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BRIAN STEWART RACING KARTING CHAMPIONSHIP PREPARES FOR KICK OFF OF 2009 SEASON

*BSRKC action starts this weekend at the venerable 3-S Go Karts track
in Sutton to start off the Ontario regional karting season*

Sutton West, Ontario – The Brian Stewart Racing Karting Championship Series embarks on their fourth season of competition in Ontario as karters from all over the province take to the 3-S Go Karts track, home to the Simcoe Kart Club. Event organizers have been working diligently to prepare for an amazing season of competition. With over 430 registered karters, the fields in all sixteen classes should be tight and very competitive. The Simcoe Kart Club and the Waterloo Regional Kart Club have worked in tandem to make this series competitive, enjoyable and rewarding for all participants.

“You have to be on your game and never let up,” commented track owner Enzo Chiovitti Sr. “You get the esses right and you can win your race. Otherwise you’ll be going to the back.”

The BSRKC is a six race traveling series that competes at various Ontario tracks. The BSRKC series contests a total of sixteen classes at each event weekend with the addition of four special classes at the Canadian National *BEAR HUNT* Races held at Shannonville Motorsport Park from July 29 to August 2, an event that drew a record 484 entries last year. The Series is also a Rotax Qualifier and runs all Rotax Max classes under the official Rotax Max Challenge rules.

“I really can’t wait to get this season underway,” stated Mike Preston, WRKC representative and trackside announcer. “All of the supporting clubs and sponsors have really worked hard to make this the best season ever.”

With so many classes and so many off-season moves you need a program to keep track of the players. Strong four-cycle numbers are complemented by growing two-cycle entries. Drivers running multiple classes will test stamina and versatility. Here is a quick run down of last season’s champions and what classes are up for grabs.

Cadet Honda – Austin Bisschop 2008 Champion

This class is up for grabs as Bisschop has made the move up to Novice. With thirteen registered drivers this will be fun to watch our future stars in action. Anything can happen as these new pilots push their limits.

Novice Honda – Ayrton Drosi 2008 Champion

Another class looking for a new champion as Drosi moves up a class leaving the title chase wide open. Look for a strong field of nineteen registered drivers.

Junior Light – Cameron Morrison 2008 Champion

Like so many junior category classes, this one will crown a new champion in September as Cameron Morrison moves up to Junior Heavy. The racing will be tight and wild as twenty-seven drivers take to the track with eyes set on a championship.

Junior Medium – Artem Korolev 2008 Champion

The 'Russian Rocket' Artem Korolev worked his magic and took the Medium title in 2008 under the watchful eye of Paul Lapierre. This class is a mix of light and heavy drivers fielding a wide range of skill and passion. A total of twenty-seven drivers look to take the green flag.

Junior Heavy – Reid Arnold 2008 Champion

Reigning Canadian Junior Champion and BSRKC Junior Heavy Champion Reid Arnold will be the driver to beat in Junior Heavy for 2009. Arnold will bring an extensive international resume to an incredible field looking to take that title away. With a staggering thirty-one registered drivers, the only thing wilder than the on track action maybe getting a spot near the fence to watch the race.

Senior Light – Pearce Herder 2008 Champion

A double class champion in 2008, look for Herder to defend his title against a full field of rookies and veterans. Senior Light never fails to deliver a chess match at 100 kph as drivers' position themselves for the last lap. An amazing total of forty-four drivers have registered for the class.

Senior Heavy – Tyler Hendricks 2008 Champion

Capping a break out season, Tyler Hendricks was able to best an extremely tight field of seasoned drivers to take the title. If Hendricks returns to competition he will be looking to defend his crown against a field of thirty-three drivers.

Masters – Glenn Butler 2008 Champion

A master who completed a masterful run, Glenn Butler proved he can beat the best and took the top spot in 2008 from a deep field of seasoned vets. The question remains will Butler suit up one more time to take on thirty-two registered drivers proving again that passion and enthusiasm knows no age.

Micro Max – Grant Quinlan 2008 Champion

Ultra smooth and super quick Grant Quinlan bested a tough field in the series newest classification. With Quinlan jumping to Mini Max for 2009, the deck is cleared for the field of ten to fight for the title.

Mini Max – Artem Korolev 2008 Champion

Setting the pace at every event in 2008, Korolev made the most of his break out season to take a second title in BSRKC action. This new class boasted stiff competition and tight racing all season long. Jumping to the Junior Max category with a strong run in Downsview, Korolev opened the door to a new champion from the thirteen registered pilots.

Junior Max – Kevin Monteith 2008 Champion

One the best stories of 2008, Junior stand out Kevin Monteith and long time tuner Wendy Monteith put an exclamation mark on a great Junior career taking the 2008 Junior Max title. For 2009 Monteith has moved into the big house, already campaigning the Senior Max category in Florida Winter Tour action. Junior Max maybe the most hotly and closely contested class in the series with a total of thirty-three young drivers (and sixty-six nervous parents) looking to capture the top spot on the box.

Senior Max – Pearce Herder 2008 Champion

Another double winner, the tall and quiet Pearce Herder will have to dig deep to keep his title streak alive at the BSRKC. The second largest field in the series, Senior Max has thirty-seven registered drivers looking to knock Herder off the top spot.

DD2 Max – Enrico Menotti 2008 Champion

Returning to defend his crown, the calm and focused Menotti will be up against a deep field including a Canadian Champion and new crop of hungry rookies. 'Rico' will need all of his experience to keep the field of twenty four two-speed pilots behind him.

TAG Senior – Michael Glaze 2008 Champion

Probably one of the most versatile and experienced racers to run the 3-S Go Karts track, Glaze blazed a trail in a new class for 2008, taking the TAG Senior title. He will need all the local knowledge he has to hold off the charge from a grid of thirty-two karts.

Shifter – Addison Rayner 2008 Champion

Taking the 2008 Shifter crown was an incredible milestone for the soft-spoken Rayner who upped his game in 2008 to reach the top spot in the fastest class. Shifter remains on the schedule in part due to the efforts of this tight knit group of competitors.

This weekend's Round One festivities are sponsored by the great folks at CF Group & Cole Cacciavillani, along with Quinlan Inc. & Todd Quinlan, and the Simcoe Kart Club

Everyone will receive a t-shirt at Registration sponsored by MG Tires and Mitographics Inc. Adding to the already deep prize packages announced over the past few weeks the top three in each class with ten or more entries will each receive \$150.00, \$100.00 and \$50.00.

For more information on the Brian Stewart Racing Karting Championship go to the series website at www.bsrkc.com , call Lynda Chiovitti at 905.722.3089 or contact her via email at LyndaChiovitti@hotmail.com .

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