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New Year's Starter

Back To The Future!

Well KartSport New Zealand may not have been travelling at the speed of light in late 2014 but it has been pretty jolly close to it and I thank you all for trying to keep up. Post our *National Conference* in August the new Executive team was charged with putting into action a number of initiatives and at the same time it was demanded we address a mass of legacy issues holding us back from enjoying our sport to the fullest. Let's review progress:

New Judicial Code:

As promised it has been completed on time and in full. The **new rules**, were released on 17 December, the new processes defined and implementation timeline in place. Gone is the cumbersome adversarial system, replaced with a clear concise and accurately defined set of rules we can all enjoy. Our Race Officials team are set to undergo a major training program in the first quarter of 2015 so they will all hit the ground running with the new processes after the NZ Sprint Championships when the new rules come into effect (1-5-15).



Code of Conduct:

Out of the Judicial Code development team sprang an unlikely alliance of Colin Harris our National Steward and "KartSport Superstar" Aaron Cunningham, a little like *Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga* – you choose which is which! After much inspiration and perspiration they devised a radical new "Code of Conduct" and a new "Competitor / Officials Oath". Watch for this soon as, concurrent with the implementation of the new Judicial Code, we felt it timely we took a look inwards and took it upon ourselves, each and every one of us, to make this new regime work from day one.

Vintage Embraced:

Hats off here to Mark Jenkinson, his committee at Vintage Karting New Zealand and the KartSport New Zealand team who worked long and hard to cement an alliance that will have fantastic outcomes for young and old at tracks around the country. Some unbelievable restorations are going on. The inaugural **New Zealand Vintage Kart Grand Prix** of Parades and Demonstrations is set to be held in Hawkes Bay on March 13-15, so we are set to see classics enjoying life again on a regular basis nationwide.



Life Member Rhod Murray was first in the queue for a Vintage Licence.



Auckland's Mega Track:

Robert Cunningham and Ian Hodgson clutched victory from the jaws of defeat after a proposed council funding cutback was averted and were delighted to announce Len Brown has given the go ahead, so ground is being broken on what will be one of the most important developments for KartSport in New Zealand for a long while. Yes I know there is life past the Bombay's and the likes of Christchurch and others are also working on great new developments but this is momentous for a city and its karters who deserves a world class Kart Track.



Junior & Senior Clubman Engine Review

Research and testing is well underway as a number of options are reviewed as we seek to desperately revise Club Classes and grass roots karting. Vice President Nick Buxeda has the unenviable task of endeavouring to find an alternative to the Yamaha and/or find a way to arrest what appears to be its slow lingering demise. Whatever, we intend to deliver a cost affordable solution one way or the other so stay tuned; it is our major priority.



Outstanding International Prowess

If 2014 was not a record year for Kiwi Karters on international stages it must be close. So many names at all levels made the leap of faith and many with outstanding success, too many to list here – you know who you are. I take my hat off to you all, it is not easy to compete when you are at the bottom of the world and contrary to many uneducated commentators we as a sport sadly do little or nothing to support your efforts. It is some consolation that we have at least provided you with a pathway here in New Zealand and hopefully continue to deliver top-level competitive events that at least help hone your skills to enable you to take on the world's best. Please take it as a given that every young karter and newbie looks up to you, follows your exploits religiously and dreams of at least replicating a little of your hard earned talent if not your trophies!



New Rotax Evo Engines:

"Designed to get your heart beating!" Well the announcement got ours to miss a few beats but not for long. KartSport New Zealand is arguably the first ASN in the world to define a clear pathway and timeline for implementation and assuming the engines deliver on the promises and our testing and final negotiations are completed in a timely manner we are all in for an exciting new ride in 2015 with Rotax, including the brand new DD2 series class kicking off in January. [Updated Rotax DD2 + EVO engine specifications](#) have already been published so that the DD2 EVO can be used at Round 1 of the 2015 NZRMC Series.



Thanks:

A huge thank you to all, our competitors, the mums, dads, crews, and greater support families, our volunteers from the chook-house to the cook-house, the flaggies to Club Committees, the tireless dedicated series and event organisers, the hard working Trade, our ever so dedicated Race Officials, Technical Officers and Machine Examiners, the Executive and support sub committee members, and the KartSport New Zealand administration team; you have addressed some real challenges and risen to the occasion in 2014. We have an exciting year ahead in 2015 with many more developments underway and I look forward to enjoying the ride with you all. Let's concentrate on the real challenges, not sweat the small stuff and do our talking on the track.

Happy New Year KartSport

Graeme Moore
National President

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28 February 2015

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Late Entries Close 25-2-15

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Check out these 2015 DATES



21-22 February - KartSport Manawatu, pre NZ Sprint Champs



7 February - KartSport Wellington

21 February - KartSport Dunedin/Southland (TBC)

25 April - KartSport Wellington

3 May - KartSport Mt Wellington

9 May - KartSport Nelson/Marlborough (TBC)

29 August - KartSport Auckland

3 October - KartSport Nelson/Marlborough (TBC)

For more Information and Bookings [CLICK HERE](#)



Rule Changes 2015-2

Rotax DD2 EVO

Rule Changes Issue 2015-2 was published on 12-1-15. It contains updated Rotax DD2 engine specifications following the introduction of the **Rotax DD2 EVO** engine.

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