

## Presidents Report 2010-2011

Firstly I must thank the committee, Barry Emms, Dave Griffin, Dave Ablett, Peter Kingsbury and Vaughan Lucking for a stirring effort during the season in which the club has gone from strength to strength.

Unfortunately Dave Ablett has had to 'call it quits' at this time due to his earthquake work commitments.

Our membership has grown by a little over the year from 58 to 66, unfortunately we are losing some members but have more coming along to enjoy the blokart experience.

The weather was not quite so kind to us this year, but we did manage to race/sail on 41 Sunday's plus 3 week days during the season with numbers varying from 10 – 24 with an average turnout of 16 members. The total racing fees paid to the Museum was \$6,640.00. The club kart has been hired to 44 individuals during the season.

A new format for the club champs was tried this year, which was a 7 race series with 4 to count. This proved very successful with 16 production entries and 15 performance entries over the series.

Congratulations to all who competed and to the winners and place getters.

Tech nights were again held at various times during the season. They were successful but it would be great to see more turn up to learn more about blokarts and the racing rules.

A number of significant events occurred over the year

- . the club visited Nelson to help in the formation of a Club in Nelson which is progressing towards formation. This event was organised by Peter Kingsbury and was by all accounts very successful – something we should do again.
- . 4 of our club members travelled to Ohakea for the NZ masters Champs.
- . The club took part in various displays during the year:
  - Outdoor Expo
  - Boys Day Out
  - Beach Blast
  - Helicopter Heroes.
- . Significant contributions by committee members during the season

Barry Emm	Has kept us all in order and has kept all our records and finances in impeccable fashion
Peter Kingsbury	Designed and built display boards for promotional materials, organised
Dave Ablett	Organised Tech night venues and sponsored the very classy club wind flag. Provided tools and expertise track side to repair breakages
Dave Griffin	Maintained the weather station and web site, and is our club NZBAI rep.
Vaughan Lucking	Huge help obtaining a community grant for club trailer.
Jim Dale	Supplying tyres for club kart.

Various members have also helped man club displays, looked after the club kart, donated prizes for the SIO raffle and generally help out on club days.

Dave Ablett, Dave Griffin, Peter Kingsbury and Terry Helm – donated club trophies.

Lastly it is great to see competition hotting up in both racing classes with an obvious rise in sailing standards during the season, bring on the South Island and NZ Champs in October this year – this is to make up for the SI champs which had to be called off because of the February quake. Hopefully we our new found form we can give the north islander's a run for their money.

President

Jim Dale