for another Social evening please give Nicky Maw (Social Committee) a call.

Calendar

Enclosed is a full calendar of events taking place at Teretonga Park – keep it so you know what is happening.

Marshals

Once again this year we are able to offer meal vouchers for race days thanks to Arrow International and new sponsor All Lay Carpets. This sponsorship goes straight to the folk who help us run these events and is greatly appreciated by all.

Motorsport New Zealand Annual General Conference

This was held in Auckland in May and we were represented by Howard, Dean, Bevan and Norma. As usual this is three full days of meetings and a great opportunity to compare notes with other clubs and circuits around New Zealand. Noel Atley also attended in his capacity as a member of the Volunteer and Training Commission.

On the Thursday afternoon the Circuit Commission met and presentations on Noise Monitoring, FIA Circuit Inspections and Remote Lights were given.

On the Friday, the following workshops were held –

- Training and Volunteer
- Finance
- Historic and Classic
- ClubSport

Points of interest were that the Training & Volunteer Commission have purchased a couple of high-tech simulators that will travel the length and breadth of New Zealand offering driver training. At the ClubSport Commission, SSCC were congratulated on a very successful ClubSport Championship although competitor numbers were disappointing.

Saturday was a full day also with the Race and Rally workshops being held in the morning and then the MotorSport NZ AGCM held in the afternoon.

The Motorsport Company

For those of you who don't know, The MotorSport Company was the promotional arm of MotorSport New Zealand and were the people who were tasked with bringing us the Premier Championship every year for a number of years now. Earlier this year they undertook a name change to Motorsport Promotions Ltd. Since then there have been a number of changes. Below is a press release (abridged) from MotorSport New Zealand President, Shayne Harris, outlining some of them.

Dear Member

The past few weeks have posed some challenges for all those involved with the administration and development of the Summer Series. MotorSport New Zealand has taken responsibility for the Series to ensure we maintain the integrity of our race championships.

Martin Fine and Kerry Cooper have resigned from Motorsport Promotions Ltd (MPL) and the Series is now being administered by the Board of MPL and MotorSport NZ employees Amanda Tollemache and Brian Budd.

It has been a very busy time and I would like to recognise the effort that has gone in to date and the task ahead - it is not insignificant.

The Sport has confirmed Championships for Suzuki Swift, Formula Ford, NZV8s and the Toyota Racing Series.

We have also recently begun discussions with the V8 SuperTourers regarding V8 categories moving forward.

While it is early days, talks have been positive and I am confident that we will find a way for the country's top race classes to work together.

Shayne Harris, President

Works

Spectator Bank is coming along nicely, we now have access to the new section at the loop off the top although will need to do some tidying up where the trucks have been driving. Plan is to then grass seed in spring to get a good strike then hopefully will thicken up in time for our big meetings in Jan / Feb. Work will continue filling in the back of this area with the ultimate goal being a big turning head with access from up top and ramped to bottom at the back (sort of like a horizontal question mark if that makes sense). We will continue to work closely with Downers to keep good progress with clean fill going to our spectator banking. Many thanks to the Downer team for their continued sponsorship for our race season.

With last year's track inspection work requirements now completed and signed off it is pleasing to report the success of the deceleration bed extensions. Over the last 3 or 4 years some major improvements have resulted in a major decrease in incidents resulting in damage from tyre wall impacts.

Dave's team of reluctant volunteers have achieved great progress in building 6 pack tyre bundles with all points highlighted by the track inspection team now covered. This work will continue for many years and all known impact zones will end up with 6 packs lining the filled tyre wall.

The next deceleration bed extension is to continue and join beds on the outside of the loop. Our long standing supporter and sponsor Noel McIntyre Drainage is helping with this job and should be completed prior to our January meeting.

Merchandise

Teretonga Park Caps can be purchased at the office or the Clubrooms. \$25.00 each.