

Grampian Kart Club
Boyndie Drome , Banff

The fourth round of Grampian Kart Club Championships and the fifth and penultimate round of the Scottish Super Series took place on Sunday 13th July at Boyndie Drome Circuit near Banff. The race format was different from usual, with timed qualifying followed by two heats, a pre-final and a final for each of the six classes.

Results

Comer Cadets

1st – Brogan Kinsella (Turriff) 2nd – Adam Mackay (Ellon)
3rd – Rory Vass (Inverness)

Honda Cadets

1st – Chloe Scott (Ellon) 2nd – Steven Prentice (Hamilton)
3rd – Daniel Roll (Armstruther)

Mini Max

1st – Louise Calder (Thurso) 2nd – Logan Watt (Fife)
3rd – Frazer Huntley (Mintlaw)

Junior Max

1st – Sam Moffat (Alloa) 2nd – Bruce Buchan (Peterhead)
3rd – Craig Finlayson (Inverness)

Senior Rotax

1st – Andrew Buchan (Peterhead) 2nd – Alistair Smith (Peterhead)
3rd – Ryan Tod (New Byth)

ICC Gearbox

1st – Scott Neal (Alford) 2nd – Scott Mutch (Elgin)
3rd – Greig Sutherland (Ellon)

Cadet Novice – Jack Simpson (Fraserburgh)

Junior Novice – Frazer Huntley (Mintlaw)

Senior Novice – George Ingles (Huntly)

Mike Philip Trophy – Bibi Aldrick (Turriff)

The Finals

Comer Cadets

Adam Mackay and Brogan Kinsella rotated as one in a race long battle. Mackay initially led but the lead switched on several occasions. On the final lap Kinsella snatch the lead and took the chequered flag by 0.051 seconds. Mackay had the consolation by setting the fastest cadet lap time of the season of 43.861 seconds. Rory Vass circulated in third hoping for a front two incident, which never materialised and finished 2.5 seconds back. A three-kart train consisted of Jack Williamson, Lewis MacNab and Danny Scott circulated as one and finished with only 0.281 seconds apart.

Honda Cadets

Diminutive Chloe Scott had won the two heats and pre-final and was favourite for the final. Scott opened up a ten-length lead in the early part of the final over Steven Prentice. But Prentice was not for giving up and closed Scott down. Prentice

launched himself out of pit corner and got along side Scott as they crossed the line. Scott got destitution by 8 hundreds of a second. Meanwhile Robert Forsythe, Daniel Roll, Jack Simpson, William Middleton and Steven Allan were contesting third. Forsythe spun out on lap seven which allowed Roll to take third closely followed by Jack Simpson. A close contest for fifth was closely resolved in favour of Middleton over Allan.

Mini Max

Louise Calder was the second girl on pole position and hoping for a victory. Omens looked good as big sister, Heather, on the chequered flag. To the race Calder took the lead from the lights with Logan Watt tucking in behind. Watt harried Calder all the way to the chequered flag but Calder held on to take the second girl victory of the day. Frazer Huntley had a good run for third over Ross Jarrett. Darren Patrick was fifth and Steven Charmers, sixth.

Junior Max

Sam Moffat and Bruce Buchan produced a race long bumper-to-bumper contest. Moffat held on to win by 0.25 seconds over Buchan. Craig Finlayson came home third. Bibi Aldrick did well to hold off Kyle Mackay, Ben Sutherland and Grant Cheesewright in four-way contest, and impressed officials to win the Mike Philip Trophy.

Senior Max

Ryan Tod from the second row tucked in behind pole-man Andrew Buchan leaving Alistair Smith third. These three opened a gap on the rest of the field. The trio circulated until Smith moved up on Tod on lap eight. Smith closed on Buchan who held on to take the victory by 0.69 seconds. A race long battle took place for fourth place between Jonathan Sinclair and Walter Wallace with the former taking the place. George Ingles got the better of David Eason on the last lap for sixth.

ICC Gearbox

Red flags halted the final after a first corner incident took out more than half the field. At the restart pole-man, Scott Neal rocketed away from Scott Mutch, Callum Cruden, Graeme Clark and Greig Sutherland. Neal opened up a five second gap and set the fastest Boyndie lap time for 2008, 33.502 seconds, on route to his first victory since his come back. Scott Mutch had to defend second initially from Callum Cruden and latterly from Greig Sutherland, who moved up on Clark on lap two and Cruden two laps latter. Sutherland tried hard on a number of occasions but Mutch held on by 0.2 seconds at the chequered flag. Callum Cruden came home in front of big brother Rory and Adam Grant.

Sheila Cumming presented trophies after the meeting.

The next event on GKC calendar is the club open day on 17th August. Details and times can be found by visiting the club web site www.grampiankartclub.com

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