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SS2000 CLUB NEWSLETTER



Status quo at AGM!!

Despite a reasonable number of remits having been submitted at the recent AGM held in Taupo, members had very few changes in mind and voted accordingly.

A number of remits were passed to tidy up some of the rules whereby either the wording was incorrect or misleading.

Some of the more significant changes include:

- The committee now has the ability to internally handle any disciplinary action on any Club member's behaviour if it is seen to endanger others.
- The overall series points awarded has been changed to create a closer competition across the season.
- A breakout rule will now be applied to our handicap races.
- All cars shall now display class decals above the driver's name.
- There is now no 1300cc class, being replaced with 0-1600cc.



Early rumblings of changes, in particular to the Open class cars, did not eventuate and so

for this season, it's "status quo" for our rules in general.

As we all know our last season was very successful so far as our competing numbers were concerned and perhaps a conservative approach to any rule changes will help us preserve this.

Lets hope so anyway as this season may prove to be even tougher than the last for some classes.

SS2000 headed for IRC Series

This season sees SS2000 set to join in the newly formed Independent Race Classes (IRC) Summer Tour. Essentially this will replace the former MNZ Tier 2 series of last season.

The IRC Summer Tour is a series organized & run by the classes that are intending to participate, alongside the track promoters.

The racing calendar ahead involves the traditional dates like Labour & Easter weekends plus a New Year round (refer Racing calendar else-

where).

Classes interested in participating besides ourselves include: GT1, NZGTs, Pre 65s, Pro 7s, Porsche, Super Mini Challenge, Formula First, SCRANZ (Super 6 & HQs), NZ Sports Cars & Formula Suzuki. With only a set number of spots available for all classes, SS2000 looks to be a strong contender due to healthy numbers that competed last season. However we must commit to a mini-



mum of 20 entries per round.

Plans are still being finalized, but at the time of writing, things were shaping up nicely. Terry O'Brien is our Club's IRC representative & we will endeavour to keep everyone updated.

Presi's Pit Box

Hi Everyone,

Well as most of you all know by now I have the enviable task of taking over the role of Club President for this season.

Firstly though, I would like to say thanks to Brent, whom has undertaken this role for something like 5 odd years. This has not come without sacrifice but to your credit, the club has seen growth and looks to be in good stead for the future. Also thanks Brent for continuing to further help the club by being a part of the committee.

Secondly, thanks to our series sponsors from last season, Motul Oils & Point-2-Point. Without your support we would not have afforded the season that we have had. I understand that Motul Oils will continue as our series sponsor again this season, so I look forward to working with Tim & Kaye again. To Mike of Point-2-Point, you have been of tremendous support to our series and winning the championship was a fitting reward for your contribution. Our only hope is that you

will be back wearing the No: 1 to defend your title and you are always welcome to join us for a beer & sausage or two. Or should that be a beer or two and a sausage.

Thirdly, the biggest thank you must go to all our competing members and helpers. It is you people that make our series what it is today.

This season, I look forward to working with both the Club's executive & committee, most of whom are continuing their roles from last season and my primary role will be to continue the good momentum already created. At this early stage, we are already progressing a few issues on the agenda. As the outcome of these become clearer, we will try & update you all regularly, so as it allows you time to plan ahead as much as possible.

It appears that preservation of competing numbers is the key message for this coming season. Our recent AGM has seen little change and hopefully this

will help us maintain our good fields. As they say, "if it ain't broken don't fix it". Our proposed commitment to the IRC Summer Tour will necessitate a healthy number of competitors too. I have great faith that we as a Club will be able to deliver our quota as other classes continue to struggle. All this relies heavily on our intending competitors, so when asked, please forward your series entries sooner rather than later. This will provide us with an early indication of the sort of numbers we can expect & allow us a bit of time to work on any shortfall if necessary.

This season I am also hoping that we increase our relationship with the respective track promoters/organizers by appointing an appropriate committee member to regularly liaise with them on any issues. By cementing a good relationship I would hope that we get favourable responses to our requests & that we are better organised at the tracks as an even more united Club.

So here goes **Bob**



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2009-10 SS2000 Race Calendar

- **Round 1** October 24th/ 25th **Taupo**
- **Round 2** December 6th/ 7th **Pukekohe**
- **Round 3** January 2nd/ 3rd **Taupo**
- **Round 4** January 23rd/ 24th **Manfield**
- **Round 5** February 20th/21st **Pukekohe**
- **Round 6** March 6th/ 7th **Manfield**
- **Round 7** April 3rd/ 4th **Taupo**



Prizegiving—Who got What?

'08-'09 Motul Oils—Point-2-Point SS2000 series:

1301-1600cc Class:

1st: Rick Bone (Datsun Coupe)
2nd: Grant Te Rito (Toyota FX Corolla)
3rd: Phil Noblett (Honda Civic)

Open Class:

1st: Mike Crawford (Mitsi EVO3)
2nd: Brock Cooley (Mitsi EVO5)
3rd: David Geraghty (Mitsi Lancer)

1601-2000cc Class:

1st: Martin Dunn (Honda Integra)
2nd: Anthony Te Rito (Honda CRX)
3rd: Shayne Morgan (Nissan Sentra)

Overall Series:

1st: Mike Crawford (Mitsi EVO3)
2nd: Brock Cooley (Mitsi EVO5)
3rd: Rick Bone (Datsun Coupe)

Rotary Class:

1st: Matthew McBride (Mazda RX7)



'08-'09 Honda Challenge Series:

0-1600cc class:

1st: Phil Noblett (Civic)
2nd: Brent Thompson (Civic)
3rd: Gary Maddock (Civic)

1601-2000cc Class:

1st: Martin Dunn (Integra)
2nd: Anthony Te Rito (CRX)
3rd: Michael Bate (Civic)

Overall Series:

1st: Martin Dunn (Integra)
2nd: Anthony Te Rito (CRX)
3rd: Phil Noblett (Civic)

Best Presented Honda: Chris Turnbull

'08-'09 Club Awards & Trophies:

Most Helpful non Competitor: Brian Hamilton

Most Improved Driver: Anthony Te Rito

Hard Luck trophy: Eric Budd

Cran Judge Cup (Rookie of the season): Brock Cooley

Guy Latham Trophy (Winner of last race at Taupo): Phil Noblett

Nilson Memorial Cup (Most points at Taupo): Rick Bone

Sportsperson of the Year: Alan Stewart

Dunlop Tyre prizes: Scott Smith & Geoff Page



Round Dates:

Round 1 May 3rd Pukekohe

Round 2 July 26th Taupo

Round 3 September 7th Manfeild

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Pit Exit—Editorial

Whilst we seek to find another newsletter Editor, I will assume double duties as it is important that we don't lose any momentum in our communication medium. With this issue comes another refreshed look for the season ahead.

However, I need contributions from members. Don't worry about any grammatical errors as I will happily "edit it" so as it all makes sense. Last season, apart from President Brent, I only had one other contribution from Mike Crawford (thanks Mike). This is pretty poor considering that we have over 60 plus members registered. Phone or email me or when you are at the track and have some down time, come & grab me & I will make notes & compile your contribution. Photos, humorous or otherwise, are always good as a picture tells a 1000 words.

Ideas can include car builds or re-builds—which a lot of this is currently happening now, adverts for something that maybe of some relevance to our members (eg: car trailers), participation in other motor sport events during off season, etc.

Ideally the newsletter will be published monthly, so keep this in mind when contributing.

.... Bob

