

"YOUR PLACE
TO RACE"



 HURRICANE GO KART CLUB 

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

G'day Hurricaners,

With only two clubdays left for the year, it's time to saddle up and hit the track for the October club run .Things seemed to have dropped down a gear with all our big meetings having been and gone. Hurricaners who attended the Esperance states all performed well and i'm sure had a great weekend away.

Gavin, Amy and myself will be attending the State Karting Council next weekend and we will have our club AGM at the November club day.

We are constantly receiving new members joining Hurricane, so if you see a new face around the track be sure to show that warm Hurricane hospitality.

There is already plenty of talk regarding the Malene Dean Muster to be held at the November clubday and I am personally looking forward to the annual group photo on the main straight. This meeting promises to be club day racing at its best, just the way Marlene loved it. Club days as a whole have performed very well with consistent numbers and a great chilled atmosphere often only found at club racing level.

As i've always said supporting your club at club meetings only strengthens the club both socially and financially. I will see you all on Saturday 19th October, gates open at 11am

Cheers all for making Hurricane "Your Place To Race",
Robbie



FROM THE SECRETARY

VOLUNTEERS

We still require volunteers for the upcoming club day. If you are available please contact Amy.

MEMBERSHIPS

Membership renewals are now available online. See www.kartingwa.com.au for more information.

PIT BAYS

A reminder to pay for your pit bays if you haven't already.

WEEKEND PRACTICE

We must be notified by 5pm on FRIDAY, if you would like to volunteer to open the track. If we do not have a volunteer by this time, the track will be closed.

REMINDER

A reminder to ensure both your licence and membership are up to date PRIOR to racing.

See you all at the club day, AMY



SAVE THE DATE!

A yellow five-pointed star is positioned in the upper right corner of the dark blue background.

HURRICANE GO KART CLUB
END OF YEAR WINDUP 2019

**SATURDAY 14TH
DECEMBER**

INVITES WILL BE EMAILED
THIS MONTH TO ALL MEMBERS

A stylized Christmas tree is located on the right side of the dark blue background. It is composed of several overlapping green triangles of varying shades, with white curved lines swirling around its base and sides. The tree is partially cut off by the right edge of the frame.

WEEKEND PRACTICE SESSIONS

**TO AVOID THIS ON A
SATURDAY OR SUNDAY
MORNING WAITING TO
FIND OUT IF YOU CAN
OPEN THE HURRICANE
TRACK...**



**...ALL REQUESTS TO
OPEN THE TRACK
MUST BE IN BY
FRIDAY 5PM.
IF WE DO NOT HAVE A
VOLUNTEER BY THIS
TIME, THE TRACK WILL
NOT BE OPEN THAT
WEEKEND.**


CASS'S CANTEEN CORNER




Once again I wish to thank all my awesome team of volunteers.

Kaite Laughton, Bec Lewis and Cassie Rhodes.


Also thank you to the committee members who step in and help when I am not available.



This year has been a busy one and trying to combine my love of netball and Hurricane was a difficult task, I couldn't let either down. My volunteers at Hurricane are fantastic and are great supporters.




Don't miss out on getting your t-shirt orders in for the Marlene Dean Kart Muster. Order forms will be available to fill in at the canteen on the October Club Run. All orders must be in by the end of the October Club Run.



Thank you members, family and friends who continue to support our canteen at Hurricane.

See you all at the October Club Day,
Cassie Worboys



Marlene Dean Kart Muster



It's time to tidy up those karts and get them looking sparkling for the Marlene Dean Kart Muster.

Our annual photo will be taken before racing down the main straight with Marlene's PINK BEAST front and centre in her memory.

Marlene is also a Hurricane Life Member



Marlene Dean is the only woman to be inducted into the Karting Hall of Fame and here in Western Australia we consider her the "godmother" of Karting.

The month of November we turn pink in honour of the godmother of karting Marlene Dean

Pink t-shirts are available for pre-order to be worn on the Marlene Dean Kart Muster. We hope to see all wearing pink whether it be a hat, top, shorts. Order forms can be found online or at the canteen on the October Club Run.

