

Grampian Kart Club  
Boyndie Drome Circuit  
Banff

Wet condition greeted the drivers for the early heats but it dried up to allow slick for all the finals. The meeting was the final round of the club championships with the GKC Team Trophy being contested. It was the first round of the Northern Challenge with the second and final round being on 30<sup>th</sup> October at Golspie. The meeting was dedicated to Jan Huntley who suddenly passed away the previous week.

#### Result

##### **Honda Cadets**

1<sup>st</sup> – Sam McKenzie (Durriss) 2<sup>nd</sup> – Michael MacPherson (Tore)

3<sup>rd</sup> – Abbie Munro (Bonar Bridge)

Novice – Hannah Emerson (Muir of Ord)

**Jnr TKM** – Robert Forsyth (Balmedie)

##### **Mini Max**

1<sup>st</sup> – Chloe Scott (Ellon) 2<sup>nd</sup> – Neil MacLennan (Tore)

3<sup>rd</sup> – Jack Simpson (Fraserburgh)

##### **Junior Max**

1<sup>st</sup> – Frazer Huntley (Mintlaw) 2<sup>nd</sup> – Keifer Steyn (Avoch)

3<sup>rd</sup> – Connor Wilson (Huntly)

##### **Senior Max**

1<sup>st</sup> – Ryan Tod (New Byth) 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bruce Buchan (Peterhead)

3<sup>rd</sup> – Andrew Buchan (Peterhead)

Novice – Keith Morris (Kingswells)

##### **ICC (Gearbox)**

1<sup>st</sup> – Graham Clark (Balbeggie) 2<sup>nd</sup> – Liam McGill (Dysart)

3<sup>rd</sup> – Cliff Harper (Ellon)

Novice – Liam McGill (Dysart)

##### **GKC Team Trophy**

Robbie Gray (Evanton) Jack Simpson (Fraserburgh)

Sam McKenzie (Durriss), Frazer Huntley (Mintlaw)

#### Finals – Race Reports

##### **Honda Cadets**

The heats had been close between Sam McKenzie and Michael MacPherson but in the final McKenzie got the early break and took the victory by a margin of 9 seconds. MacPherson was well in front of third place Abbie Munro who had grabbed the position from Ben Patience on the last lap. Novices Abigail Ross and Hannah Emerson battled out for the novice trophy and the later taking fifth position on the final tour. Andrew Emerson took seventh spot.

### **Mini Max**

Mini Max drivers and the single TKM provided the most exiting final of the day. The drama started before the race start with Liam Black loosing a wheel on the rolling lap and retiring on the spot. Pole-man Jack Simpson, who had won all three heats, lost out to Chloe Scott at the end of the first lap. Close on their bumpers were Neil MacLennan, Robert Forsyth and Jack Gordon. Robert Forsyth fought his way through Mini Max karts to take the race victory. Things were hotting up with, Scottish Champion, Neil MacLennan taking the lead on lap four. Victory was in his sight as he approached Pit Corner but Scott had other ideas and made a beautiful dive up the inside of MacLennan at pit corner and took the victory. MacLennan crossed the line a tenth down. Hot on his heels were Simpson and Gordon. Although further back, a close tussle was taking place for sixth place and with only six tenths of a second between them at the line it was resolve in the order of Michael Ogilvie, William Blake and James Wood.

### **Junior Max**

A leading pair of Kiefer Steyn and Frazer Huntley escaped from the pack early to dominate the final. Swapping places countless times up to the halfway point. Huntley got the break to take the chequered flag by 1.5 seconds over Steyn. Meanwhile a battle raged early on between Gavin Simpson, Connor Wilson and Andy Webb. Wilson claimed third at Kevin's Korner and made it his own by a margin over a second Simpson and Webb. Brendan Walker came home in sixth.

### **Senior Max**

Ryan Tod was not displaying either of the two 2011 Scottish Championship but retained his race number of 53 made an early escape from the pack to take a lights to flag victory. Buchan brothers, Andrew led Bruce on the first lap but by the end of the second lap the positions were reversed. Bruce took second place by a second over Andrew. Greg Simpson was next after gaining the fourth place from Logan Watt at the halfway point. Watt was to drop another place a lap later to Graham Clark who took fifth with the former sixth. The Inverurie boys produced a close three-way race long battle, which came out in favour of Grant Cheesewright, Richard Johnston and Stuart Wyness. Senior novice of the day, Keith Morris, came home ahead of Mark Duthie and Matthew Wedderburn.

### **ICC (Gearbox)**

Newly crowned Scottish Champion, Graham Clark, took the early lead and was not headed to take the victory. Novice Liam McGill had put his luminous kart to second grid spot from the heats and drove well to retain the position. With GKC Championship contenders Cliff Harper and Michael Christie battling out for glory the position of third went to Harper but Christie took the championship due to the heat results by 2 points. Sixteen-year-old Rory MacLennan in only his second outing with the big boys took fifth ahead of Ryan McGill, Roddie Jack, Neil Anderson, Robbie Gray and Iain Duncan.

Gus Huntley presented the trophies in the clubhouse after the meeting.

Next meeting at Grampian Kart Club will be on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

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