

QLD Superkart Newsletter

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EDITORS WORD

The start of the 2023 season is fast approaching but first up you will need to pass Target Scrutiny. Target Scrutiny is a vital part of making sure your kart is up to spec and meets all current rules. The club has organised to use the Shed's at Queensland Raceway on February 19th kicking off at 8am and running until 12pm.

February 19th is also the date of the 2023 AGM kicking off at 1pm after some lunch in the QR media room. Stay tuned for next month's newsletter to see who will be representing the Qld Superkart Club in 2023. No club can function without the hard work and dedication of the committee, if you would like to nominate for the committee and become involved make sure you send your nomination in and get involved and continue the hard work and momentum generated by all previous committee's in making the QLD club a great place to race.

Further to the importance of its members, certain members go above and beyond and provide years of dedicated service to the club, this earns them the title of Life Member, we look at all the club's current life members we thank them for all their years of hard work and dedication to the club.

Continuing our driver profile series, we catch up with Ewen Burg and Lachlan Crisp and hear about their 2022 season and what they are planning in 2023.

One of the most asked questions we get is how do I get started in Superkarts? Next to how much does it cost? We look to tackle these hard-hitting questions and help clear the path for you to join the club and enjoy the sport of Superkarting.

If you have any topics you'd like to see covered in future newsletters email us your questions at qldsuperkart01@gmail.com

Thanks for reading look forward to hearing from you,

Regards Editor

Tim Weier

EWEN BURG

Jumping straight into the deep end and going into the 250 International class Ewen has had his up's and down's mastering the beast. We catch up with him and hear his thoughts on the 2022 season and what's planned for 2023.

QSC: What was your highlight of 2022?

The highlight of 2022 was finishing all 5 races at Lakeside. I've had a tough run with reliability, but now that everything has been replaced it is a strong engine and a very fun kart to steer. The other highlight of 2022 is that I acquired the famous carbon Anderson chassis sripen by Neil Faulkner and will be developing that for next year. Expecting big things! Also, watching the club help each other, provide advice and give grief when warranted.



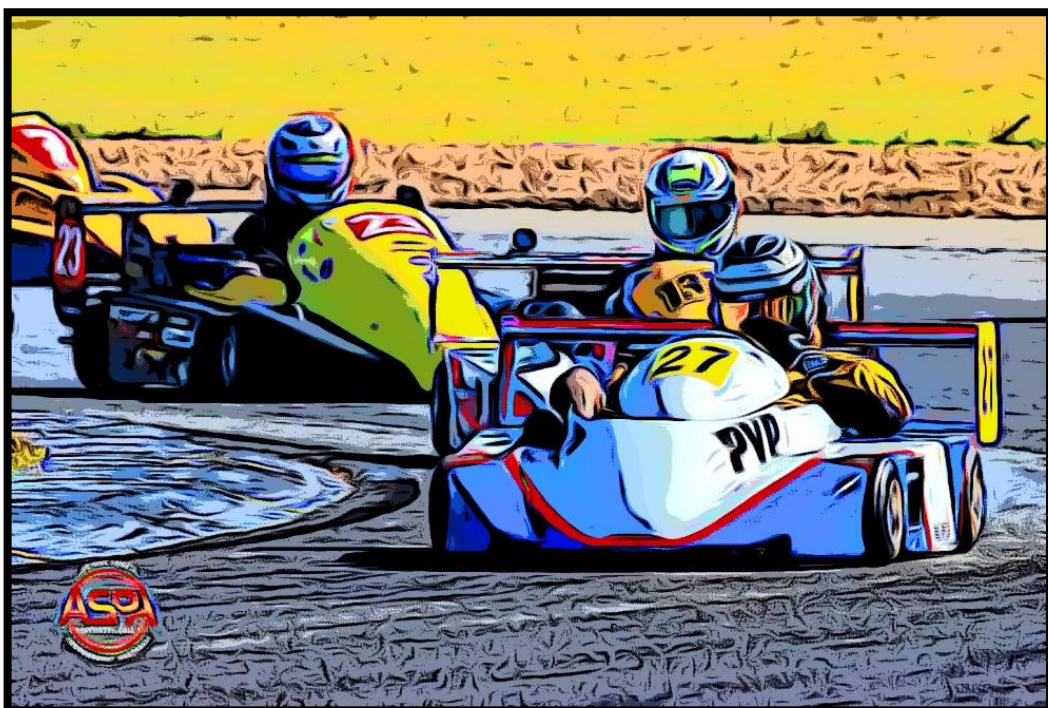
QSC: What are your plans for 2023?

