

**Grampian Kart Club
Boyndie Drome Circuit
Banff**

Sunny dry with a southerly wind greeted the drivers for the fourth round of GKC's club championships. However the weather was to provide a sting in the tail for the Senior Max drivers. Two feature trophies on offer were the Mike Philip Trophy and the Pioneer Mutual Shield.

Results

Mini Max

1st – Rory MacLennan (Tore) 2nd – Jack Simpson (Peterhead)
3rd – Frazer Huntley (Mintlaw)

Honda Cadets

1st – Sandy Mitchell (Forfar) 2nd – James Wood (Fraserburgh)
3rd – Sam McKenzie (Banchory)

Junior Max

1st – Kyle Fowlie (Peterhead) 2nd – Keifer Steyn
3rd – Frazer Huntley (Mintlaw)

ICC (Gearbox)

1st – Graham Clark (Perth) 2nd – Alistair Smith (Peterhead)
3rd – Adam Grant (Inverurie)
Novice – Neil Anderson (Insch)

Senior Max

1st – Bruce Buchan (Peterhead) 2nd – Andrew Buchan (Peterhead)
3rd – Kris Manett (Fraserburgh)
Novice – Terry Johnston (Aberdeen)

ICC (Gearbox)

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Mike Philip Trophy – Kiefer Steyn
Pioneer Mutual Shield – Kyle Fowlie

Finals – Race Reports

Mini Max

Rory MacLennan got the best start to lead from Connor Wilson, Jack Simpson and Andy Webb at the end of the first lap. Jack Simpson moved to second on the fifth lap while Frazer Huntley demoted Webb on the same tour. MacLennan took the victory by a margin of five seconds. Huntley moved to third on lap nine but Simpson held on to take second by three tenths. Wilson held off Webb for fourth. James Patterson took Steven Allan late in the race for sixth.

Honda Cadets

Sandy Mitchell opened up a considerable gap over James Wood to take the victory to complete the full set four victories for the day. Wood had drawn away to take a comfortable second. The battle for third lasted race long between Sam McKenzie and Neil MacLennan with the position changing hands on many occasions but the former took the position.

Junior Max

A string of five karts had race long battle led by Kyle Fowlie followed by Frazer Huntley, Kiefer Steyn, Darren Patrick and Luke Geddes. Huntley dived up the inside at Gate Corner on the fifth tour to lead but lost the advantage on the same lap at Kevin's Korner. The group of five were as one and remained in formation until the last lap. Huntley made a manoeuvre at pit corner and ran wide, which allowed Steyn to take the position. Fowlie took the chequered flag with Steyn second and Huntley third. Patrick was fourth ahead of Geddes who was only six tenth of a second behind the winner. Niall Kinghorn came home sixth followed by Bib Aldrich.

ICC (Gearbox)

Pole-man, Adam Grant, led the ICC field away closely followed by Graham Clark, Alistair Smith, Jordan Gronkowski and Michael Christie. Grant held the lead until the fourth tour when he drifted wide at Kevin's Korner allowing Clark and Smith through. The race remained close to the chequered flag with Clark taking the honours by two tenths from Smith with Grant a further three tenths further back. Gronkowski finished fourth and Christie fifth.

Senior Max

The last race of the day had the entire senior Max drivers in a quandary as the rain was on the horizon. All drivers stayed on slick tyres, except Derek Kinghorn, which appeared to be the correct decision at third distance. Andrew Buchan led away from the lights from Kris Manett and Bruce Buchan. Bruce Buchan took second on the second tour. With condition steadily worsening the pace had slowed dramatically and karts spinning everywhere. The front three drivers were able to keep it together. Manett regained second on the penultimate tour but on the last lap Bruce Buchan came from third to take the win from older brother Andrew. Manett finished third. In the meantime Richard Johnstone had slipped and slid to fourth ahead of Tony Strachan and Garry Lobban

Sarah Simpson presented the trophies in the clubhouse after the meeting.

Next meeting at Grampian Kart Club will be on weekend of 7/8th August, which will be the Scottish A Plate Championships.

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