



Hunts Kart Racing Club

Sunday 14th February 2010

HKRC 2010 Championships Round 1 – 14th February 2010

February was the chosen month for heavy snowfall in 2009, but thankfully not this year. With the January meeting cancelled due to the heavy snow fall, it was a welcome relief for HKRC to host the first round of the 2010 Club Championship. There were a modest number of entrants for the first round, but the amount of track time for the two heats and final format was well received with the introduction of a new race format based on timed heats and laps giving an increased amount of laps throughout the day. The track stayed dry until the last few finals of the day, drivers coping with the changing track conditions with variable skill.

Cadet Libre: Ronan McKenzie made a solid start from pole to lead Jack Bliss, Ellis Hanks, Cory Stevens and Tom Gadd. Charlie Savage dropped a couple of places, but was soon moving in the right direction, clearly quicker than those ahead of him. By lap three, Savage was passing Ellis Hanks for third. Hanks was destined to fall further back and retire three laps before the end. Jack Bliss was Savage's next target and second was assured on lap six. On the penultimate lap Savage made his move for the lead and McKenzie had to settle for the runner-up spot. Sam Brough was the first WTP over the line.

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Honda Cadet: The Honda Cadets raced separately and Aaron Drury was the class of the field with two heat wins and a lights-to-flag winning performance in the final. Behind him it all went wrong for Harrison Huggan, Luke Knott and Dino Lee. Darshan Pindoria and Ethan Andrews moved up to second and third. Max Weteska took over third place for a couple of laps until Lee and Knott came charging through from the back. Lee took second on lap six, but Knott grabbed the place off him a lap later and pulled away setting fastest lap. Drury was uncatchable though.

Junior TKM: A healthy grid of twenty two Junior TKMs line up for the final. Stephen Letts got away from pole ahead of Jack Partridge and Danny Kierle. Kierle was up to second a lap later and began his pursuit of Letts. By half distance Kierle had Letts in his sights. His passing move on lap 11 took him into the lead, but Letts dropped out of the running leaving the way clear for Will Van Es to take second ahead of Toby Sowerby. Todd MacKenzie won the novice award.

Mini Max: In a fairly processional race, Sam Ward grabbed the lead from George Wright at the start. Luke Hughes worked his way up from the back of the grid to finish second with Wright comfortably in third at the end.

Junior Rotax: Liam Ferguson led from start to finish, but the result was in doubt right to the wire. Karl Cocca was the man providing the pressure on the leader, and if he had started further up the grid, he might have snatched a win. As it was Cocca moved into third on lap four and then had a tussle with Guy Perry for second. Cocca took the place on lap ten, but Perry immediately retook the place. It took Cocca another two laps to mount another challenge and he finally succeeded in securing second. The battling duo was now within a whisker of the leader, but Ferguson hung on to win by 0.07 seconds. The novice award went to Christopher Lee.

Gearbox 125 and 250: Eight 125s and eight 250s lined up for the Gearbox final. In 125, both second row starters got away well with Paul Lawson chasing Andrew Brunton for the lead. Brunton kept a respectable gap between himself and Lawson until three laps from the end when Lawson made his move to take the lead. Brunton then lost out to Mat Dittmann who had been running third and took advantage when 250 leader Ron Stamp came through. In 250, Ron Stamp ran away with it, passing his time by threading his way through the

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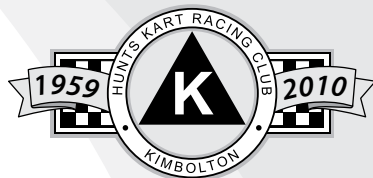
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125 field. Aaron Sifleet was fourteen seconds down the road in second with Jason Tucker the only other driver in class to go the full distance.

Rotax Senior: Aaron Charles was first out of Stow Corner with grid two starter Craig Hook the unlucky one to drop down the order. Peter Masters slotted into second spot, with Joel Roundacre following in third. That was it as far as the action up front was concerned, so attention focussed on Alex Rowley who having fallen back to eight at half distance recovered to finish fourth.

Rotax 177: Tom Pyttlik got the better of Andrew Gosling at the start and stretched his lead to almost three seconds by the end. Scott Clee took third off James Darch on lap two and Darch lost another place when Milan Mach passed him one lap later. He finally got things together on lap six, retaking fourth from Mach and then demoting Clee to fourth three laps later.

Rotax 177 Veterans and TKM Extreme: In Veterans, Martin Reader chased Martin Gadd for the first half of the race, taking the lead at half distance and pulling clear. These two finished way ahead of the rest. Paul Cook was initially third, but Ian Alexander secured the place with four laps to go. Gary Houghton won the novice award. Just five Extremes competed with Sam Grogan the clear winner from Chris Pyke. Ashley Carter was third working his way up from fifth.

Race Results

| Results round up | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Novice |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Cadet Libre | Charlie Savage | Ronan McKenzie | Jack Bliss | - |
| Honda Cadet | Aaron Drury | Luke Knott | Dino Lee | - |
| Junior TKM | Danny Kierle | Will Van Es | Toby Sowery | Todd MacKenzie [12th] |
| Mini Max | Sam Ward | Luke Hughes | George Wright | - |
| Junior Rotax | Liam Ferguson | Sam Jackson | Guy Perry | Christopher Lee [14th] |
| 125 | Paul Lawson | Mat Dittmann | Andrew Brunton | - |
| 250 | Ron Stamp | Aaron Sifleet | Jason Tucker | - |
| Senior Rotax | Aaron Charles | Peter Masters | Joel Roundacre | - |
| Rotax 177 | Tom Pyttlik | Andrew Gosling | James Darch | - |
| Rotax 177 Veteran | Martin Reader | Martin Gadd | Ian Alexander | Gary Houghton [5th] |
| TKM Extreme | Sam Grogan | Chris Pyke | Ashley Carter | Omar Jackson [5th] |

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