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# KnK Newsletter

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## STRAIGHT FORWARD!!!

Will the metamorphosis of regulations for Formula 1 see a one qualifying, two heat, one semi-final and one final, complete a race weekend?

Never know, with talk of single make engines, tyres, budget cuts, restrictions on aerodynamics and the entry of younger drivers.

It may well become the premium class of karting one day!!!

## **New Parts from KnK!**

Our search for bringing down the cost of kart racing continues.

The race rental Evolution was tested with various engines and tyres. The kart shown here is the starter level Evolution Club version fitted with a Honda GX200.

New KnK parts include bodywork, brakes, hubs, carriers, axles, wheel rims, steering wheel, tilting steering hubs, bumpers, tyres etc.

These affordable parts are now available through KnK dealers.

We are also welcoming enquiries from new businesses interested in KnK representation.

## NEWS

**Starting young** – At 4 years, **Basil Rehman** is probably the youngest karter in India. Still too small to reach the pedals of his new KnK Prodigy, he has been provided with an auxiliary set of foot controls, which permit him to drive the kart normally.

Basil's 8 year old sister Areej is also training to race karts.

## SRI LANKA

The first lot of KnK karts will sail for Sri Lanka end of July to the new karting facility opened by Speed Drome (P) Ltd.



New KnK Bodwork



## **RACING WITH KnK - Australia**

**Rotax Pro-Tour** – **KnK** featured well on Australian "National Television" on Fox TV from the Rotax Pro-Tour round at Newcastle.

Racing against the best drivers and karts in Australia, **Craig Mathews** was racing a field of 28 drivers. **KnK** fielded one kart when most teams had 3 or more drivers racing.

Racing at the very technical Newcastle track for the first time, Craig raced an exceedingly experienced field in spite of not being accustomed to the track. The Newcastle circuit is considered without a doubt the most technical kart track in Australia and demands local knowledge or lots of practice. With neither, Craig raised a lot of eyebrows with his impressive pace all weekend. After qualifying in position 4<sup>th</sup> just .03 seconds away from the pole sitter Craig had an eventful race with a lot of pushing around from the local drivers. He finished –First Heat - 4<sup>th</sup>, Second heat 5<sup>th</sup>, Pre-final 3<sup>rd</sup> and Final 5<sup>th</sup>.



***Craig competition number 74 ran with the front pack the entire weekend***

Craig is looking forward to the next round of the series in Melbourne, happy with his result in the **KnK Trakhawk**. He is currently in 5th place in the Australian National Rotax Championship. Considering this is against the best of the best that Australia has and also that he is the only KnK drivers against teams with huge financial resources, he has every reason to be.

**RESA Series** – The RESA series is fast becoming a popular class because of the lower costs of the class.

**KnK Australia** have signed with the Gold Coast Kart Club to run a RESA series starting at Toowoomba Raceway on July 26<sup>th</sup>. **KnK Australia** is sponsor of the 5 round series.

The series is expecting to attract a grid of around 20 drivers. The exciting 100cc RESA engines are also doing well in classes where mixed engines are permitted.

The new **Lakeside Raceway** saw the **KnK Guy** drive home his Briggs & Stratton World Formula powered **KnK Dominator** to first place in the 4-stroke class. **Guy Tingey** was pleased with the Dominator, which won on its first outing.





**New Drivers** – We welcome young **Luke Laxton** - a first timer to karting to the growing team of KnK drivers in Australia. Luke's first race was also his first day in a race kart. Racing in the new mixed 4-stroke class Luke showed just how fast he was when he harried the twin-engines pro-karts in his **KnK Evolution EX** at the new Lakeside International Raceway



A few set up changes after the first heat and he was able to chase down and pass a lot of the field much to the disdain of several teams. The kart worked well and on his return to the pits Luke had a smile as big as the moon.

Even after 15 laps Luke said that he did not feel any discomfort and commented about how easily the kart was turning in, under the other competitors.

By the end of the day Luke had many of the other competitors very frustrated as they just could not keep up with him. He drove like a champion and provided all and sundry with a good display of just what you can achieve in a KnK chassis even if you are a "first Timer" !!!!!

The **KnK Evolution EX** lived up to expectations of being a great kart for new drivers looking for a chassis to grow with from 4-stroke engines to 2-strokes.

We also welcome **Maxine Timms** who has graduated to 4-stroke racing from rental karts. Maxine drove a **KnK Dominator**.

Maxine is a super fit sports person and a champion triathlon competitor.

Right from the drop of the flag Maxine was on the accelerator and into race mode much to everyone's surprise. She started from the back of the grid and passed all but one competitor in the first two laps as she passed down the inside and then around the outside much to some concern in the KnK pit, but never once looked like losing the kart.

The sure-footed Dominator helped her post the fastest time of the day.

Maxine was coming onto the main straight very fast; the laser gun captured her speed at 97 kms per hour. The next fastest was 92 kms per hour. This showed that the Dominator was exiting turn 5 with greater pace giving the advantage against the others.

It was a great day for KnK karts on the race track and two quite 'different' karts but both very effective on race day. KnK name is now well established at Lakeside International Raceway.

Maxine has decided she wants to "get into racing fulltime" and has decided to purchase a Rotax Max and chase the championship around Australia in a **KnK**.

We will keep you informed of the progress of both these promising new **KnK** drivers.

Until next time then, thank you for reading with me, we will talk some more soon!