I'm building a new kart and contemplating an engine development program. I want to travel interstate and experience the culture of the other clubs, the tracks and continue developing as a driver. This is my first full year in a Div 1, coming from 4 strokes, so the learning curve is steep and I'm just looking forward to more seat time and those lap times tumbling.

QSC: What you enjoy most about Superkarts?

One word. RAW.

People often claim to enjoy raw feel in a sports car, and the tragic know that it simply doesn't get rawer than a superkart. It's all up to you. On top of that, it has to be the most cost-effective category in Australia for long track racing and coincidentally, amongst the very fastest. You can't go faster for the money. Superkarting is the ultimate bang for buck if you wanna go fast.



LACHLAN CRISP

QSC: What was the highlight of the 2022 Season?

I didn't get to as many races as I would have like in 2022 but getting the opportunity to try a different chassis the ADE that my brother Gareth normally drives and trying to master it's characteristics was very challenging.

QSC: When did you first race a Superkart?

2016 I think. Had no intention to race a superkart that year but went to help a friend with his and as soon as I heard one and smelt that sweet smell of a 2 stroke I was hooked and bought my own a week later!

QSC: What are your plans for 2023?

Same as everyone else, go faster. honestly I would be happy if I just make it to more race meetings

QSC: if you could race any track in the world?

If I could race any racetrack in the world what would it be. Bathurst hands down, it's on my bucket list.

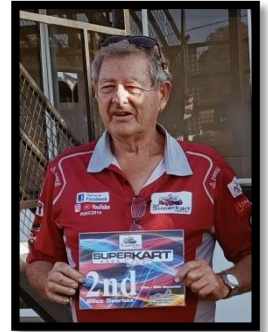


LIFE MEMBERS

DRENE JAMIESON

Drene Jamieson has been part of the club since its origins as the Queensland Road Race Kart Club (QRRKC) back in 1976. During that time Drene has held various committee positions including a stint in the President spot in 1984-1989. When the club was running its own race meeting Drene would haul the club trailer which contained the safer barriers, flags for all the flag points and various other equipment for the club to run the race day out to Lakeside International Raceway and then take it home again and do it all again next time.

Linra Properties Drene's Company has helped sponsor multiple events over the years helping the club grow. Drene's passion for karting/Superkarting must be seen to be believed, sometimes supplying up to 5 karts at a race meeting and if you need a 50c part or sometimes a whole engine to get you back racing he's one of the first to offer a helping hand. Drene is never short of a story either always happy to have a yarn after a race meeting over a beer or two!



Lakeside 2022

Drene became a life member in 1983 and his passion for the club and the sport is still as strong now as when he first joined in 1976 and his contributions to the club have been invaluable and we hope to see him around for many years to come.



Lakeside 1976

JOHN WARPOLE

John was part of the Brisbane Sprint karting scene and would come fulfill the role of Clerk of course at the Queensland Road Racing Kart Club. His years of service was invaluable in running those race meetings and helping the club during those early years.

LIELA WESTPHAL (DEC)

Liela donated her time and energy looking after the entry gates on race days with all proceeds going to the club. She was a hard task master not letting anyone through until you paid the \$5 entry fee. If you managed to get in early before she got there she would come and find you and make sure you paid your fair share.

BERNARD WEIER

Bernie or Bernard Weier first came on the scene in 1989 and enjoyed his time in 125GB and 250 National winning the class championship 6 times for 250 National. Bernie would also help Roger Thompson setup and pack up the safety barriers at a race meeting often hours after others had gone home.



