

Woodford Glen Speedway Association Newsletter – August 2010

Dear Club Members

Welcome to the start of a new season. We trust that you have all had a productive off-season and that your cars are well on the way to being ready to for the start of a new race season.

Following the AGM in May the board / committee members are as follows:

Woodford Glen Board 2010/2011

President	Glen Marsden	027 303 0554
Vice President	Paul Dumelow	027 662 7183
Board Members	John Hocken	027 211 9971
	Emerson Leech	027 228 9246
	Lindsay Richards	027 433 7153
	Shane Chapman	027 277 9012

Club Committee 2010/2011

Super Saloons	Anja Britt	981 0358
A Grade	Jo Giles/Dave Walsh	322 8954
Production	Rosemary Cable	027 345 1086
Modified	Brett Stack	027 281 2606
Mini Stock	Phillip Allan	027 546 0416
Street Stock	JC Anderson	021 822 840
Stock Car	Jake Preston	021 177 6204
Super Stock	Damian Elley	027 371 6823

Promoter	Steve Lennon	359 0020 or 027 364 8833
Secretary	Christine Hocken	027 360 3652
Treasurer	Colleen Treacy	027 522 8845
Social Coordinator	Tania Ashton	027 331 6913

Please remember most board and committee members have full time jobs, if phone calls could be limited to between 6-9pm that would be appreciated.

Club Membership Sign on Night Wednesday 25 August 2010 - 7.00pm

Come along to the clubrooms and catch up with what everyone has been up to over the off-season. Membership and driver profile forms are enclosed for you to complete and to bring to sign on. If you know of any new club members it is important that they have applied for their membership by this date, as it gives the required three week stand-down period, so they can participate in the first practice of the season.

Club membership can also be done via the secretary by posting your form and payment to PO Box 4367, Christchurch, or by credit card EFTPOS at the Woodford Glen Shop/Office, #4 Bishopdale Mall, Farrington Ave, Bishopdale.

If you have access to the Internet we would ask that your driver profiles be submitted through the website to save someone having to sit down and type them all in.

Email addresses

This season we would like to forward any information to club members via email to save on costs, therefore it would be appreciated if you could advise on your club membership form your email address, so that we can set this up.

If you don't have an email address, we will continue to post information to you; your postal code would be helpful as well please.

Practices, First Meeting and Race Calendar

Speedway New Zealand have not yet confirmed the season race calendar, but the proposed draft is on the website www.woodfordglen.co.nz Familiarise yourself with the updated admission prices for this season and keep an eye on the website for when our race dates are approved, stand downs will be included in due course.

Practices:

September 18	Green sheeting	10am-2.00pm	Practice 2.00-4.00pm
September 25	Green sheeting	12-2.00pm	Practice 2.00-4.00pm
October 9	Green sheeting	12-2.00pm	Practice 2.00-4.00pm

October 23 **Trophy Challenge - All Grades Racing** (numbers pending)

Race Meeting Start Times

The Board has confirmed that all race meetings for the coming season will now have a start time of 7pm. This is half an hour earlier than our previous normal start time so we would remind all competitors to bear this in mind when planning for this coming season. It may be a good idea to check the race meetings that fall on a Friday night and plan an early get away from work now, especially if you have to ask for special leave to finish early! Everything will move back half an hour as well so vehicle checking, drivers briefing, main gate opening time etc will also be earlier.

Club Membership Fees

At the AGM the membership fees were confirmed at last season's rate \$130.00/year plus \$15.00 for racecar park.

Car Numbers

If you decide not to compete for a season, your car number cannot be held over unless you are a financial member. So it is therefore important to make sure you are a financial member by November of the current season to retain your number or it may be reallocated. If you are a financial member and you do not compete for two seasons in a row your number may still be reallocated if there is a shortage of available numbers in your grade.

Complex Upgrades and Maintenance

Over the winter break a great deal of improvements & alterations have been undertaken. A new food court has been set up in turn 4, new trees planted, staff car park upgraded. Many thanks to those people who have helped to complete these tasks – a huge number of hours have been involved in these projects. Special thanks must go to the following volunteers for the many hours they have dedicated to these projects – John Hocken, Paul Dumelow, Malcolm Ngatai, Emerson Leech, Ivan McPhail, Gerry Brosnahan, Greg Strachan, Mike Gourley and last but not least, the

Energizer Bunny himself – Kinder! Thanks must also go to the following businesses that have helped with various equipment use etc – Peter Diver Plumbing & Drainage, Blakely Construction, Concut, Clarke Machine Hire, Metalman, Geoff Kissack (Decorative Fences & Gates), Smiths Hire & Smith Dealers. A special thanks also to Luke Keegan from Interbloc for providing the concrete blocks for the retaining wall.

Safety Fence Standards

At this years Speedway New Zealand conference a new safety fence standard was passed by the membership. The new requirements come into full force on the 1st September 2012. However, the Board would like to implement the new standard as quickly as practically and financially possible. We currently have funding applications in for financial assistance to help with this but we have not been successful to date.

The Board believes the whole club is jointly responsible for implementing the new standards and has already started to make steps to obtain the materials required for a new catch fence. With close to 75 poles to be dug in we will be asking for our club members (that is you) to assist with the labour component of this operation where you are able. Watch this space and if asked to help please make the time to come along and do your bit to see this happen. Our fans will definitely appreciate the work you are able to put in!!

