

Imp 2012 – the go-karting

Matlock Rugby Club, Cromford Meadows, nr Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 3RQ, 2nd-6th Aug 2012
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The go-kart racing on the Thursday night of Imp 2012 was planned to be six Heats of nine go-karts. The intention was for each competitor to get two Heats and then each driver's Fastest Lap being used to determine which Final they went in.

However, on arrival, I found that there were only seven karts available. This meant that eight Heats were required to give all drivers a run. This was going to take more time so I had a quick re-think and did the sums to figure out how best to fit things into a three-hour schedule. The decision was to reduce changeover time by only having one ten-lap Qualifying Heat with the Best Lap to count for the Final with each driver getting into a Final (A-H), and the Finals run in reverse order.

Kimberley Benoy helped by bossing all these big blokes around to get them kitted up and ready, after the general briefing. The Swains were very helpful in providing Results for each Heat.



Kimberley persuades the drivers to stop drinking tea and...

Photo: John Hall

Simon Benoy helped with the office paperwork and the results were put onto a spreadsheet.

Fortunately the weather held and Qualifying ran to schedule, after which a quick sort of the spreadsheet and we were able to provide the drivers for each Final.



...get those overalls and helmets on!

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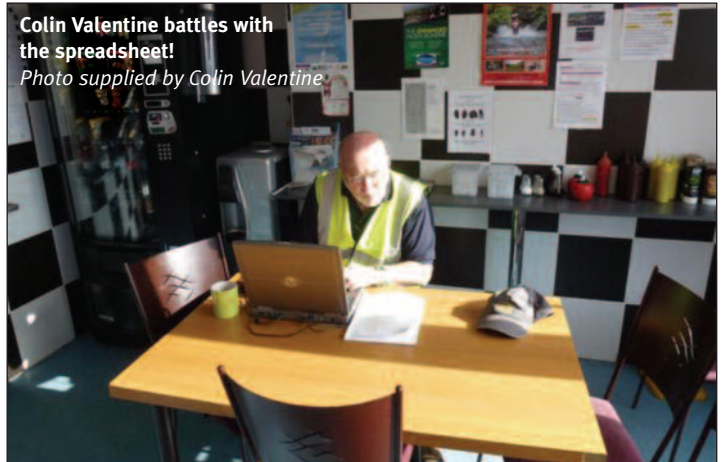
The first few Finals ran OK. Then the rains came and the lap times went up alarmingly and explains why the A Finalists had slower Lap Times than the H Finalists. The Results show a Best Lap in Qualifying and then the Best Lap in the Final. So the Winner of the A Final – Will Robinson – had a



Excellent way to spend a summer's evening (until it rained!)
Photo: Colin Valentine

sent Kimberley with a message to Race Control to cut the number of laps from 15 to 10. The message came back that Race Control had already spotted the problem and made the change.

Despite our best efforts the event overran by half an hour, and last few Finals were run in heavy



Colin Valentine battles with the spreadsheet!
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36 in Qualifying, but only managed a 46 in the Race. Also note that Andy Jones had a faster lap than Will in the Final, but finished second. The difference is that it rained for some of the Finals.

Simon and I did some calculations to reveal that we were going to overrun the time allocated so we

rain with Karts still on slicks tip-toeing around the circuit.

Rain affected the results dramatically, especially as all karts were running on slicks, but all drivers enjoyed themselves. Winners of the 'A' Final on the podium are Will Robinson (1st), Andy Jones (2nd) and Scott Clements 3rd. Full results overleaf...

