

## **HKRC 2011 Championships Round 5 – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

After overnight rain the sun came out to dry out the track out after the first round of heats at HKRC's May meeting. A packed race programme enhanced by the visit of drivers in the 210 Challenge.

**Junior Rotax:** Liam Ferguson was the only one of the top six starters to emerge from the tangle of karts that got close up and personal in a first corner melee. Thomas Prior was the main beneficiary as he slotted into second and William Maddison gained eleven places for third. Maddison held the place for a lap, but was then displaced by Brandon Grinter and Bobby Neil, although neither was able to make further progress.

**Honda Cadet:** This race proved to be a titanic struggle between Max Wieteska and Rory Hudson with Nicholas Reeve moving up to be handily placed in third ahead of William Tregurtha. Tregurtha spun out from fourth with three laps to go giving Harrison Huggan a view of the top three. Going onto the final lap Wieteska and Hudson made contact leaving the former in the tyres and Hudson struggling. Reeve gratefully accepted top spot with Huggan taking second. Hudson crossed the line third, but was excluded for a technical infringement, so Ryan Gillespie inherited the last podium place. Bethany Abbott won the Novice trophy.

**Junior TKM:** Daniel Burton took a lights-to-flag win ahead of Bradley Peck who had to overcome Jack Macauley to secure runner up spot. Macauley faded towards the end of the race and Ryan Gray just beat Chris Horn to third spot. Ryan Owers won the Novice trophy.

**Mini Max:** Seth James took two laps to claim the lead from pole man Jack Bartholomew and never looking back from that moment on, went on to win comfortably. Bartholomew then had to contend with the challenge of James Webb and Luke Stark. Stark having got the better of Jack Lang was determined to move forward and took third from Webb just after the half way point. Challenging Bartholomew at Hanger, he tried the inside line over the kerbs and contact between them slowed Bartholomew sufficiently to allow Webb past as well. Onto the last lap, Webb and Stark got close and personal at the Bus Stop with Stark coming off and Bartholomew back in second! Webb hung on for third just ahead of Lang.

**Cadet Libre:** In a game of cat and mouse, Ellis Hanks outsmarted Lewis Taylor to win by a whisker. William Pettitt, who in this time last year was the leading Novice, demonstrated the progress he has made in twelve months by finishing a strong third, ahead of Jack Bartholomew. Adam Sparrow won the Novice trophy.

**210 Challenge:** Luke Plain made a superb start to lead early on, but Graham Payne was clearly the quickest driver in the field and he was soon moving from second to lead. Chris Callaghan briefly held third, but Dan Bury took this from him on lap three, and a couple of laps later moved up to second. Raymond Barley won the Novice trophy.

**Senior Rotax:** Daniel Russell stamped his authority on the race to lead from the first corner onwards. Andrew Winter benefitted as some of the front runners tripped over each other and worked his way past Jason Gardener to finish second. Ross Elliott won the Novice trophy.

**Rotax 177 and TKM Extreme:** In 177, pole man Adam Sadler dropped down to ninth on lap one, leaving Scott Clee in the lead and Matt Barnes second. These two pulled a big gap on Tim Penton in third, but Clee was able to stretch his lead over Barnes as the race progressed. Michael Cornell was master of TKM Extreme after Carl Biggs dropped out on the first lap. Lewis Raine, Chris Pyke and Shaun Abbott squabbled over the

other podium places with Abbott making the Bus Stop his favourite passing place as he moved up to second. Head down, Abbott pressed on to catch the leader, but ran out of time. Kyle Rollins won the Novice trophy.

**Rotax 177 Masters:** Greg Finke was in control, despite Martin Reader's best efforts, leading from start to finish. Ian Alexander dropped out of the top three in the first half of the race with Wayne Smithers taking the final honours.

<b>Results round up</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Novice</b>
<b>Junior Rotax</b>	Liam Ferguson	Thomas Prior	Brandon Grinter	-
<b>Honda Cadet</b>	Nicholas Reeve	Harrison Huggan	Ryan Gillespie	Bethany Abbott
<b>Junior TKM</b>	Daniel Burton	Bradley Peck	Ryan Gray	Ryan Owers
<b>Mini Max</b>	Seth James	Jack Bartholomew	James Webb	-
<b>Cadet Libre</b>	Ellis Hanks	Lewis Taylor	William Pettitt	Adam Sparrow
<b>210 Challenge</b>	Graham Payne	Dan Bury	Luke Plain	Raymond Barley
<b>Senior Rotax</b>	Daniel Russell	Andrew Winter	Jason Gardener	Ross Elliott
<b>Rotax 177</b>	Scott Clee	Matt Barnes	Tim Penton	-
<b>TKM Extreme</b>	Michael Cornell	Shaun Abbott	Lewis Raine	Kyle Rollins
<b>Rotax 177 Masters</b>	Greg Finke	Martin Reader	Wayne Smithers	-