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Next Club Meeting:

Wednesday 6th July at 8PM
Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club
117 Ryedale Road
WEST RYDE

Practice Days for 2011

Eastern Creek

Friday 17th June
Saturday 13th August
Friday, 30th September

Cars Only – no L2S
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Wakefield Park

Too many to list
Contact Wayne or Kayla for information or visit
Wakefield's website and look for "speed off the streets
days"
Wakefield Park Website www.wakefieldpark.com.au

President's Report

Hi All

Well we're hitting the halfway mark to the year, times flying, you can back it in that the run to Christmas will be very quick. I congratulate you all on your efforts in attendance; we keep going from strength to strength. Numbers breed numbers and we are being noticed. The effort to put 30 on the track at Eastern Creek at Easter with 2 weeks notice was fantastic. Our future keeps getting brighter and brighter.



The 2011 Steve Aaron Memorial that is coming up in July at Wakefield is not to be missed. Aside from being our premier event, it just keeps getting bigger and better. The Aaron family will be sponsoring the event, offering prize money for all classes, also supplying some wonderful trophies. Matt Ronke is also doing his bit to ensure the day is wonderful for the Aarons.

Ian Mash has become the chairman to the institute of mechanical engineers in Australia, congrats on this. Ian also gave a presentation a few weeks back to engineers around Australia on his work in the proposal to gain a track licence at Mt Panorama. I went along and the presentation was amazing. What was extremely pleasing was that Ian got a 100% agreeance from his colleagues that his work and formulas was factual and correct. We have now gained a few extra fans from CAMS NSW who are asking for this presentation to be given to the track safety committee. This is a wonderful idea and warranted. Watch this space ☺

We shall be doing a promotion over the 3 days of the 2011 Sydney Telstra 500. We'll be in a prime position and last year over 160000 people were in attendance. We'll have brochures to hand out, and video footage to entertain the public. We have some work to do in preparing a fantastic stand. I'd suspect some enquiry should generate from this one.

Hot off the press, there is a good chance that in a couple of months 2 high profile drivers will be coming along to try a Superkart with us. Details are still sketchy, but the 2 are currently overseas trialling for test seats in a Formula 1 team. This should also be a great promo for the club once the media get hold of it.

The newly formed National Superkart Association of Australia (NSA) is taking shape. All states have now agreed to terms, and this body will be the National body for Superkarting in Australia. A big thank you to Shauna for writing the terms and designing the logo's for this body.

