

"YOUR PLACE  
TO RACE"



HURRICANE GO KART CLUB

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

G'day Hurricaners,

Well here we are on the door step of our final race meeting for 2019 and it is a special one. It is time to fill the straight and celebrate the life of the great Marlene Dean. This is the second annual Marlene Dean Kart Muster and I am sure it will be just as awesome as last years. Let's keep up the great work and support these special club days. No one would be prouder than Marlene herself, to see so many supporting the great club we have here at Hurricane.

Gavin, Amy and myself recently attended the Western Australian State Karting Council, for those who are not familiar with this meeting it is the forum in which next years calendar, rules and etc are discussed and sorted amongst the clubs in Western Australia. A meeting was held in the lead up with the four clubs involved in the Western Cup Series and it was agreed we needed to do something to stimulate the four round series and some decisions were made. On the day decisions were to be put forward some of the other clubs decided that what was discussed was not what they wanted, With many phone calls and liaising with the committee it was decided that Hurricane would withdraw from the Western Cup Series, as the declining numbers would probably continue if appropriate changes discussed were not followed through. So to cut a long story short, Hurricane has opted to take our second open as a stand alone event as we feel from the average karters point of view that a one day event not unlike the King of the Hill is where the karting demand is. The numbers prove this with near on 200 entries at KOTH and low 100's at rounds of the Western Cup Series, it seemed obvious that people wanted to race but a four day weekend commitment is not on everyone's calendar,

Hurricane is already working on making our newset event a special one... WATCH THIS SPACE!

It's been a great year around the club and I would like to thank all who have given their time and contributions to keeping our club as "YOUR PLACE TO RACE".

See you all at the Marlene Dean Kart Muster, lets make it a big one to wrap up the year.

Yours in Karting,  
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](http://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*



We hope you have saved the date for our annual windup!

Invites have been emails to all club members- If you have not received an email please let us know.

We hope to see you all there for a night to sit back relax and socialise without the worry of having to get a kart ready between rounds!

Payment and RSVP due December 2nd 2019.

# SAVE THE DATE!

HURRICANE GO KART CLUB  
END OF YEAR WINDUP 2019

**SATURDAY 14TH  
DECEMBER**

INVITES HAVE BEEN  
EMAILED TO ALL MEMBERS




# 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  
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WEEKEND.**


# CASS'S CANTEEN CORNER



Thanks again to my awesome team of volunteers during the October Club Run  
Bec Lewis, Katie Laughton and Cassie Rhodes.


And thank you to everyone else who pitches in at the end of the day.

Did someone say COFFEE...




After listening to everyone's feedback and suggestions..... it's official.... a coffee  
machine is on its way!

Fingers crossed it arrives in time for the Marlene Dean Kart Muster.



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



See you all at the Marlene Dean Kart Muster,  
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*

**1976**

We went back to Hong Kong and again came 3rd in the Ladies Class after many incidents in both the Ladies and Opens Class.

**1979**

We raced in Japan at the Sugo Circuit which is Yamaha's private Grand Pix Circuit for their private testing and go kart racing. We arrived with our motors and carburetors from Australia to race for Yamaha driving a Yamaha chassis made by Birrell from Italy branded Yamaha. Dock / Customs strikes stopped the delivery of the go karts and Yamaha supplied Marlene with a second-hand standard Yamaha pig of a kart that handled like a wheelbarrow in the dry, not bad in the wet. It rained non stop for eight days. There were 270 entrants from around the world which included European, American, Australian and World Champions. Marlene time trialed 5th in one of the early heats which caused great excitement for Dunlop who raced through the pits to find us, giving Marlene an engineer, tyre changer and free tyres for the rest of the meeting, along with anything else we wanted from Yamaha. Finally Marlene qualified about thirteenth. In the final heat Marlene got through to seventh position, she was then shunted off the track, rejoined and finished ninth, ahead of the then current European Champion.

Then came the Ladies Class, Marlene and Kathy Mueller the current European Champion who broke down the lead of the World Championship Open Class a month before hand provided some great racing. Mueller broke down in the rolling lap with water problems. We supportingly let them repair the kart past the 2 minute deadline time. On the next restart a kamikaze Japanese driver well before the start split Marlene and Mueller, Mueller ending up in the mud and Marlene did 360's down the wet grass breaking off two pine poles with a flag on whilst going backwards. The first person to Marlene was Mueller's father who checked that she was alright physically before restarting her. Again the race was restarted and Marlene and Mueller ran nose to tail for approximately half of the race. The torrential rain began to ease and the pig of a Yamaha chassis started under steering badly. A wise head said second is better than nowhere and we finished about 8-10 seconds behind Mueller, with Mueller's time being considered the fastest in the world at that time.

Marlene was then invited to race in the Western Japan Championship at Kansai one week later. We were the first westerners to race at this circuit. We practiced on Wednesday in a DAP DAP kart and engine combination donated to us by Noda Karting. It was a big meeting, we had carburetor troubles during the heats, due to water in the fuel from Sugo. We started the final from about P20, we took the lead on the last corner of the last lap winning the final and setting a new track record! It was an impressive presentation with prizes.

In holiday mode we took the Bullet Train escorted by a Yamaha engineer to ensure we got a long ride. He parted and left Marlene, her father and myself with 7 giant bags of gifts, trophies and awards.



