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GENERAL

Pittard wins thrilling Henry Surtees Challenge

The best of British young motorsport talent came together at Buckmore Park circuit on Wednesday to compete for a career-enhancing range of prizes to aid them in their race programme preparation for 2014.

21-year-old David Pittard, current Protyre Motorsport Ginetta GT5 Challenge racer and BRDC Rising Star, won the event amongst some extremely tough competition.

The event, organised by former F1 world champion John Surtees OBE, brought together drivers from all classes of motorsport in their 16th year and over who hold an MSA licence, are a member of Club100 or are a Buckmore Park Elite driver.

John Surtees said "Today has been changeable from the way the weather has treated us! But it has provided added challenge for the drivers and showed the quality of the field we had here, because we didn't have any mishaps at all. We had extremely competitive racing and I think that it augers well for the future that we can build on this, not only helping The Foundation, but also helping

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Damon Hill OBE officially opened the event by taking to the drying Buckmore track in one of the Club100 Birel karts for a few laps. Following a thrilling day of extremely competitive racing, the top six drivers were presented with a prestigious Henry ‘H’ trophy and the ten top finishers had the choice of some the best career enhancing prizes

ever offered at a UK kart meeting.

David Pittard, the winner, 2013 Henry Surtees Challenge chose the simulator pre-test in the UK plus GP3 test with Carlin Motorsport in Abu Dhabi as his prize. David also receives a full set of Puma SE race wear and a pair of tickets to the 2013 Autosport Awards (donated by Haymarket Publications) plus a career profile feature in Motor Sport magazine.

“A massive thanks to John and the Henry Surtees Foundation for organising such a fantastic event. I had a great race out there today; I qualified well in mixed conditions and made a good start which allowed me to pull a gap and I could put my head down and control the race from there. There were some big names here and I feel like a little bit of a small fish, so to come out and beat these guys has given me a huge confidence boost and I hope it’s a massive step for my career – exactly what the Henry Surtees Challenge is for – so again a huge, huge thank you,” Pittard said.

Paul Janes, runner-up, chose the pair of VIP weekend tickets to the British F1 Grand Prix 2014, including Paddock entry, donated by Bernie Ecclestone. Paul also receives two pairs of Puma SE footwear.

“It was a great event today. In the A Final I clawed my way up to 2nd and thought, let’s go with Jack and catch David! If we’d had another lap I may be could have caught him, but I am delighted for David as he has not been in the top 10 here at the HSF challenge and the 2013 title could not have gone to a better person,” Janes said.



Jack Aitken, 3rd place, chose the visit to Red Bull Racing in Milton Keynes with simulator time and evaluation by an F1 race engineer, donated by Christian Horner. Jack also receives a pair of Puma SE footwear and said "I've had another great day for the Henry Surtees Foundation and received another fantastic prize. I am slightly annoyed that I didn't get 2nd, Paul just managed to pip me in the last few laps, but it was a really good race and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I have chosen the Red Bull Racing tour and simulator prize, so I'll receive some criticism from an F1 engineer and I am really looking forward to it!"

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The 'Fastest Lap' Award was presented to Jack Aitken who received a Henry 'H' trophy and a choice from the new HSF clothing range after securing the accolade by 0.001s from Paul Janes. The 'Hard Luck' Award was presented to Simon Rudd who received a Henry 'H' trophy and a choice from the new HSF clothing range after being knocked out of a top 10 position in the 'A' Final race and following consistently competitive results throughout the event. The 'Over 80Kg' Award was presented to Scott Malvern who received a Henry 'H' trophy and a choice from the new HSF clothing range.

All photos by Jakob Ebrey

ART GP to run open test at Siena

ART Grand Prix are to run a three-day test session at Circuito Internazionale Siena on December 6th-8th with all drivers welcome to apply.

ART Grand Prix technical staff, factory driver and Driver Coach Ben Hanley and Mirko Torsellini will be coordinated by Team Manager Armando Filini to present ART Grand Prix complete range of products and chassis for Mini Kart, KF Junior, KF, KZ and Rotax categories.

Also, thanks to the collaboration with TM Racing (ART Grand Prix technical partner), Machac Racing (official tuner), and LeCont who will supply tyres, the drivers who participate in the Open Days will have the unique opportunity to test ART Grand Prix equipment on track supported by the factory team technical staff. In addition, thanks to ART Grand Prix's collaboration with Formula Medicine, all drivers will be able to learn more about its programmes of physical and mental preparation from the specialists attending the event, as well as nutrition guidelines developed specifically for karting.

As highlight of the ART Grand Prix Open Days, the drivers from the 2013 season will be awarded in the prize-giving ceremony, and the 2014 season sporting programme will be announced.