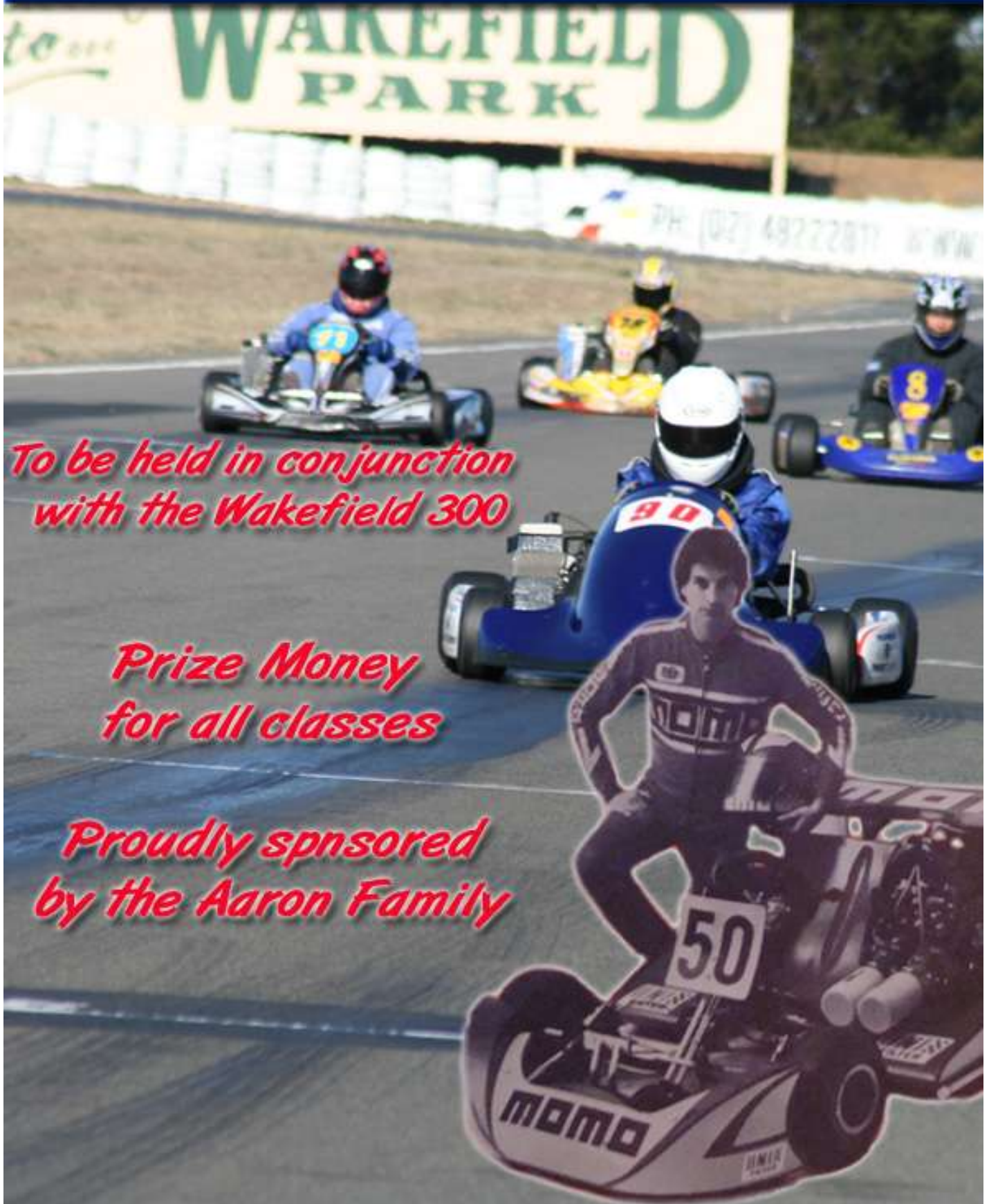
We'd like to wish VP Sam Zavaglia well on his upcoming trip to the USA to race. Sam's racing at some prestigious events, is a current lap record holder at Laguna Seca, and is racing against some top line drivers from around the world. We'll keep you all updated on Sam's racing as it comes to hand.

I'd like to thank all our sponsors once again, you'll notice some new adverts in this addition. These sponsors are aiding our growth and I urge all members to support the people that support us.

Finally, entries are rolling in for the REDBACK RACEPAINT Round at Wakefield Park on June 26. Get yours in now!!!

Wayne

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Vice President Report



Hi Everyone,

On a personal front it's been crazy busy for me which has been frustrating to say the least in that I have not met some goals I've set for myself on behalf of the NSW Superkart Club as yet. Nevertheless, these goals to benefit our members will be undertaken and hopefully will show to our membership by way of benefits very soon.

One thing I did achieve was to successfully co-ordinate an Eastern Creek Practice day under the new terms set by the ARDC on Friday 20 May. The new terms means that 10x Pre-Paid superkart drivers need to have their entry form and money submitted at least 2 days before the actual practice day so they can schedule our slot in. Since it was our last opportunity to grace the Eastern Creek track before July's Australian Superkart Championship round, we had tremendous support from interstate to help us get beyond 10 for a "Friday practice". My many thanks go out to these interstate drivers being Barb Hepworth and Tony Lappas from South Australia, Gary Pegararo, Steve Castles, Greg Bass and Matt Bass from Victoria, Anthony Basile and Phil Webb from Queensland. I wish these competitors the very best of luck in July. In the end with our NSW drivers, I counted over 13 entrants and this impressed the ARDC to ensure that Superkarting in NSW is very much alive and should be considered in future when they are working their calendars.

