

## **BSRKC 218 ENTRIES AT KAWARTHA SPEEDWAY**

By Brad Buckler

Once again the Brian Stewart Racing Karting Championship (BSRKC) has lived up to their promise of being the place to race in 2008. On July 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> the series returned to the fast and exciting track at Kawartha Downs and Speedway. It only seems fitting that if you are going to race at a venue that includes a casino, you have to up the ante on the prize front, and the series organizers certainly did. When the racing was done, the winners took home more prizes and cash than at any other BSRKC event to date this year.

Although the series organizers keep working to make the series better with each race, it's the Karters and the great racing that is making this the series to participate in for 2008. The fast challenging track at Kawartha Downs and Speedway provided for close racing in every class. The spectators on hand were treated to some great racing. All the competitors should be proud of the show they put on.

Last year the BSRKC held the first ever karting event at the Kawartha Downs and Speedway, and the event was a huge success thanks in part to the excellent support and help from the Speedway staff. Again this year the Speedway did a great job making sure that the event ran smoothly. On Friday night the Speedway was running their regular Friday night stock car event. One of the highlights of the night was a karting demo race held during the intermission for the Honda classes. The race was held on the full oval with a 5 lap race for both the Junior and Senior competitors. The wide, smooth, banked track allowed them to run flat out for 5 laps, and they must have set a top end speed record for Honda powered karts. The Seniors were running lap times comparative to the lap times run by the late model stock cars.

You would never know it was just a demo race for fun when you looked at how much time went in to coming up with some pretty radical kart setups. In the Junior race it was Bryson Schutte and Scott Nagel side by side heading for the start finish line, but Bryson managed to get the race win with Julius Makos a very close third. The Senior race saw four karts all with a chance to win as they entered the last turn but in the end it was Reid Arnold racing with a 6.5 engine that took the surprise win. The real winners, of course, are the karters in Ontario as events like this are a great way to promote the sport.

A to Z Capital and Andy DeFrancesco keep on stepping up their sponsorship of the Series. Together with Kawartha Speedway and Derek Lynch, Yorkdale Ford and Yogen Fruz, the Cadet, Novice and Junior Classes were presented with Sony PlayStation 3s, Sony iPod Lites, Nintendo DSs, Video Camcorders, Monster Trucks and \$100.00 gift certificates from EB Games. The Senior 4 Cycle and 2 Cycle Classes all received cheques in the amount of \$250.00, \$150.00 and \$100.00 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively. Cody Schindel from Autosports Media Group presented the Fast Qualifiers with their deserving photos.

After two days of practice on Thursday and Friday everyone was anxious to get the racing started on Saturday morning. In the Rotax Micro Max class it was Grant Quinlan taking the victory with a hard fought win over the hard charging second place Devlin DeFrancesco. Third place went to Matteus Makos. Continuing with the Rotax karts in Mini Max it was Artem Korolev finishing first, ahead of Cameron Morrison and Nicholas Ledson. The Junior Rotax competitors staged an exciting race with close racing throughout the field. Kevin Monteith was the winner finishing ahead of Zac Mahoney in second, and Justine Treadwell in third.

In the Rotax Max class the race win went to Pearce Herder. Matthew Abram finished in second place ahead of Marc Stehle. The race winner in Rotax DD2 was Enrico Menotti, followed by Jason France and Derek Woodbridge. Taking the checkered flag to win the ICC Moto class was Josh Adams, with Addison Rayner less than a half second behind in second place. It was Ryan Horses finishing in third. The only Honda class to run on Saturday was Junior Medium. Julius Makos, Michael Taibi, Scott Nagel, and Reid Arnold all led at least one lap. It was Scott Nagel who was at the front when it counted. Michael Taibi was second and Tristan Gill was third.

On Sunday it was the Honda classes' turn to take the spotlight. In Cadet it was Austin Bisschop taking the race win, with Ty Lucio in second place and Noah Bray rounding out the top three. In Novice it was Ayrton Drosi who led from start to finish with Devlin DeFrancesco not far behind in second place. Clay Van Eerd was third. The Junior Lite drivers put on a great show with five different racers taking a turn at the front. It was Cameron Morrison that grabbed the lead from Scott Nagel on the last lap. Nagel hung on for second and Trevor Rancier finished in third.

Junior Heavy was the largest class with 26 racers. Zac Mahoney was the class winner, finishing ahead of A.J. Emms in second and Kevin Monteith in third. In the Senior Lite class it was Pearce Herder and Tyler Hendricks that waged a close battle for 19 of the 20 laps. But on the final lap it was Pearce Herder finishing in first ahead of Jonathon Treadwell in second and Gary Klutt in third. The only 2 stroke class to run on Sunday was Rotax TAG. Paul Carvalho was the winner; Ryan Horses put up a good battle to finish in second, while in third place was Michael Glaze. In Senior Heavy it was Kris Martin posting the fastest lap and also getting the race win. Tyler Hendricks finished in second and Jack Manns was third. The Masters class saw Glenn Butler finish in first ahead of Fred Jordan in second and Jake Collison in third.

The events keep getting bigger and better and what's constant with the BSRKC is the great racing, great prizes and the enjoyment all of the competitors derive from taking part in this Series.

Next up on the schedule is the legendary Bear Hunt special event at Shannonville Motorsport Park where I have it on very good authority that A to Z Capital Corp. and Andy DeFrancesco together with Mid Toronto Mitsubishi, Scarborough Mitsubishi and Yogen Fruz have upped the prize purse once again to \$10,000.00. This weekend is

expected to be the largest Karting race in Canada in 2008. The series organizers look forward to seeing everyone there on July 30 to Aug. 3, 2008.