Marlene had a strong presence in not only Western Australian Karting but Karting all over the World. You can read about this in the excerpt her husband Les has written below.

Les and Marlene Dean

Karting and Career Highlights – A condensed story

1964

Before karting, there was the home built seamline sports car that was noisy, hot, uncomfortable and wickedly fast...

Marlene hated it. We ran it in the early drag racing days at Caversham Race Track and Hill Climbs. when karting came alive we sold it and took up karting.

1965

The first kart for Les was an Avion chassis McCulloch engine with three carbs. Marlene's kart was an English fastakart with McCulloch motor. We joined York Go Kart Club which was at the time the biggest club in wa, with Tiger being the largest. We entered our first State Championship one month after starting karting. marlene time trialed fifth. marlene took the lead in the early laps then, the engine fell off the kart at the bottom of the straight.... wrong blots. les raced an American Bug kart with two McCulloch motors.

Karting Clubs only met at championships in those years. We started racing at Hurricane and Tiger and actually set the precedent at running at regular meetings not just championships. We raced every meeting we could up until 1970.

1970

The year we were married and went on a karting honeymoon to the Nationals in Adelaide at Bolivar taking Marlene's wedding present with us – A dragon kart with a Comet motor. This meeting saw Marlene take out third in the ladies class. We then went onto Tasmania and set the lap record at Burnie which stood for some years.

****Marlene became a dominant Karter at every track and event in Western Australia. She continued to show her dominance with regular trips to South Australia ****

1972

Started badly with Marlene being banned from major events against the men in Western Australia, which was instigated by the Hurricane Go Kart Club. We retired wondering what to do next after karting. At this time les had built himself a new 200cc two comet motors, methanol motorcycle carburettors and Harrison clutches.

Les and Marlene Dean

Karting and Career Highlights – A condensed story CONTINUED.....

1972 continued...

On Saturday morning a phone call came from South Australia to say the rules had changed and the class structure was now Ladies Class and Open Class racing as individual classes. So, Sunday morning we were back at York track with Marlene's Pink Beast and my 200cc Kart. That week Marlene drove the 200 and three weeks later we were at the South Australian Championships at a track called The Pines. The driver and kart were totally dominant from the first practice session. A fight broke out in the pits, started by a Victorian woman screaming "get the bitch out of the men's class". A scuffle broke out in the pits between Marlene's brother, Colin Lloyd and Barry Bristow-Stagg, both from Northam. Blows were thrown, shirts were ripped and a great man Joey Bartolo pushed the fighters apart saying "you stupid bitches, you just don't like getting beaten, look at their equipment, it's space age for the 200cc class". The fighting stopped, Marlene completed outclassed and dominated the heats. In the final she blasted off into the lead, a few laps later she was lapping karts. The first kart she attempted to pass on the straight was riding shotgun for his brothers mid track and drove into Marlene half way up the straight, resulting in one twisted carburettor which then stuck into the tyre and stalled the kart. She did not finish the final heat but somehow they awarded her with third place. **The fight then broke out properly and took a lot of stopping.**

Back home in Western Australia we won the State Titles in the 200cc Super and most major events in the State, including a street meeting through Fremantle.

1974

Saw Marlene, her brother Colin Llyod and Geoff Bevan were sponsored by the WAKA to race at Golden Bay in Queensland.

1975

Saw us win our first Australian Championship at the old Cockburn race track.

Later that year we entered the Hong Kong Grand Pix which at that time really was the World Championships. It was where every nation could enter and race under the same rules. In the Hong Kong Champion of Champions race for both male and female we had a commanding lead, but with one lap to go we broke a rotary valva. Marlene came second in the Ladies Class after some kamikaze collisions.

Back home in Australia we finished of what was a dominant year for karting.....

Stay tuned next month for the rest of Les and Marlene's Karting and Career Highlights.....