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IMP 2012 GO-KARTING RESULTS

IMP 2012 ENTRY No	KART ENTRY No	DRIVER NAME	HEAT NUMBER	KART NUMBER	BEST LAP IN HEAT	KART NUMBER	FINAL POSITION	BEST LAP IN FINAL
A FINAL								
	56	WILL ROBINSON	8	3	36.45		5	46.35
29	12	ANDY JONES	7	1	36.67		6	46.08
7	2	SCOTT CLEMENTS	1	3	37.33		7	49.11
171	47	BRIAN GOMM 1	6	1	37.05		10	49.21
47	49	STUART FOSTER	6	3	36.81		9	47.89
78	34	LUKE KELLY	5	10	37.41		1	48.53
B FINAL								
	55	JAMES WILLIAMS	8	6	37.45		6	48.71
50	22	ROBIN STARKIE	3	10	37.71		3	49.9
77	32	DAVE ANDREWS	7	3	37.75		7	52.71
109	38	TOBY PARSONS	5	5	37.51		5	51.02
159	44	OLIVER HURST	5	1	37.8		9	56.72
71	31	OLIVER GRANT	4	10	37.79		1	56.94
C FINAL								
40	20	ADRIAN OLIVER	7	6	38.03		7	51.9
42	21	HENK HOL	3	3	37.94		5	54.29
100	51	ROB IMMERS	7	5	37.92		9	52.54
71	29	PAUL GRANT 1	4	7	38.34		10	58.83
71	30	JAMES GRANT	4	3	38.26		1	61.64
63	27	STEVE FORDE 1	4	5	37.89		6	54.18
145	45	ALAN FARQUARSON	6	5	37.93		3	53.2
D FINAL								
37	19	JAMES IBBOTSON	3	6	38.48		3	53.12
63	28	BOB MAPSTONE	4	1	39.26		1	59.58
185	53	KEVIN WATSON	6	6	38.39		6	57.14
15	8	RICHARD TOMPKINS	2	5	38.77		10	61.51
171	48	PHIL STONE	6	8	39.07		7	55.87
62	26	CHRISTOPHER FRENCH	4	6	39.27		5	55.79
118	52	DOM SMITH	6	7	38.76		9	54.22
E FINAL								
105	37	JIM COX	5	7	39.84		7	39.35
83	35	MIKE OCKWELL	4	9	39.93		1	38.79
78	33	SAM KELLY	5	9	39.55		6	39.46
132	1	HANS SLENDERS	1	10	39.31		5	39.74
98	36	IAN CRUMPTON	5	6	39.78		9	40.58
149	43	SIMON HULSE	5	8	39.51		10	39.29
58	23	JOHN HOLLOWAY	3	1	39.73		3	39.92
F FINAL								
36	17	MARK WATSON	7	8	40.36		10	40.55
61	25	IAN NORMAN	3	7	40.89		6	39.97
185	54	JACK WATSON	6	9	40.95		7	38.87
22	9	CHRIS BENOY	2	7	39.95		5	39.73
165	46	MARIANNE HOL	7	7	40.91		3	41.17
		CHARLIE COOMBS					9	53.28
		NICHOLAS COOMBS					1	DNF
G FINAL								
10	4	MARK SISTERN1	1	1	41.47		7	39.14
14	6	GEORGE RITCHIE	1	8	42.74		1	39.8
85	50	ANET BLANKE	7	9	42.03		10	39.95
37	18	MARK IBBOTSON 1	3	5	41.66		6	39.84
30	13	KEN DUNKLEY	8	9	42.26		3	36.72
8	3	MICHAEL LOMAS	1	7	44.23		5	40.41
58	24	DAVE BONHAM	3	8	44.29		9	43.67
H FINAL								
10	5	GEORGE SISTERN	1	9	44.59		5	38.91
34	15	LIAM DOWNS	2	1	46.44		3	40.82
23	10	PETER CROOK 1	2	8	46.19		10	43.02
34	16	TONI DOWNS	2	3	51.83		6	42.01
14	7	ALISON RITCHIE	1	6	49.51		7	45.5
34	14	RYAN DOWNS	2	9	54.34		9	49.21
23	11	JOSH CROOK 2	2	10	65.01		1	52.82
NON STARTERS								
143	39	FRANCIS COOMBS 1						
143	40	FRANCIS COOMBS 2						
143	41	FRANCIS COOMBS 3						
143	42	FRANCIS COOMBS 4						