I also attended the CAMS NSW Motor Racing Panel where there is little to report except for one worthy mention. For our remaining State Title rounds (22-23 Oct- Eastern Creek) + (20 Nov - Wakefield Park) there has been a "Driving Standards Officer" appointed at these meetings. This officer will come around and find drivers at their pit bays if there is contact or anything else on track worthy of discussion. It would be simply that, a discussion to understand the rights and wrongs and I can confidently say this officer is very reasonable and his task is so you DON'T have to visit the Clerk of Course unless you continue to disobey absolute discretion on the track. I'm confident this will lessen the chance of driver aggravation with the tower and ensure an enjoyable weekend's racing for all.

On a National Superkart Association perspective, all national Superkart Clubs have now agreed on a set of "Terms of Reference" which Wayne Horswell has continued to show leadership by ensuring timely responses and changes as agreed nationally to the document. An independent National Chairman to the Association has also been appointed to Mr Peter Nelson who is the President of PIARC since 1998. Nationally, superkarting is absolutely blessed to have our ship steered by someone of his calibre for at least the first year of operation especially when having to work within the maze of CAMS on our behalf.

On a personal level, I have shipped one of my 250 International karts to the USA to compete at Laguna Seca Raceway on July 7-9 where I will be racing against current 250 International CIK European Champion Gavin Bennett and also CIK Championship race winner Malcolm Crowe, both from the UK. They will be piloting the latest Anderson/DEA equipment with Russell Anderson on hand to assist his drivers. Also competing is 4 times World 500cc Grand Prix Champion Eddie Lawson in his factory Yamaha/Bridgestone backed 250 twin on his home circuit. From down under, South Australian Mike Wayne in his Stockman/Honda combo has joined us and his kart is now prepared better than it's ever been. We are hoping he can again show he is quite competitive against the Yanks and hopefully another podium for Mike. It's quite a daunting thought to take on the might of some of the best Superkart drivers in the world but that is the challenge I have taken upon myself to try and recognize that Australian Superkarting is not just a bunch of wannabies down under. I hope to report positive results on my next newsletter report.

Till then, I will catch up with those racing at Wakefield Park on 26 June.

Cheers,
Sam Zavaglia

Some Technical info from Phil



How fast do you want to GO !

Everyone would like to win (I always wanted to) and to do that you need the latest equipment with a late model well tuned engine.

Well, that's what we all think anyway. But that would only make you just as fast as the other competitors at the front.

If you have the same equipment and tuned the same you will be exactly the same speed unless you can out drive them.

What you really need is something different. A better chassis, more aerodynamic bodywork, different set up.

I am surprised that the current manufacturers continue to produce similar chassis with almost identical bodywork. Unless they try something a little radical, the differences will always be minor. It will just rely on one person having the "best setup on the day" to shine above the others, or less problems than the others.

Sam Zavaglia (hope you don't mind me using you as an example) is the epitome of this, perfectly prepared equipment, immaculate preparation, chases the setup all day, very rarely has an equipment failure and drives every lap to perfection. I always like to stand on top of the pits at EC just to watch Sam drive away from everyone with only a few exceptions.

My point being is that if you got in Sam's kart and your skill level was the same you would be the same speed, no faster, no slower. You need to do something different !

Here are a few ideas:

- a) Raise the chassis of the track a little so that more work could be done on using the Venturi effect under the kart to generate downforce without increasing drag. More grip = more speed.
- b) You could then remove the rear wing and thereby reduce drag. Less drag = more speed.
- c) Full bodywork to reduce turbulence will also reduce drag and if done correctly can increase downforce. Less drag = more speed.
- d) Diffusers in the bottom of the nose cone will increase downforce at the front without increasing drag. More grip = more speed.
- e) Radiators in the side pods with the outlet in a low pressure area will eliminate the "parachute" effect they have at the back of a kart. Less drag = more speed.
- f) Maybe study Le Mans sports cars for ideas as they are basically the same type of vehicle as a Superkart.