Bernie was the club treasurer for a period of 10 years (1991-2001) as well helping out as a scrutineer at race meetings and cooking on the club BBQ at the end of the day. Taking a short break from the club 2001-2012 Bernie is back as part of Weier Family Racing with his son Tim doing the driving. Bernie did make a return behind the wheel in 2013 and showing that he hadn't lost any of his speed finished 2nd in the Championship.



Bernie in the Zip Eagle with Yamaha IT engine

Bernie is also responsible for the artwork that you see on social media and the club's promotional material. His contributions to the club over the past 30 years have been invaluable and will be into the future without doubt.

HOW TO GET STARTED IN SUPERKARTING

One of the most common questions we get asked is how to get started in Superkarting? Followed by how much does it cost? This article will help you navigate the best way to join the sport of Superkarts and have you enjoying the thrill that doing over 160+km/h 30mm off the ground can give!

GET TO YOUR LOCAL TRACK

First step is to get yourself trackside at your local clubs next race meeting be that QLD, NSW, VIC, SA or WA and see the karts in action. Each club has its own social media and website that shows the next race meeting dates. From here you'll need to decide what class is suitable for your skill level and budget.

CHOOSING WHAT CLASS TO RUN

The next step is deciding what class you would like to be involved in, there are a lot of factors that will influence this decision such as

- Cost – Non-Gearbox karts are the most budget friendly up to the 250 International karts
- Your mechanical abilities – How much you can do yourself vs needing professional help
- How fast you want to go (this is hard to put a price on)

Class	Purchase price	Class Info
125 Non-Gearbox	\$3500-8500 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Close Racing due to limited HP and requires drafting and other techniques to stand on the top step.• Maintenance level – Lowest of all Superkart Categories
125 National (6 speed Gearboxes)	\$9000-20000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Often the biggest Gearbox Class at race meetings• Engines are readily available• Top speeds approaching 190kmh!• Maintenance level – Medium of all Superkart Categories
250 National (1 Cylinder & 5 or 6 Speed Gearboxes)	\$9000-20000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Top Speed's over 200 kmh• Bit more forgiving than the 125 Category in terms of driver weight• Maintenance level – similar to the 125 National class• Great bang for your Buck

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250 International (2 Cylinder & 6 Speed Gearboxes) \$12500-30000



- Top Speed's over 240 kmh
- Requires ultra-precision to drive nothing else will compare
- Maintenance Level – High
- One of the fastest categories behind F3 and S5000 in Australia

WHAT ELSE IS REQUIRED?

Congratulations you've bought a Superkart now what you ask? There are a few more important steps required to get yourself on the track these include:

- Joining your local club
- Purchasing all the necessary safety apparel
 - Helmet
 - Level 2 CIK kart Suit or Leathers
 - Gloves
 - Boots
 - Balaclava's required in some states (QLD requires them for certain events)
 - Recommend a neck brace
- Obtaining the required Licence/s
 - This varies from State to State and even year to year sometimes, you best bet is to get in contact with your local club and see which is the current requirements are.
- Basic Tools for at the track
 - Pump
 - Tyre pressure gauge
 - Basic spanner and socket set
 - Chain lube
 - Fuel measuring/mixing equipment

Now that you've got the basics covered the next step is to ensure the kart is prepared ready to race. If you're very new to karting then get in contact with the club and ask if some of the members can give you a hand and give you some advice to make sure the first day as enjoyable as possible.

The final step before you can enjoy your Superkart is entering for a practice day or race meeting again depending on the state or event being run the entry process varies. It's best to contact the club and let them help guide you through the process.

The devil is in the details but to cover every little thing in this article would take a small novel haha, Getting involved and talking to members in the club is your best bet to get the right information so that you can enjoy your Superkarting experience to the fullest!

Hope you found this article helpful and we look forward to seeing you on track! If you have any questions or queries let us know at gldssuperkart01@gmail.com

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Rotax EVO Chassis (Intrepid)

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