Those interested in registering to ART Grand Prix Open Days will be able to do so from Monday 4th November by sending profile, personal data and address via email to info@art-grandprix.com.

GENERAL

Nick Bunting resigns as MSA Chief Exec

The Motor Sports Association (MSA) has confirmed that by mutual consent Nick Bunting will leave his position as MSA Chief Executive with immediate effect.

“**N**ick was recruited to undertake a specific transitional role to prepare the MSA for future transformation,” said Alan Gow, MSA Chairman. “He has undertaken an internal restructure of the staff and functional departments, implemented a new IT system, reviewed our business structures and begun the establishment of a customer-focused culture.

“Nick has also reviewed the strategic opportunities for the MSA’s future in such areas as participant development, championship structures, regulations and marketing and communications. During his tenure he has successfully laid out the pathway for this transition and identified that a specific style of leadership is required to achieve this. Therefore, by mutual consent, he has decided not to take up the possibility of the continued role as MSA Chief Executive.

“On behalf of the Motor Sports Association, I am grateful to Nick for his work and commitment this year and wish him every success in his future career.”

Nick Bunting said: “I have very much enjoyed working with the MSA staff and all the dedicated volunteers and organisations within the sport. It has been an interesting challenge to understand the motorsport environment and I am grateful for the support that has been given to me from all quarters. I am delighted that we have been able to effect some changes that will enable the sport and the organisation to move forward and I wish the MSA and everyone connected with British motor sport every success in the future.”

Following Nick Bunting’s departure, MSA General Secretary Rob Jones has been appointed as Acting CEO.

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MSA

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News in brief

There is a new FIA International Sporting Code for 2014, which all competitors within FIA-affiliated organisations (eg the MSA) are assumed to have read! Download it at www.fia.com/sites/default/files/regulation/file/2014%20International%20Sporting%20Code%20%28FR-EN%29.pdf

All new Formula Blue Parilla Lynx and Maxi engines are checked for legality prior to leaving the importer. Any driver obtaining an engine second-hand may arrange to have the engine checked and verified for legality by the eligibility scrutineer at a cost of £25 plus carriage. For more details contact Tabor Karting on 01305 774074 or tabor@planetkarting.co.uk.

If you want to try out KGP, book a slot for the KGP taster test at Whilton Mill on Saturday 16th November at Whilton Mill. KGP Junior, KGP Clubman and KGP Pro will all be available to test. To book your slot call the KGP office on 01527 889595 (select option 2).

This year ACR will be having one main consignment of Easykarts in at the beginning of December. They already have a growing list of orders for karts, so, if you want to be sure to secure your new kart before Christmas call the office on 01527 889595 to reserve a kart.

Next year the Comer Cadet number plates will be black numbers on a white background.

Motors TV have just confirmed the transmission times of the 48m show made from their recordings at the recent BPKC 50th Anniversary meeting:

- Monday 4th November - 01:18
- Monday 4th November - 18:23
- Tuesday 5th November - 14:44
- Thursday 7th November - 11:06

Brazil is planning to bring back the Panamerican Championship Giovanni Guerra, President of FAEM and member of the CBA (Brazilian national federation) said: "We are on the final stages of the organization of the 2014 Pan American Championship, altogether with the CIK-FIA, CBA and CNK, according to Academy Trophy standards."

Several drivers have changed teams and classes for the WSK Final Cup at Castelletto this weekend. Last week we told you about Jonathan Thonon going to Praga; he is having his first race with the team in KZ2 at Castelletto. Mirko Torsellini has moved to ART GP and Matteo Vigano remains at Topkart but will be racing in KZ for the first time.

The third event of the Rotax Max Euro Challenge will be at Zuera on 20th July. Dates and tracks for the other events can be found on rotaxmaxeurochallenge.com.

BAMBINOS

2014 plans taking shape

Series Coordinator Darren Beavers says: "Firstly a huge thank you to everyone that participated in the series this year, 32 karts on the grid at the final round was the most this country has ever seen."

“**T**here’s been some very kind words and comments posted on the Facebook page and website and I thank those involved in organising the gifts I received at the presentation, the bottle of Jack Daniels went down a treat and the teeshirt will be framed and hang with pride in my home. Thank you to all the companies that donated some amazing prizes making the presentation night a huge success.

“As announced it has been very difficult for me running the championship single-handed this year and I have started organising plans for 2014 already where the BKC will still run another time trial series for Bambinos but I will hopefully have a lot more help and things will run more efficiently.

“I have been working closely with ZipKart and we have proposed to the MSA some ideas of how together we can run a great series next year. This includes running events on a Sunday where there are trained Marshalls, Scrutineers and Paramedics on hand, and allowing practice to take place at more tracks on a Saturday.