Reporters on the Run- KOTH through the eyes of a new family in karting

The lead up to King of the Hill 2019. Our experience at Hurricane Go Kart Club started about a month before the big King of the Hill at the August Club Day. My daughter indicated she was interested in racing at the King of the Hill so we ran the club day as a practice. From the moment we arrived at Hurricane we immediately felt welcomed. As many know Hurricane is not a huge club but what they lack in numbers their members make up in enthusiasm, professionalism, community, openness to new members and visitors and A huge passion for Go Karting and their Club.

Being new to the sport it was great to see there was always someone willing to help, offer advice and have a chat too this made us feel welcome. The club day had a great feel about it, leading us to have a wonderful day. The facilities at Hurricane are also right up there, with the added bonus of a tight technical track which even caught out some of the local drivers! My daughter was eager to get out on the track that day. The day finished off with a sausage sizzle, general chit chat and presentations. This is a great gesture by the club that seems to join the club members and make them family. Overall it was a great day with lots of hard, fun but fair racing and everyone was more than helpful and welcoming. We are now considering becoming members... Yes it really is that good.

Friday 23rd August we arrived as most people did for the King of the Hill practice and registrations. Having some idea of what to expect after being there the previous weekend, we were blown away with the transformation we saw when we drove over the hill. There were cars lining the main road and as we entered the paddock there were trailers, gazebos, people and go karts everywhere! The pits, paddock and neighboring paddock were full of activity. The turn out was bigger than we expected. The club was packed and the atmosphere was electric, with the sounds of the karts banging out practice laps, engines being warmed up, the anticipation building gave us quite the first impression.

We pitted with a great view of the track to watch all the action on track unfold over the coming days.

Competition day started early, it was cold. The smell of camp fire and bacon filled the air. Leading me to the canteen for the most delicious bacon and egg burger. Racers parents (sorry pit crew) were completing all the last minute prep for the day of racing. Once again the atmosphere was electric and everyone was eager for the action to start. After drivers brief came qualifying and from there the grids were set. You were never short of entertainment as there was always action happening out on track.

The commentary boosted the atmosphere taking the event to another level. It was awesome and just to add even more to the AKC event feel, you could watch the action play out online through video live stream with 4Style Media. It was very well planned and produced- It was a real bonus to have this and you could watch it whenever you liked. It was absolutely fantastic, I believe it gave the day another level of dimension and as an added bonus, you can relive the action whenever you like! The day flowed extremely well, keeping everyone busy and on their toes. With competitors having the one round to have a small break, prep the kart and watch the the first class action unfold in the ongoing races. Before long it was finals time!

Being a dead mans final meaning where you finish is where you place made for some great battles. It was great to see how each race finished and it is great to see so many people make the most of this event.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS AND GRINNERS. A big thank you to Hurricane Go Kart Club members, volunteers and sponsors for making this event possible.

If you haven't been, definitely put in down in the calendar for next year- It's one you don't want to miss!

Written by
Mike Hooker

Hurricane Go Kart Club Annual AGM

Will be held on the November Club Run, Saturday November 16th
before drivers brief.

AGENDA ITEMS

- All agenda items are to be in writing and returned to the Secretary no later than 14 days prior to the AGM (2nd November 2019).
- The online suggestion form can be used for agenda items. Simply type "Agenda items(s)" in the subject field and enter your agenda item(s) in the field below.
- Online forms are available on the club website at <https://hurricanegokartclub.com.au/suggestions/>

For any extra information please see
<https://hurricanegokartclub.com.au/latest-news/>

Reporters on the run- WA State Titles Campaign

2019 Western Australian State Titles. What an experience that was!

My States campaign began the the Monday before race weekend. Mum, Dad and I hit the road for the 7 hour road trip all the way to the small town of Esperance. Our plan was to head down early, relax and enjoy the picturesque town of Esperance for a few days and then put our game faces on for racing. We carried out this plan perfectly. Our free days before racing were spend exploring Esperance, visiting Lucky Bay and driving along few of the many beaches Esperance has to offer. As the event got closer we began to see the karting community roll in one by one and by the Friday it was near impossible to visit a restaurant for dinner without spotting someone from the karting scene.

