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Development weekend a winner

KART RACING

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Recently, I mentioned that the Perth-based Tiger Kart Club had organised a Junior Development Weekend.

That weekend has passed and what a success it was. In addition to those from the Perth metro area, there were entries from Kalgoorlie, Albany, Geraldton, Bunbury, Wundowie and even Exmouth. Mums, dads and kids everywhere.

As its name implies the weekend was for junior drivers only, encompassing Midgets from seven

years of age to Juniors of up to 16 years.

Saturday was devoted to the "theoretical" side of karting, with sessions on stewarding, scrutineering, kart preparation and maintenance, track study, driving lines and understanding the kart and how to make changes.

There was also a motivational session that was enhanced with the presence of David Clark, a former WA karting driver who has won multiple State and national championships.

Clark is now racing Formula Ford at national level for Optima Sport.

Sunday was a formal race meeting allowing the group to put their new-found knowledge into practice.

It was the first event of this type for WA but clearly it was positively received by the karters and their parents.

As a barometer of karting, the fact that there were 50 entries overall, including 16 Midgets, tells us that karting is experiencing some healthy growth.

Testament to this was that there had been several new club memberships and karting licences taken out only weeks before the event.

One could certainly hear the sound of some squeaky new racesuits on the day.

Congratulations to the Tiger Club for the successful weekend and hopefully this type of event will



Karters of today and the future.

become a regular feature in the WA karting calendar.

While writing this fortnight's column, I received a phone call from a Tiger committee member who said that many senior-level karters, on hearing about the junior meeting, want something similar for themselves. I'll keep you informed.

Australian Independent Dirt Kart Association's calendar of events

July 23: Jennacubbine

August 5: Wagin

August 13: Busselton and Oldbury (Wellard)

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