“The new MSA engine fiche will be released in the next few weeks and with ZipKart carrying out an engine verification for everyone participating and there technical team being trackside with us at every round will make things easier for me.

“I am going into this with an open mind and I am NOT ruling out the fact that this proposal to the MSA may be dismissed and fall flat on its back at any point, therefore I have some of you Bambino parents willing to help me run another ‘non-MSA’ series should this happen. To be honest with you talks with the MSA are so far going well and they seem very keen to back me and they have already agreed to change a few of their rules to how I want them and improve the class. That said I won’t commit to anything with them unless I am 100% confident that this is the best thing for all you guys, at the end of the day it’s you guys that travel up and down the country supporting my events and without you there wouldn’t be a Bambino Kart Club!

“Which ever way we go for next year the new Le Cont tyre is now released and available to buy and this will be my tyre of choice 2014 so I advise you get yourselves a set and get out there to your local clubs over the winter and get testing on them. Please be patient with me whilst I finalise everything for you but rest assured the BKC will continue and you will have a series to run in next year!”

If you and your son and daughter want to compete in Bambinos next year visit the website for more information at bambinokartclub.com or the Facebook group at facebook.com/groups/198738303558858

ROTAX

UK & Ireland Grand Finals teams completed

The final team members were decided at the Rotax International Open at Zuera this weekend.

Zuera's Grand Finals qualifiers
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Shaun Slavin (DD2), Max Aitken (Senior), David Wooder (Junior), Connor Jupp (Senior) and Tamsin Germain (DD2 Master) were added to the team after their podium position at the Spanish event.

The full lists are:

UK

Junior David Wooder, Guan Yu Zhou, Jai Nijjar, Brett Ward, Tom Harvey, Josh Price and Robbie Gallier

Senior Connor Jupp, Kyle Fowlie, Harry Webb, Max Aitken and Oliver Hodgson

DD2 Shaun Slavin, Thomas Arme, Sean Babington, Barrie Pullinger and Jack Saffery

DD2 Masters Tamsin Germain

Ireland

Junior Cahal Mullins

Senior Charlie Eastwood and William Sherlock

DD2 Shane Crosbie

DD2 Masters Martin Pierce

Results **Rotax International Open** Zuera, Spain

Senior

1 Connor Jupp	Tony	Coles Racing	
2 Max Aitken	Tony	Strawberry Racing	+ 0.183s
3 Edward Brand	Intrepid	Intrepid Driver Program	
4 Oliver Myers	Tony	Coles Racing	
5 Jack Bartholomew	Tony	KR-Sport	
6 Vincent Fraise (FR)	Sodi	Sodikart	

Fastest lap: **Brand** 63.869s

Junior

1 David Wooder	Alonso	DHR	
2 Philip Hamprecht (DE)	Tony	Strawberry Racing	+ 0.862s
3 Guan Yu Zhou	Tony	Strawberry Racing	
4 Ralf Aron (EE)	Alonso	DHR	
5 Harrison Thomas	Kosmic	Paul Carr Racing	
6 Jack McCarthy	Tony	Strawberry Racing	

Fastest lap: **Thomas** 64.925s

DD2

1 Shaun Slavin	Kosmic	Paul Carr Racing	
2 Rasmus Markkanen (FI)	Tony	MPT Racing	+ 0.165s
3 Anthony Abbasse (FR)	Sodi	Sodikart	
4 Andreas Backman (SE)	Tony	Strawberry Racing	
5 Michael Christensen (DK)	Formula K	kartschmie.de	
6 Kevin Ludi (CH)	Birel	Spirit Racing	

Fastest lap: **Markkanen** 62.307s

Left; David Wooder, right; Max Aitken
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SUPERKARTS

Results **European Superkart Champs** Le Mans, France

Race 1

1	Emmanuel Vinuales (FR)	Anderson/DEA	
2	Henrik Lilja (DK)	PVP/PVP	+ 0.474s
3	Liam Morley	Anderson/DEA	
4	Adam Kout (CZ)	MS/DEA	MS Kart Racing Team
5	Danny Bleek (NL)	MS/VM	
6	Alexandre Sebastia (FR)	Anderson/FPE	

Fastest lap: **Vinuales** 1:52.561s

Race 2

1	Adam Kout (CZ)	MS/DEA	MS Kart Racing Team	
2	Liam Morley	Anderson/DEA		+ 6.042s
3	Emmanuel Vinuales (FR)	Anderson/DEA		
4	Alexandre Sebastia (FR)	Anderson/FPE		
5	Antoine Lacoste (FR)	Anderson/FPE		
6	Stefan Malm (SE)	Nibor/DEA		

Fastest lap: **Kout** 1:53.743s

Liam Morley
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Senior weight changes for 2014

Formula TKM will have changes to the weights in the Senior Extreme category for 2014 which will give drivers greater flexibility and make it easier for lighter drivers to race without carrying excessive lead.