Friday-

Consisted of untimed practice allowing drivers to perfect their kart setups and learn the track before timed practice and qualifying the following day. For myself I spent the Friday feeling pretty comfortable as I had been to this track before and knew the layout. There wasn't much bothering me..... besides the INSANE amount of under steer I was experiencing, even when we had the kart set up to produce as much steering as we can. After a day of practice the tyres were getting old so we decided to pack everything up and head home for a relaxing night in front of the TV.

Saturday-

Saw most drivers bolting on a new set of tyres for practice to see if the setup changes they made the day before would work in these racing conditions. The under steer in my kart was still prevailing as a problem. This began to worry me as it saw my front tyres degrade more and more after each session I did. Timed practice came to a close as drivers headed back to their pit bays, to put their last set of remaining tyres on for qualifying. After a wait that seemed like forever Tag 125 Heavy were finally called to the grid as I prepared myself as best I could for the five minutes that could make or break my entire weekend. We rolled out the gate and all the stress went away. I knew my job and it was to drive to the best of my ability and hope that the results would follow after it, and they did. I managed to put my kart in P3 behind Lochlan Miller and Brenton Magri, with only 0.030 separating the top three drivers. After qualifying we went back to the team tent, wrapped the tyres, cleaned the kart and put it back in the trailer before heading home for a nice warm shower and bed before the upcoming hectic final days.



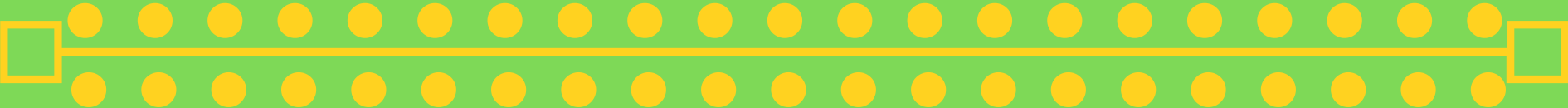
Reporters on the run- WA State Titles Campaign

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Sunday- You could feel the tension in the air, arriving to the track with the sound and smell of 2 strokes. It was time to put our game faces on and warm up the kart before our first race of 18 laps. Starting from third my goal was to just get through the sketchy turn one, after that I wanted to finish first. Both these goals were achieved with myself making a pass on lap one and slowly pulling a gap from second place enabling me to be the winner of race one. My next 18 lap race wasn't so glamorous, this time I made it through turn one but didn't quite make it to first. On the third lap of this race I made a driver error by going for a pass on first that definitely wasn't there and unfortunately resulting in my facing the wrong way on the track in second last place. For the rest of this race even though I was in second last place I could still get points if I finished the race. I drove the rest of the race conserving tyres for the final two drives. Once again race three wasn't so glamorous, after a messy start that I managed to wriggle my way out of I looked down and found that my right tie rod was loose causing the kart to be undriveable causing me to pull into the in grid after just two laps. After a day of highs and lows we wrapped the tyres again, cleaned the kart and headed back to the hotel to then go out for a team dinner before finals on Monday.

Monday-

The day of finals and the day that would see twelve new state title winners in their respective classes. Again with a wait that felt like a lifetime Tag 125 Heavy was called to the grid for their race. The weekend ran on a finals wins all, meaning the winner of the final would be the State Champion no matter where they have finished previously . Starting from P6 I had little optimism and was stressed to the fact that I was starting outside of turn one. After a little pep talk from Sam Dicker, the kart was started and we rolled out onto the track. After our two warm up laps we were ready to start our race. We slowly crept up to the last corner and onto the straight, as the red light went out, it was time to race. I managed to make my way out of turn one fairly cleanly and got through still in sixth place. From here I knew I had 30 laps to make something happen, so I slowly picked my way through the field eventually to catch first and second around lap 15, Brenton Magri noticing my fast pace catching him half a straight in one lap very kindly let me by, down the straight allowing myself to keep pushing forward to catch first place. I caught first and bombed the kart down the inside and managed to make the move stick, but a state title doesn't come that easy. Coming out of the last corner I accidentally dropped my wheel in the dirt causing lots of speed to be scrubbed off resulting in Lochlan Miller passing me down the straight. By this point we were around lap 20, I knew I had time to make something happen again.



