

**Grampian Kart Club
Boyndie Drome
Banff**

Chilly and overcast on Sunday 12th October greeted the drivers at the Boyndie Drome circuit for the final round of the club championships and the Northern Challenge. The Northern Challenge Championship first round had taken place at Little Ferry Circuit, Golspie two weeks previously. Good entry in all classes produced fast and competitive racing.

At the drivers briefing Alistair Smith was presented with the Association of Scottish Kart Clubs (ASKC) Maxtrac Trophy for the best driver of 2008.

Results

Comer Cadets

1st – Neil MacLennan (Tore) 2nd – Rory Vass (Invergordon)
3rd – Adam Jarrett (Dingwall)

Honda Cadets

1st – Robert Forsythe (Balmedie) 2nd – James Paterson (Granton)
3rd – Jack Simpson (Peterhead)

Mini Max

1st – Louise Calder (Thurso) 2nd – Ross Jarrett (Dingwall)
3rd – Steven Chalmers (Inverness)

Junior Max

1st – Bruce Buchan (Peterhead) 2nd – Craig Finlayson (Invergordon)
3rd – Bibi Aldrick (Turriff)

Senior Max

1st – Andrew Buchan (Peterhead) 2nd – Walter Wallace (Peterhead)
3rd – Alistair Smith (Peterhead)

Gearbox

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

Cadet Novice – Andrew Webb (Aberdeen)

Senior Novice – George Ingles (Turriff)

Team Trophy Winners

Alistair Smith, Ben Sutherland, Bibi Aldrick, Andrew Buchan

Northern Challenge Results

Comer Cadets

1st – Rory Vass (Invergordon)

Honda Cadets

1st – Robert Forsythe (Balmedie) 2nd – Daniel Roll (Crail)

3rd – James Paterson (Granton)

Rookie - James Paterson (Granton)

Mini Max

1st – Rory MacLennan (Tore) 2nd – Ross Jarrett (Dingwall)

3rd – Steven Chalmers (Inverness)

Rookie – Frazer Huntley (Mintlaw)

Junior Max

1st – Craig Finlayson (Invergordon) 2nd – Jack Sutherland (Brora)

3rd – Bibi Aldrick (Turriff)

Rookie – Jack Sutherland (Brora)

Senior Max

1st – Alistair Smith (Peterhead) 2nd – Walter Wallace (Peterhead)

3rd – David Eason (Cuminstown)

Rookie – Cliff Harper (Ellon)

Gearbox

1st – Greig Sutherland (Ellon) 2nd – Andrew Dunn (Dingwall)

3rd – Scott Mutch (Elgin)

Rookie – Jim Baptie (Edinburgh)

The Finals

Comer Cadets

Thrilling contest was about to emerge as the comer cadets rolled towards the start of their final of the day. Rory Vass led off closely followed by Adam Jarrett, Neil MacLennan, Connor Wilson and Jamie Chick. The front three gradually drew away from the others. MacLennan moved to second on lap six and to lead at the end of the ninth tour. Vass was again in front at the end of lap ten but the positions had changed again a lap later. MacLennan held onto to take the victory a lap later by 0.07 seconds. Jarrett was two tenth back in third. Wilson held off Chick to take fourth by a tenth of a second.

Honda Cadets

Robert Forsythe led away from the green lights of the final and took the victory by over six seconds. James Paterson was ahead of Daniel Roll, Jack Simpson, Steven Allan and Andrew Webb. Roll was off on lap four but was able join in last place. Paterson held off Simpson by three tenths at the line for second. Allan came home a further second back with the recovering Roll fifth and Webb sixth.

Mini Max

Louise Calder took a comfortable lights to flag victory by over five seconds. A close battle took place for second between Ross Jarrett and Steven Chalmers, which was resolved in favour of the former by a tenth of a second. Rory Maclennan finished fourth, Darren Patrick fifth and Frazer Huntley sixth.

Junior Max

The 'A' plated kart of Craig Finlayson took the initial lead & had Bruce Buchan up his exhaust in the early laps. On the fifth circuit Buchan took the lead, which he held until the chequered flag. Finlayson came home 0.6 seconds ahead of Bibi Aldrick. Less than a second further back were cousins Jack and Ben Sutherland in fourth and fifth positions. Darren Patrick, who was racing in two classes, was sixth.

Senior Max

Lots of interest surrounded the senior Max final as the club championship was to be decided between the front row pair of Andrew Buchan and Alistair Smith. Buchan had only a two-point advantage before the final. Pole man Buchan took the lead from the lights and Smith tucked in behind followed by Walter Wallace and David Eason. The front three gradually moved away from the pack. Smith was keeping up the pressure on Buchan, who was driving with a cool head. Wallace got past Smith with three laps to go and increased the pressure on Buchan who was not to be denied to take the race win by 0.2 seconds and club championship. Eason came home fourth closely followed by George Ingles and Ian Duncan.

ICC Gearbox

Scott Mutch from the outside of the front row out dragged pole man Greig Sutherland from the green lights into MTM bend. Sutherland was snapping at his bumper for the next four laps until he took the lead on lap five. Sutherland held his advantage to take the chequered flag with Mutch 1.8 seconds behind. Graham Clark had slotted into third but lost out to Scott Neal on lap six. Neal was closing down Mutch but the chequered flag came to soon! Scott Byiers was only a half second of Clark at the end for fifth with Rory Cruden taking sixth spot.

Pat Reed presented the trophies in the clubhouse.

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