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Brian Stewart Racing Karting Championship Round #1 Race Report *Extremely successful opening event for BSRKC in Sutton*

Sutton, ON – Beautiful sunny skies welcomed 103 4-cycle Honda drivers to 3-S Go Karts in Sutton, Ontario for the opening round of the 2010 Brian Stewart Racing Karting Championship. On the track, the racing was nerve-racking as nearly every race went down to the wire, while off the track, the feel in the paddock was electric with excitement as many drivers and teams made their first regional event start of the year.

The new event style of practice on Saturday, race on Sunday received big thumbs up from many competitors and families, and in turn drew a very large turnout. Brian Stewart of Brian Stewart Racing, a Firestone Indy Lights racing team, was on hand to help present trophies and prizes as well as interact with karters throughout the day's events. As always, Simcoe Kart Club welcomed everyone to their home track with open arms, and did a fantastic job as the host club.

With only six classes taking to the track, the on-track events flowed through very well, with the final feature event completing around the 3:30 mark. Everything ran on schedule and the trophy presentation completed a successful first event of the year. Aaron De Heus provided the event with some very exciting race coverage and post-race driver interviews with the days winners.

Novice

After cruising to the pole position in qualifying and driving away with the pre-final, Austin Bisschop was joined by Ty Lucio on the front row for their final race of the day. The two battled hard from the drop of the green flag, completing multiple passes per lap. Neither driver led for a complete lap as the fences filled to watch the 20-



Austin Bisschop swept the day in the Novice class

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lap final. Holding the lead entering the ‘grid corner’ on the final lap Bisschop held the inside line allowing Lucio to get a run into the final corner. Diving to the inside in the final corner, he misjudged his attempt and jumped over the rear bumper of Bisschop and into the outside wall, ending his race. Bisschop won, and was joined by Taylor Wassink and Joshua Conquer on the podium.

Junior Lite



*Junior Lite winner Jaret Stewart (center) on the podium with Brian Stewart, Matteus Makos (left) and Gerrit Tiemersma (right)
(Photo by: Cody Schindel - Autosports Media Group)*

A similar story erupted in the Junior Lite class as Jaret Stewart and Matteus Makos quickly separated themselves from the field. Although not as many passes were completed the two fought hard for the lead. With only a handful of laps remaining the two put the race into high gear, making moves in the ‘quanson corner’ with many counter attempts to follow. Drag racing to the finish line, Stewart earned his first win of the year slightly ahead of Makos. Not to go unnoticed, the battle for third involved four karts, all Novice graduates from 2009. Battling their way through the 20-lap final, Gerrit Tiemersma grabbed the final step on the podium fighting off a hard charging Clay Van Eerd and Tyson Miles.

Junior Heavy

Eighteen karts took the track in a Junior Heavy field full of excitement. With the top eleven drivers within a half-second in qualifying, the fences around 3-S Go Karts filled up once again for the final race of the day. Fast qualifier Nicholas Ledson lead the way around for the first lap, but was hounded by 2009 Junior Heavy Champion Tristan Gill and Grant Quinlan. As the three battled up front, Sean McPhee, Michael Taibi and Andrew Prescott quickly joined them making it a six-kart battle for the lead. Gill held onto the point until the midway mark when Quinlan snuck underneath him in turn five. The pass caught Gill slightly off guard and bobbled the group behind him. This allowed Quinlan to pull away to victory, and the



Grant Quinlan won an exciting Junior Heavy final

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rest to battle for second. Joining the mix for the final five laps, Scotty Nagel, who started at the back, made a valiant attempt at the podium, but when the checkered flag flew it was McPhee and Ledson joining Quinlan on the podium. Gill was classified in fourth followed by Nagel and Prescott.

Senior Lite



The largest class of the day, Honda Senior Lite, looked to be the most exciting as the pre-final witnessed plenty of passing for the lead. However, after getting a great start, Cory Cacciavillani was the class-act of the field, and posted very quick lap times to pull an early lead. Behind him, it was Michael Glaze, Jonathon Treadwell and Greg Rempel battling early for second spot. With a dive to the inside in turn eight, Rempel grabbed the position and set foot on catching the lead kart of Cacciavillani. Glaze and Treadwell were then joined by Kyle Herder to fight for the final podium position. At the finish line, Cacciavillani took the checkers followed by Rempel and Herder.

Senior Heavy

Cory Cacciavillani won both Senior Lite and Senior Heavy in his first event in Senior competition

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Pulling double-duty, both Cacciavillani and Rempel started on the front row in Senior Heavy. David Patrick, making it a three kart fight for the lead, joined the duo of drivers from the Point Pelee Karting Club early. However, Cacciavillani was on top of his game and went untouched to earn his second victory of the day. Rempel followed suit to earn his second runner-up spot of the day and Patrick cruised to a third place finish. In an exciting battle fourth position, AJ Emms, Wesley Schindel, David Miller and TJ Marshall, were the ones to watch in this race. The four karts sliced and diced the entire race, in a gentleman's league style. Schindel eventually crossed fourth with Emms, Marshall and Miller in tow.



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Masters

Jake Collison kicked off his pursuit to repeat as BSRKC Masters champion in fine fashion, dominating the day's events. After qualifying on the pole-position by a whopping six-tenths of a second, he drove to victory in the pre-final. Jumping out to an early lead, he was no match for the remainder of the field, as he cruised on a Sunday drive to victory. Behind him, the trio of Paul Draganac, Scott Brooks and Fred Jordan all took swings at second place, with Draganac and Brooks stepping on the podium in second and third place respectively. Not to go unnoticed, 2006 and 2008 Masters Champion Glenn Butler started the final in nineteenth, after a flat tire ended his pre-final, and drove to a seventh place finish right behind long-time karter of Tony Launi.



*Jake Collison dominated the day in Masters
(Photo by: Cody Schindel - Autosports Media Group)*

The BSRKC now turns to Kawartha Downs this coming weekend for the opening rounds for the 2-cycle classes. The unique event will run on Sunday and Monday and will feature a double-header with racing on both days joined by the Honda Jr. Medium class. The 4-cycle racers will return to action on July 2-4 in Leamington for the first combined event of the BSRKC schedule. Sunday's events were sponsored by AIM Sports (USA) & Mike McKnight, 401 Dixie Nissan/Infiniti & Peter Geer, KnK Karts North America & Kevin Barrick and Autosports Media Group & Cody Schindel.

For more information about the Brian Stewart Racing Karting Championship Series including event schedules and information, please visit their website <http://bsrkc.com> or call Lynda Chiovitti at 905.722.3089 or contact her via email at LyndaChiovitti@hotmail.com .

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