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Brian Stewart Racing Karting Championship Shannonville Friday Results

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The series organizers were ecstatic with the number of racers that have shown up at Shannonville Motorsports Park to try and claim a Bear, one of the most coveted awards in Canadian Kart racing. By the end of the day on Friday they had already surpassed the number of entrants for last year's race. Many of the racers have lots of laps in at the Shannonville track so it was clear from the start you were going to have to work hard to finish on top in every class.

The first session of the day was the Junior Heavy class and they set the tone for every class that would follow, with close racing through out the field. A.J. Emms, and T.J. Marshall made it clear from the start they were going to be hard to beat as they quickly started to develop a lead on the rest of the field. When they crossed the start finish line for the last time Emms managed to hold off T.J. to lay claim to the first Bear of the day. Reid Arnold finished second but had to always be concerned about Melissa Glaze in third and Jonathon Treadwell right behind in fourth.

In the Masters Class veteran Karter Jake Collison held off a hard charging Steve Lyons, to get his first of 2 wins for the day. Over the years these two have had many close hard fought races and this one would be no different with Collison beating Lyons by less then a Kart length.. Fred Jordan finished in third. In the first Rotax session for the weekend it was Michael Glaze who jumped into the lead off the start and then started to build a lead over the rest of the field. That wasn't the case for the rest of the podium positions as Kurtis St. Clair in second was under attack from a number of challengers. When the checkered flag was waived it was Brad Forbes who had worked his way up to second place followed by Matt Abrams and St. Clair in third and fourth respectively.

The Novice class put on a great show with a number of close passes and some really exciting racing. Scott Nagel was the first leader but ended up being shuffled back in the field when a number of the front runners got together on lap 3. Brandon Hauck, managed to emerge with the lead and held it for a number of laps but Trevor Rancier, Justin Collison and Grant Quinlan were all charging hard to stay with the leader. Trevor managed to work his way to the front to claim the Bear with Collison in second and Hauck in third when the race had ended.

In the Junior Rotax race it was Chris Olivera who jumped into an early lead followed by Joshua Gilbert, Reid Arnold and Jonathon Treadwell. Treadwell went to work and started to move up through the field. At the finish it was Treadwell in first, Arnold in second and Olivera finishing third.

The Senior Medium race was a closely fought battle with a number of passes at the front of the field. Some of the passes worked, and some ended up not working out so well. Tyler Hendricks and Pearce Hearder had a turn competing for the first spot for the first few laps, but that end when they came together in turn one. David Patrick then took a turn to lead but that also came to end going into turn one when a number of karts tried to get down the inside. When the dust settled it was Darryl Timmers with lead, Ryan Brutzki was in second with Wesley Schindel close behind in third. In Senior Heavy Jake Collison finished his day with a second Bear. David Patrick and Cameron Coulbeck were second and third respectively.

When it was all said and done for the day, it was not just the organizers who were really pleased with the results, so were many of the racers. The race winners had the coveted Bear, and all of the Podium finishers received awesome prizes along with their trophies courtesy of race sponsors Sky rider Equipment and A to Z Capital Corp.