Reporters on the run- WA State Titles Campaign

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After a few laps behind Lochlan I started to see his weaker points on the track and managed to make another move on him putting myself back in first place. The next 6 or so laps were the longest laps of my life, 5,4,3,2 and 1. 1 more lap and I would be the 2019 Tag 125 Heavy State Champion. I DID IT. After a grueling 30 laps I was the State Champion. After the racing and presentations we packed down our pit area and headed back to the hotel for a clean up ahead of the after party..... Let's just say we celebrated well!

I personally couldn't thank Flatout Karts and Sam Dicker Motorsport enough for all their help and support. Also, all the Hurricane members around the track in Esperance who were always up for a chat and were very supportive over the whole weekend. This is one of the many reasons Hurricane Go Kart Club is my place to race.

Written by Lewis Reid
2019 Tag 125 Heavy
Western Australian
State Champion





"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote everyday about the type of community you want to be in"

THAT IS NOT MY JOB

This is a story about four people named **EVERYBODY**, **SOMEBODY**, **ANYBODY** and **NOBODY**. There was an important job to be done and **EVERYBODY** was sure that **SOMEBODY** would do it. **ANYBODY** could have done it, but **NOBODY** did it. **SOMEBODY** got angry about that, because it was **EVERYBODY'S** job. **EVERYBODY** thought **ANYBODY** could have done it, but **NOBODY** realised that **EVERYBODY** would not do it. It ended up that **EVERYBODY** blamed **SOMEBODY** when **NOBODY** did what **ANYBODY** could have done.

We have a great club here at Hurricane and we all love catching up with our go kart family at the monthly club runs. In order to ensure these continue to run smoothly we ask that you donate your time at one club run per year to help us fill the duties required to hold a race day.

If you can help with any of the upcoming meets, please contact Amy.

We have the Marlene Dean Kart Muster upcoming in November, it is set to be a big meeting. Please think about volunteering your time to this great day.

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SEPTEMBER DRIVER OF THE MONTH




NINGALOO
Kart Images

Jason Betts- KA3 Senior

Western Australian State Titles

CONGRATULATIONS to all who went to Esprance and competed in the Western Australian State Titles. From what we have heard it sounded like it was an enjoyable weekend. We would like to thank our Hurricane Members for representing our club so strongly and showing great sportsmanship throughout the week.

WA Open Performace

First Place- Courtney Gough

Fourth Place- Blake Preston

KA3 Junior

Second Place- Joshua Byrne

KA3 Senior Light

First Place- Jason Betts

Fifth Place- Kerien Ellis

KA4 Junior Light

Fourth Place- Thomas Loughton

Tag 125 Heavy

First Place- Lewis Reid

Third Place- Brenton Magri

Fourth Place- Adrian Flogliani

KA4 Junior Heavy

Fourth Place- Thomas Loughton

Fifth Place- Aleksander Stefanovich

KA3 Senior Medium

First Place- Jason Betts

Fifth Place- Michael Jones

Cadet 12

Fifth Place- Zane Rhodes

Congratulations to the above competitors for taking out a place in the top five, what an achievement!



OUT AND ABOUT

We'd love to hear what our members have been up to over the past month between meetings.

This is an opportunity to share all things with our karting family.

Whether it be you did go kart practice on the weekend and got a PB or you got a merit certificate at school for doing something awesome or you saved your money and were able to buy something you really wanted or you celebrated a birthday or you went to a sporting match or you went on holiday or you got married or you and your partner had a baby.

We are all about family here at Hurricane and can not wait to see what you have all been able to do in your non go karting time.

You can send through out and about entries to
hqkcnews@gmail.com

Please include a little blurb about what you have done and be sure to include images to go with it.

