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BSRKC 2011 Canadian Grand National Bear Hunt Shannonville Report

Many of the top kart racers from across Ontario and Quebec descended on Shannonville Motorsport Park July 27th for the most popular kart racing event of the season. Five days later, 21 racers left with the coveted Bear trophies: the other 343 racers left with memories, great cash and draw prizes, and with the knowledge that they would have to wait for next year to get another shot at the prestigious Bear.

The racing action started on Friday morning with a wet track and heavy rain clouds overhead. With just half of the qualifying sessions completed the racing conditions deteriorated to the point that the event organizers had no choice but to cancel racing for the rest of the day, rescheduling Friday's races to Saturday morning. It was going to be a long day but driver safety dictated this was the best thing to do.

On Saturday morning the sun was shining, the track was dry, and the racing started with the balance of Friday's schedule. Cory Cacciavillani made his return to racing action in grand style after taking a month off by claiming three Bears on Saturday with wins in the Senior Rotax/TaG, Senior Medium, and Senior Heavy classes. In Senior Rotax/TaG it was Michael Glaze finishing second and Adam Racine placing third in his first ever two stroke race. Second and third respectively in Senior Medium were Greg Rempel and Pearce Herder. In Senior Heavy it was T.J. Marshall second and Brett Rickeard in third. In the Cadet class Tyson Wassink had a strong run taking the win with a five second lead over Caleb Colling the second place finisher, with Jaden Baillargeon rounding out the top three.



*Cory Cacciavillani led when it counted
(Photo: Jim McGlade)*

In Junior Lite Clay Van Eerd was the fastest kart in qualifying, but it was Cole Smith-Ledson with the fastest race lap taking the win in the process, this was one of the closest finishes of the day, with less than two tenths of a second separating the top three karts.



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Austin Bisschop finished second and Clay Van Eerd was third. In the Junior Pro race it was Maxime Couturier claiming the Bear, with Nicholas Ledson taking home the second place prize money, and Trevor Rancier finishing third. The Novice racers also staged a great battle with Joe Soranno leading when it counted followed closely by Jade Franklin in second and Ciarra Collison in third. In Rotax/Tag Junior the winner was Cameron Morrison, Nicholas Ledson was second, and Trevor Rancier was third. Later in the day they would do it again for the second Rotax/TaG Junior race with the same results. In Rotax DD2 it was Darren White taking the win followed by Michael Glaze in second, and Matthew Di Leo in third.



*Cameron Morrison dominated in Rotax/TaG Junior
(Photo: Jim McGlade)*

Junior Medium was won by Ryan Mohan, with Scott Nagel taking the second place podium spot and Trevor Rancier claiming the third place trophy. In the Novice points race on Saturday it was Ciarra Collison winning her first Bear, Zachery Latimer crossed the line next for second and Joe Soranno was third.

The final day of racing saw Scott Nagel taking the win in Junior Heavy, Ryan Mohan collecting a second Bear with a win in Junior Lite, Jeffrey Kingsley winning the Rotax Mini-Max race, T.J.

Marshall won Senior Lite, and Michael Glaze got the job done by snaring Sunday's Bear in Sr. Rotax/TaG. In other racing action over the three days, the Masters raced twice with Jake Collison winning the first Bear and Steve Lyons winning the second Bear. Steve accepted his Bear on Sunday dedicating the win to his father and long time karting supporter Bill Lyons. The ever exciting ICC Moto class also raced twice over the weekend with the top three putting on quite the show. However, Frank Launi prevailed to take home two Bears.

Next up is the final BSRKC race of the 2011 season sponsored by Kawartha Speedway. With most class champions yet to be crowned August 27th and 28th will be crucial dates for any racers with championship aspirations, especially with 100 extra bonus points going to all those that attend. The Speedway is a favorite venue for the drivers. As with all BSRKC races there will be draw prizes, and cash prizes for all official BSRKC classes. Event details including Registration, schedules, and accommodations, are in the 2011 SCHEDULE section posted at www.BSRKC.com. For those that can't get enough Senior Honda racing, the Medium class has been added to Saturday's schedule.



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