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Sprint karts collect in Kalgoorlie

KART RACING

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For almost a week more than 400 people, comprising 36 competitors, helpers, family members and officials converged on the newly upgraded Kalgoorlie karting circuit for the 2005 WA State Sprint Karting Championships.

Some travelled from as far away as Tasmania and Brisbane plus the major contingent from across WA.

With 12 strongly contested classes, there was continuous action. As with most major karting events, the week was filled with practice up until the end of Thursday with time trials beginning on the Friday morning.

At the completion of the two five-minute time trials for each class where each competitor is electronically timed, the grid positions are established for the first of four racing heats. The first round of heats were run on the Friday, these being of eight laps.

The second round, also of eight laps, was run on Saturday morning followed by the 12 lap pre-final in the afternoon. The pre-finals are very important because the finishing order determined the starting positions for the 17 lap finals on Sunday.

While there were the inevitable first corner clashes, the racing was both fair and tough. As is usual for karting, the ambulance staff had an uneventful time with no race karter injury reports to fill out.

At the completion of the racing for each class in the finals, each place

getter kart was impounded and its engine was checked for conformity to the stringent karting rules for that class. In addition to this, tyres and fuel were also checked for conformity over the racing period. As is most usual, there were no breaches.

After the racing and the final engine checking had been completed, the presentations took place with all classes being sponsored by local companies.

The Kalgoorlie club did a great job in hosting the event over the long weekend and we look forward to the same at Bunbury next year.

In the last article I said I would post relevant karting websites. The sprint karting address is www.kartingwa.com.au and for dirt racing www.communitywebs.org/~AIDKA Both sites have many links to karting across Australia.



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