

CBC President's Report 2024

The Canterbury Blokart Club has had quite an eventful 12 months!

Firstly, we had to adjust to the challenge of 20 shipping containers being positioned on the apron area creating a wind shadow and reduced the sailing area.

The Club's long-standing relationship with the Airforce Museum was tested as the museum transitioned to a more commercial basis with strict Health & Safety requirements.

The availability of Wigram as a venue for the NZ Open was uncertain right up to the last week before the event and during the NZO we had to deal with a windstorm with some of the highest wind speeds ever in Christchurch (Chch).

Just a week before the NZ Open at Wigram, the club hosted the SIO at Carter's Beach near Westport. This was a huge logistics challenge for the club and the first time an NZ BAI event was held at a beach location. A big thanks to Terry Helm who was the driving force behind making it happen.

Both the SIO and NZO were very successful events for the Club in terms of reputation, results and financially.

I really want to thank my fellow hard-working Committee members who voluntarily give up their time to ensure these events and the regular Club activities ran smoothly all year.

Our Club's team spirit and culture is something we should ALL be proud of as we have ALL contributed to it. From hosting Blokart events like the SIO & NZO, welcoming new members and visitors, to supporting the various social activities like dinners, movie nights and the Jalopy jaunt car rally as well as coming out regularly for a Sunday sail and a drink afterwards at the Wigram Brewery. These all help make our club a friendly and welcoming environment that people will want to promote & join. This is something I really want to continue forward and encourage you to support.

In terms of growth, the club attracted seven (7) new members in the last few months, which bodes well for the future. We also have the prospect of some future sailing at the 1km long Tawaki Aerospace runway at Ellesmere to look forward to.

Not only has the Canterbury Blokart Club navigated through some significant challenges in 2024, but it is continuing to thrive with the injection of new members. Here's to an exciting 2025!

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