Following a review of driver weights in conjunction with the MSA the first rule change is that in the main 152kg category the minimum driver weight will drop from 68kg to 60kg.

The 146kg category with blue 22mm carb restrictor will now have a minimum driver weight of 50kg. And a new 132kg category has been created with no minimum driver weight which will make use of the black 19.5mm carb restrictor.

Alan Turney, boss of Tal-Ko explains: "By making these changes we will now be able to accommodate virtually any size driver into the class and know that they are not carrying excessive lead on their kart. At the same time we have created more flexibility for those wanting to be in the main 152kg sector.

"We have listened carefully to driver requests and discussed at the MSA these changes and I hope they will meet with wide approval. The use of different minimum weights and carb restrictors in the Junior class has been very successful and safe and it seems entirely logical to expand the Senior category in the same way."

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MSA planned changes to ages in all Junior and Senior classes have been dropped for 2014 pending further discussion after considerable protest from many drivers and parents.

Other regulation changes for TKM in 2014 are very minor tidying up and clarification of current regulations. There will also be an updated engine fiche. All changes come into effect from January 1st, 2014. The new regulations will be posted on www.tal-ko.com in November.

HISTORIC

British Historic Kart Club heads to Bermuda

The BHKC are delighted to be involved with the 2013 Bahamas Speed Week Revival taking place from 1st to 8th December.

This is the third year that the Bahamas Speed Week Revival has taken place and last year Formula Kart Stars brought karting back to the island.

Speed Week is part of Bahamas history going back to the late 1950s, but karting on the island is also part of Bahamas heritage in its own right. Karts appeared on the island soon after the sport started and in 1960 and 1961 as part of Speed Week the Bahamas hosted the first World Championships.

Combining cars with karting at Speed Week gives the event an extra dimension and this of course is very beneficial when promoting the event for tourists visiting the Bahamas.

To keep this heritage and maintain it for future years David McLaughlin, the organiser of Speed Week and Managing Director of Karting Bahamas gave 44 students from various schools the opportunity of a lifetime when they were selected to participate in two pilot EduKarting Camps earlier this year. During Speed Week these students will have the chance to work with the club and



Brian Jordan's 1966 Zip Class 4 prototype

learn about the heritage of karting as they take part with many of our vintage karts in the event. The plan is to buddy up students and owner drivers enabling members to teach them as they gain hands on experience. It will be a unique experience as many of karts such as a 1962 twin Komet engine Ital Record, a 1964 Tecno Parilla or the very first Class 4 Zip Villiers kart are very rare or ground breaking in design.

The BHKC knows from the feedback following the initial event last year with modern karts that the local community are very enthusiastic and they are looking forward to this challenge and involvement.

HISTORIC

BHKC at Buckmore's 50th birthday celebrations

It was the first time the BHKC had been at Buckmore and they were made most welcome with an enthusiastic crowd of spectators.



Brian Malin on his 1964 Buckler Ultralite MK2a

The weather did not put anyone off, there was plenty of interest and various visits from Buckmore's guests that included Johnny Herbert and Tim Brise.

Despite the awful weather conditions, a dozen historic karts still took to the track for both sessions and provided plenty of entertainment for the spectators. A cloud burst during our second session straight after lunch, proved interesting. Peter Brinkworth had the immaculate Barlotti Imp on track that featured

in the last issue of *Karting magazine* and wondered whether it would still look as good after the chequered flag!

Another Class 1 kart on track was the Sisley Cobra of Peter Daniels. Although Johnny Herbert drove his 135cc example on track he was still keen to get reacquainted with it.

Of the gearbox karts the late-1970s Dino/Yamaha 250cc, Aero/Suzuki twin and Blow/Bultaco of Ed Powell, Mike Allen and Tim Norwood respectively proved that the circuit was driveable for 250s if a little tight in places. Brian Malin's Buckler and Allan MacVarish's Fastakart were the early 1960s Villiers powered examples.

It was good to see Britain's first kart the 1959 "Yellow Peril" now fully restored by Bill Sisley and finally up and running. Such was the interest in the Historic Karts that an invitation to the Club's 25th Anniversary event in 2014 looks promising.

THIS WEEKEND'S RACING

Events on 2nd & 3rd November

International

- WSK Final Cup, Castelletto, Italy

National

- Continental Cup & IAME Cadet O Plate, PFi ([Live timing](#))
- NatSKA, Blackbushe (Saturday)

Club

- Forest Edge KC
- Hoddesdon KC, Rye House
- Tyne & Wear KC, Warden Law