

Grampian Kart Club
Boyndie Drome Circuit
Banff

Summer conditions with the thermometer topping 22⁰C were the order of the day for the first round of GKC Club Championships. Trophy of the day was the Dickie Bent Cup, which was adjudicated by the marshals of the day.

Result

Cadets

1st – Sam McKenzie (Durriss) 2nd – Merlin Aldrick (Turriff)
3rd – Reece Low (Aberdeen)
Novice – Reece Low (Aberdeen)

Mini Max

1st – Jack Simpson (Fraserburgh) 2nd – Jamie Chick (Inverurie)
3rd – Jack Gordon (Whitecairns)
Novice – Jack Gordon (Whitecairns)

Junior Max

1st – Lewis MacNab (Star) 2nd – Connor Wilson (Huntly)
3rd – Rory McLennan (Tore)

Senior Max

1st – Tony Strachan (Newmachar) 2nd – Grant Cheesewright (Inverurie)
3rd – Logan Watt (Fife)
Novice – Mark Duthie (Peterhead)

ICC (Gearbox)

1st – Cliff Harper (Ellon) 2nd – Michael Christie (Banff)
3rd – Neil Anderson (Insch)

Dickie Bent Cup – Jack Simpson (Fraserburgh)

Finals – Race Reports

Cadets

After winning all three heats, Sam McKenzie, took the early lead and drew away to take the victory. The drivers became spread out in the order of Reece Low, Merlin Aldrick and Elliot McIntosh. Aldrick began to reel in Low and finally took second with two laps remaining. Low finished home third and McIntosh fourth.

Mini Max

Jamie Chick got the best start from the outside of the front row to lead from Jack Simpson. Chick gained a ten-metre gap but Simpson soon closed him down. These two drew away for a race long battle. On lap six Simpson dived up the inside and through at gate corner but Chick got the position back at the end of Boyndie straight. Three laps later Simpson got in front again and this time stayed ahead to take the victory. A good close clean race. Novice Jack Gordon was ahead of Michael Ogilvie and James Wood. Wood moved up to fourth and chased Gordon who held on for third.

Junior Max

Pole-man, Lewis MacNab, go in front from the green lights with Brogan Kinsella and Rory McLennan close behind. MacNab opened a small gap and went to take the chequered flag. McLennan and Kinsella touched at Gate Corner and both spun which allowed Connor Wilson and Jake Anderson through. McLennan took up the chase but Kinsella retired. Anderson was soon on Wilson's bumper and at Shirlaw's made his move which result in a touch causing Anderson to slow. This allowed McLennan through to third but Wilson was to far away to finish second. Anderson was fourth less than a second back.

Senior Max

The largest class of the day was led away by Ryan Tod closely by Tony Strachan, Logan Watt, Graham Clark, Kris Manett, Andrew Buchan, Grant Cheesewright, Stuart Wyness and Darren Patrick. Tod opened a gap by half distance but disaster occurred when the drive chain snapped in front of the spectators and he was out. Tony Strachan inherited the lead and held on to take the chequered flag. Grant Cheesewright came through to take second from Logan Watt. In the final few laps changes in positions occurred between Manett, Clark, Andrew Buchan, but by the line it was Clark, Manett and Andrew Buchan. Seventh home was Patrick followed by Bruce Buchan, Richard Johnstone and Wyness. Second to tenth was covered by four seconds.

ICC (Gearbox)

Pole-man, Michael Christie, was left for dead as the lights went green as the rest of the field charged away. Cliff Harper took the lead and was followed by Neil Anderson and Garry Lobban. Christie charge and took third on the third lap from Lobban. Christie hunted down Anderson and took second at the half way point. Harper was to far away for Christie to catch. Harper took his maiden victory in the class. Afterwards Christie's comment was 'wrong pinging'. Lobban harried Anderson to the line but the latter held the position.

Liz Bent presented the trophies in the clubhouse after the meeting.

Next meeting at Grampian Kart Club will be on Sunday 8th May.

For more information visit the GKC website – www.grampiankartclub.com

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