Green Sheeting

Drivers please don't leave green sheeting of your cars until the last minute, although green sheeting may not be able to be started until after 1st September. Contact Alex Gowans 027 722 7729 or your grade vehicle checker to arrange a time.

Conditions for green sheeting –

1. Appointment confirmed with vehicle checker.
2. Driver only at place of appointment, no crew members etc.
3. Minimum fee of \$25.00 payable on vehicle checkers arrival (within city limits).
4. SNZ zero tolerance on verbal and violence policy will be enforced (including vehicle checkers).
5. Current financial member of Woodford Glen Speedway Association.
6. Out of town vehicle checks can be arranged with the conditions set out for home vehicle checks, except the checker will confirm cost of inspection first.
7. Practice meeting vehicle checks, by appointment only, unannounced vehicles won't be accepted. **Alex Gowans** will allocate times for practice checks.
8. If you want to practice your car must be green sheeted prior to practice days, you cannot green sheet and practice on the same day.

Vehicle preparation for check:

1. Vehicle on axle stands with wheels off.
2. Body, wing and bonnet must be removed.
3. Seat belts to be fitted to vehicle, race ready.
4. All wheels ready for stamping.

All Ministocks, Stockcars, SuperStocks and Modifieds need to have two engine seals on both sides accompanied by an engine certificate or entered into your logbook. Contact Alex Gowans or check the website for a list of approved sealers, cost is \$25.

Transmitters

Make sure you check that your transmitter is still working and accepting a charge. Any issues can then be dealt with well before the season gets under way. If you require a new transmitter these can be purchased directly from SNZ via their website.

Championships

At the recent Speedway New Zealand/SPANZ conference we were awarded two championships for the 2011-2012 season – The New Zealand Super Saloon Grand Prix and the South Island Modified Championship.

Club Rooms

As part of the off-season maintenance program, the clubrooms are being repainted. To enable this to be undertaken all the memorabilia has been taken down from the walls and roof. If any of this belonged to you and you would like it back – contact your class rep to arrange it.

Fundraising night for the Crushers Stock Car Team

The Canterbury Crushers will be holding a Quiz Night at 7:30pm on Thursday 9 September at Farrington's Tavern in Bishopdale. The quiz night is a fundraiser for the Stockcar team to help get the team to Wellington to contest the NZ Title. Tickets are \$10 for the quiz night, or \$30 for Steak & Jug & Quiz night ticket. We also have the same deal with Fish or Chicken and wine with your Quiz Ticket. Come along and support the Crushers. Tickets can be organised from Paul Dumelow 027 662 7183 or Jake Preston 021 177 6204.

**** NEW Season Pass Options ****

Gold Pass

Adult	\$300
Senior	\$215
Family	\$560
Student	

Silver Pass

\$255
\$170
\$515
\$170

Note:

Gold Pass includes Race Programme for every meeting

Family Pass includes entry for 2 Adults & 4 Children up to 14 years

Student Pass is for High School Students with I.D. & is only available in Silver option.

Senior is 65 years and over with I.D.

Furthermore you can also lay-by your Season Passes now at the Woodford Glen Shop. The above prices are a great saving off the normal entry price.

***** Club Member Special *** Valid until Friday 10th September 2010**

Gold Pass

Adult	\$265
Senior	\$180
Family	\$525
Student	

Silver Pass

\$220
\$135
\$480
\$135

Tool Special

Please find enclosed August/September tool specials. Furthermore for the months of August & September any tool purchase at the shop will go in to the draw to win a Torin, 3.5ton floor jack & 2 Ton Axle Stand combo valued at \$395.00

On Line Catalogue

Check out the AmPro range of tools and other brands available through the shop at our website www.woodfordglen.co.nz If you see something that would look good in your tool box please either phone or e-mail Steve Lennon at 359 0020 or shop@triplego.co.nz for a price.

Bluebridge Ferries – Strait Shipping

For those of you who intend on travelling to the North Island to race please remember the great deals available to Woodford Glen Club Members through Strait Shipping. Get in early to ensure you get to travel on your preferred crossing times. To get a quote for travel simply fill out the on-line form at www.woodfordglen.co.nz

Stand downs

As mentioned above I am still waiting for SNZ to approve our race calendar and until such time I am unable to finalise the stand downs for the coming season. However I would like to remind all of you to please let your Reps know if you will be racing from week to week. This season I will be enforcing the minimum car number rule to ensure we have good fields for our fans. Please remember our fans pay good money to see a good nights racing and small fields of cars do not offer this. Therefore can you all please make the effort and advise your Reps if you are unable to attend every meeting you have been scheduled to race at.

Holiday Time!!!!

For those who don't know I am going to be away from August 29th until September 18th. I will not be available by phone but will be checking my e-mail on a regular basis. The Shop will remain open during this time, however please phone first if you intend visiting to purchase anything. A special thanks to Colleen Treacy for her help with keeping the shop open through this time. Cheers, Steve Lennon.

We trust that you will all have an enjoyable season for 2010/2011 and we look forward to catching up with you all at sign on night.

Woodford Glen Board and Club Committee