CHECK OUT A NEW ENTRY BELOW

OUT AND ABOUT



Whilst HGKC starts in January I had a bit of breathing space until Netball started in May with Crusaders Netball Club. I co-coached the team I play in having another lady take the team whilst I was away for go kart meetings. Half way through the season my co-coach and I saw that we really could give finals a crack and that's where the journey began. During the second half of the netball season my Hurricane Clubs day consisted of me leaving Byford early morning to arrive at Wundowie to prep the canteen for my volunteers. Then getting back in the car for a trip down the hill for a 1pm or 3pm netball depending on the week.

And finally after the game I would drive back up the hill to close of the day at Hurricane and help with canteen clean up. My netball team finished 3rd on the ladder, qualifying for the elimination semi final. We versed our fellow club team in this game taking the win and moving onto the preliminary finals. September 14th, we knew this one would be a challenge. Our team of 10 shrunk to 8 with our best defender in Bali and another out with family commitments. At half time it was neck and neck, by three quarter time the ages difference of our opponents started to wear us down and at full time we had ran out of legs... It was an amicable game had by all... It just wasn't meant to be our year.

Our presentation night was a nice evening with an unexpected award for myself. I took out runner up best and fairest for the season... out done by one point. I was blown away and never expected to get one of these again. This is an award judged by the umpires at the end of each game with a 3,2,1 points system. I was pretty stocked to get this award as half my team I run around with are half my age, so I thought this award was pretty cool.

HURRICANE WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE CANTEEN LADY CASSIE WORBOYS FOR TAKING
OUT CRUSADERS NETBALL CLUB SENIOR 3 RUNNER UP BEST AND FAIREST.

OCTOBER CLUB DAY

RACE DAY FORMAT IS AS FOLLOWS;

GATES OPEN: 11.00AM

PRACTICE: 11.15AM TO 1.45PM
- Cadets, Juniors and Seniors practice in separate sessions

SCRUTINEERING: 11.15AM TO 12.15PM

- If you need to be scrutineered please have your form filled out completely. Bring your form and kart to the designated area to be scrutineered and we will process them.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE: 12.30PM

- You can PRE ENTER ONLINE. Go to Events / Calendar on the HGKC WEBSITE.
- Late entries will not be accepted.

OFFICIALS BRIEFING: 1.30PM

DRIVERS BRIEFING: 2.00PM

RACING COMMENCES: 2.15PM

RACING DIRECTION: CLOCKWISE

POINTS SYSTEM: 289 POINTS SYSTEM

HEATS:

- 3 x 10 laps
- 1 x 15 lap FINAL
- Laps may be changed by stewards if deemed necessary

NOMINATIONS FEE:

\$35 SENIORS

\$25 JUNIORS

\$20 SECOND NOMINATION

PRESNTATIONS: END OF RACING



HURRICANE BIRTHDAYS

DYLAN GUEST- 12TH OCTOBER

SIOBHAN SUTHERLAND- 1ST OCTOBER

PAUL HUGHES- 29TH OCTOBER

PHILIP WILSON- 14TH OCTOBER

CASSIE RHODES- 27TH OCTOBER

BRODIE BURKE- 10TH OCTOBER

WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH OUR MEMBERS THE HAPPIEST OF
BIRTHDAYS- IF YOU PASS THE THE PEOPLE MENTIONED AT THE
TRACK WISH THEM A HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THIS MONTH

SEBASTIAN GUEST- 12TH OCTOBER

TAHLIA HOBSON- 24TH OCTOBER

NATHAN KING- 31ST OCTOBER

SIMON NEWEL- 28TH OCTOBER

BRETT SHERRIFF- 27TH OCTOBER

GEMMA WORBOYS- 10TH OCTOBER

HAYDEN PATRIZI- 1ST OCTOBER

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SEPTEMBER CLUB DAY WINNERS



CLUB MERCHANDISE

DRESS SHIRT- \$40.00

POLO SHIRT- \$35.00

NUMBER PLATE SURROUNDS- \$20.00

BEANIE- \$20.00

PATCHES- \$10.00

STICKERS- \$5.00



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