



## Presidents Report 2011-2012

Firstly I must thank the committee, Barry Emms, Vaughan Lucking, Bob Jelley, Rudolph Meltzer, Terry Helm and Peter McCrea for a great effort during the season in which the club has gone from strength to strength.

Unfortunately Dave Griffin and Peter Kingsbury have had to 'call it quits' at this time due to work and earthquake work commitments.

Because of this the committee approached Rudolph, Terry and Peter and appointed them onto the committee.

Our membership has stayed fairly steady over the year at around 65, unfortunately we are losing some members but have more coming along to enjoy the blokart experience.

We raced/sail on 51 days during the year with total of 43 Sundays, and 8 non Sundays which included 3 during the SIO Champs.

Our numbers have been varying from 6 – 23 with an average turnout of about 16 members. Noticeably the last few weeks have seen 20+ turning up each week which is great. The total racing fees paid to the Museum was \$8350.00. The club kart has been hired to 44 individuals during the season with a total income of \$880.

We have used the same format for the club champs this year as last year, which was a 7 race series with 4 to count. This has proved very successful with 16 production entries and 12 performance entries over the series, with a lot of great competition going on. There has been a noticeable improvement in the standard of racing and sailing 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. We have also started tech sailing days with the first one a month ago. This was also successful with participants telling us that they had learnt a bit more because of the practical aspect of the day.

A number of significant events occurred over the year

- . We held a very successful SIO with 32 competitors with 13 from other clubs, a number of our club members did particularly well against top opposition
- . The club visited Carters Beach along with a number of members of the new Nelson Club (TOTS). This event was organised by Peter Kingsbury and was by all accounts very successful – something we should do again.
- , Our new club trailer was completed with a huge amount of work put in by Barry in particular with a number of other members making a significant contribution during the build plus a large number of donations towards the build materials.

A number of fund raising initiatives took place during the year with a good sum going into club coffers:

- Ally Crabb with her eggs every Sunday.
- Ann with her massages at the SIO open
- Barry selling pallets for firewood

4 of our club members travelled to Papamoa for the NZ Champs, no gongs but all performed well against the cream of NZ Blokarters.

A two of our members also competed in the NIO champs at Ohakea during the year.

One of our members competed in the Australian Open Champs and came away with an Aussie Title which may not have gone down to well across the ditch.

Two members have recently returned from the World Champs in Nevada where they competed well but found the competition fairly stiff

The club took part in only one display during the year at Kites over Canterbury at Lake Hood

Significant contributions by committee members during the season

Barry Emms	Has again kept us all in order and has kept all our records and finances in impeccable fashion. He also our BAI rep.
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Bob Jelley	Is the organiser for tech nights and sailing days
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Rudolph, Terry and Peter	Have been helping to run our Sunday Meetings and are all starting to come up with new ideas on how to run the club
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Peter Kingsbury	Is continuing to help with signage and our membership form
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Dave Griffin	Is continuing to maintain the weather station and web site.
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Vaughan Lucking	Huge help obtaining a community grant for the second club kart.
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Jim Dale	Supplying tyres for club kart and generally running club racing.
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Neville Shackley	Has done all our artwork for the club trailer and our flyers, he is also responsible for our club and sail logos, a great effort
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Various members have also helped man club displays, looked after the club kart, donated prizes for the SIO raffle and generally helped out on club days.

We now have a second club kart which will be put to great use I am sure.

Our next project will be a ride on mower as we feel that when the new hanger is finished our reduced sailing area will be severely compromised and we will need to use the grass for

some parts of our courses particularly in NW or S conditions and it needs to be very short and preferably dry to achieve some sort of speed.

I would also like to announce that Graeme Gordon has very generously donated his shadow to the club, we have been using on loan for some time now but this is a great gesture by Graeme and Urban Wheels. Graeme is also sponsoring our stand at the Outdoor Show to the tune of \$287 – great going Graeme.

Lastly it is great to see competition continuing to get better in both racing classes with an obvious rise in sailing standards during the season.

With great regret I will not be standing again this year as Shirley and I will be moving to Australia later in the year. My hope is that the Club continues to prosper and grow and we will continue to be members for the foreseeable future and hope that we may be able to get something going in the area we will living and be able to host Canterbury members in Australia.

President

Jim Dale