# *Les and Marlene Dean*

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

### **1980**

The famous Bill Heath invited Marlene to race at the Techno 100 Meeting at Oran Park, Sydney his retirement meeting from karting. Marlene and Pat Bennett were the only women invited in his section of the top 100 in Australia. Marlene finished in the top 10 on a Bug chassis, we then switched to European chassis as the Bug was outdated.

### **1981**

Marlene won the Australian National Championship at Cockburn Raceway five weeks after a cesarean birth. We lapped Cockburn in 48.8 seconds on a BM chassis, PCR motor, tooth belt drive and a homemade carburetor.

### **1987**

Marlene lapped Cockburn in the now pink 200 built by Les, in 48.35 seconds with a slow leaking rear tyre. To this day this kart still holds the lap record at Cockburn in the anti clockwise direction.

Over the latter years we enjoyed a lot of local racing. We had lots of fun running Class Australia, 100cc Open and 200cc Super. We crossed the Nullabour 14 times and raced at every opportunity during this time.

### **2008**

Along came Vintage Karting. We bought the Pink Beast out of retirement at the Numurkah Meeting and had a commanding win in the 200cc Super Class with great assistance from the Western Australia crew of the famous Gavin Kennedy, Jason and Colin Yould and Amy Sears.

At this meeting Marlene was nominated for the Hall of Fame selection which was finally presented to her in August 2016 in Sydney by Graham Powells and Terry Fullerton from England, considered the greatest driver ever in the world of karting.

Marlene and myself helped form the Vintage Club in WA with great assistance from the Hurricane Go Kart Club and we continue to support vintage karting and the HGKC as we approached our 50th year in karting.

### **2014**

In March we attended the Ipswich Vintage Kart Meeting with the 14 Hurricane Go Kart Club entrants. There were 220 karts entered with 19 overseas karts. A lot of major placings were taken by Western Australians.

Then came Wheatbelt Dirt Kart Racing where Marlene in retirement and sickness became the starter which she thoroughly enjoyed. It's a fantastic club and people have shown massive respect to Marlene and myself. I now have to Karting Homes – Hurricane and Gloomalling.

Great thanks to everyone for their support in recent times

That's the story so far.....

Written by Les Dean

# Reporters on the Run- THE BEND EDITION

Hi my name is Zane and I race Cadet 12. I'll be giving the report about my weekend in Adelaide at The Bend. From the 1st to the 4th of November the Bend Motorsport Park held an event called the Ultimate Club Racer. This was a new track to most people, there was a HUGE main straight! I got up to a high speed of 98km/h in a cadet kart and my sister Bree got up to a speed of around 110km/h in a junior kart. I had the fastest time in practice three but neither myself or Bree had luck on our side in qualifying. There were five races in total, the racers in these heats and finals were really quite feisty! The racing was at a level I've never really experienced before and we were messing with kart set up more than we ever had before as well. There was plenty of action in all classes and there also was many crashes! The final was winner takes all (winner of the final wins the meeting overall) meaning in most classes the front two took each other out! So that was a good thing for myself and Bree as we had our best results in the final. I started from 6th and made my way up to 5th, while Bree started 10th and finished 6th overall. The track was really grippy, being so new. As it was one of the most iconic and fantastic tracks to race at, it wasn't anything like I had experienced before when driving. There were some fast, windy bends thrown in with some critical breaking zones and kart set up had to be absolutely on point, otherwise you were down the back. The competitors from Western Australia did awesome, and we came in 2nd in the "State of Origin" race. (this being a competition between states with two drivers from each state in every class race) Doing Western Australia proud! However for some people, their weekend was ruined by changing hard to soft tyres, carnage or the track itself. A big shout out to everyone that came down to The Bend and raced. Well done to everyone that made the podium.

Thank you for making Hurricane Your Place To Race!  
- Zane





"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.

The Marlene Dean Kart Muster is just around the corner, it is set to be a big meeting. Please think about volunteering your time to this great day.

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# 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](mailto:hqkcnews@gmail.com)

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



# MARLENE DEAN KART MUSTER:

RACE DAY FORMAT IS AS FOLLOWS;

**GATES OPEN:** 9.00AM  
**PRACTICE:** 10AM TO 12PM

– Cadets, Juniors and Seniors practice in separate sessions

**SCRUTINEERING:** 10AM TO 11AM

– 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:** 11AM

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

**OFFICIALS BRIEFING:** 11.30AM

**HGKC ANNUAL AGM MEETING:** 12.15PM

**DRIVERS BRIEFING:** 1.15PM

**ANNUAL DRIVER IMAGE:** DIRECTLY AFTER DRIVERS BRIEF

– All drivers are asked to bring their karts to the main straight for the annual Marlene Dean Kart Muster Photo

**RACING COMMENCES:** 1.30PM

**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

REECE FRIEND- 9TH NOVEMBER

VALERIE WILKS- 30TH NOVEMBER

TROY WORBOYS- 5TH NOVEMBER

TOBY HOBSON- 10TH NOVEMBER

STUART MCELROY- 15TH NOVEMBER

NICOLAS RASO- 23RD NOVEMBER

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

A) NASH- 17TH NOVEMBER

ANDREW MCCARTNEY- 20TH NOVEMBER

JASON PEIRCE- 27TH NOVEMBER

NICOLAS STATI- 1ST NOVEMBER

JORDAN KING- 16TH NOVEMBER

CASSIE WORBOYS- 2ND NOVEMBER

STUART DEAN- 13TH NOVEMBER

SHANNON ELLYARD- 30TH NOVEMBER

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# OCTOBER 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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