

Scottish Karting 2015

Once again Scottish Karting and the West of Scotland Kart Club have produced a British Kart Champion. Dexter Paterson sealed his Championship after the final round of the championship at PF International. This follows in the wake of Dean McDonald and, a little while ago, Paul DiResta.

Generally karting in Scotland is in poor shape with all clubs reporting low numbers. This seems to be the trend around the UK. Many other disciplines are showing increased licence holders and/or events according to the MSA statistics, with only karting showing dipping numbers. The ASKC have been having some constructive meetings recently and will continue to do so in order to support each other during 2016.

Personally I feel the root cause is the continuing rising costs which are in some part brought about by poor driving standards and lack of respect for officials and fellow competitors. This is leading to damage of expensive equipment and hence the large bills. The MSA are to extend the CIK Karting Trial and hopefully further establish a level playing field for the judicial system around the whole of the UK.

I am pleased to report that during October and November all kart meetings were, or will be observed by Ray Kavanagh, an MSA Steward from North Wales. I am not aware of the brief that he was given except to observe that he has sat in on all judicial matters during his visits. I feel that this concern does show the commitment that the MSA has to the entry point our sport.

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