The Superkart Technical Regulations are fortunately very relaxed in this area and I hope someone exploits them to the best advantage. It would be great to see something NEW on the circuit.

Well, that's my 2 Cents worth. Perhaps someone will try something from the Dark Side and surprise us all, I hope so.

Regards
Phil Eiggins
Secretary



The Victorian Superkart club Inc in conjunction with the Adelaide Superkart Club are proud to announce the running of the "2011 Vendetta Wheels NGB Nationals" at the Phillip Island Grand Prix circuit on September 3 & 4.

To be run at arguably the best motor racing facility in the country this will be an event not to be missed.

This newsletter is to inform you of preliminary arrangements and gives you a link on where to stay at Phillip Island.

The classes:

Rotax Light -165kg
 Rotax Heavy -185kg
 Rotax Junior -145kg

The Entry FEE: \$330.00

Included with your entry fee:

Shared lock up garage facilities on pit lane.

Food for you, (the entrant) for the weekend in our Corporate marquee behind the garage complex.

Format will include practice, qualifying, 3 heats and a final.

Friday practice may be available if enough interest is shown before 31/7/11.

Accommodation:

Please follow this link for all accommodation options from backpackers to resorts.

<http://www.visitphillipisland.com/>

The Arthur Phillip motel has a Superkarter discount (make sure you ask).

Once the sporting regulations and entry forms are finalised they will be available from your club President or via download from the Victorian Club website.

For further information please feel free to e mail: vskc@tpg.com.au

Hope to see you there

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RACE RESULTS – WAKEFIELD PARK APRIL 2011

Class code	Driver Number	Driver	Round Total
A	9	Sam Zavaglia	1468
A	7	Sam Rose	1254
A	66	Paul Degan	1146
A	81	Luke Brown	768
A	88	Peter Bryant	456
A	49	Alex Sorvavia	456
A	10	Paul Rose	0
C	20	Paul Campbell	1508
C	63	John Pellicano	1246
C	34	Jeffrey Reed	1210
C	4	Chris Ball	1095
C	90	Mark Vickers	1001
C	36	Robert Trimmer	766
C	69	Mehmet Sinani	560
C	19	Tracey Crawford	474
C	76	Stewart Matthews	416
E	26	Mark Robin	1272
E	111	Wayne Horswell	870
E	57	Allan Parker	610
F	64	Craig Woods	1392
F	77	Alan Dodge	1135
F	8	Graeme Taplin	989
F	58	Gregory Tinsley	528
F	79	Jeff Hanley	504

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS AFTER WAKEFIELD PARK APRIL 2011

Class code	Driver	Total Club points (year to date)
A	Sam Zavaglia	4464
F	Alan Dodge	4015
F	Craig Woods	3896
C	Paul Campbell	3682
C	Jeffrey Reed	3487
A	Paul Degan	3176
C	Mark Vickers	3007
E	Wayne Horswell	2614
E	Mark Robin	2544
A	Paul Rose	2248
F	Graeme Taplin	2189
C	Mehmet Sinani	1946
F	Jeff Hanley	1930
C	Stewart Matthews	1923
A	Sam Rose	1878
C	Ian Mash	1575
F	Anthony Dykstra	1536
C	Mark Rogers	1423
E	Allan Parker	1350
C	Lawrence Katsidis	1349
F	Shane Roberts	1330
A	Alex Sorvavia	1324
C	Tracey Crawford	1318
C	John Pellicano	1246
C	Justin Ruggier	1200
F	Gregory Tinsley	1200
C	Jeremy Shelton	1195
C	Goran Milenkovic	1134
B	Martin Latta	1132
C	Chris Ball	1095
A	Peter Bryant	1080
A	Warren McIveen	1026
B	Dalton Rowell B	849
A	Luke Brown	766
C	Robert Trimmer	766
C	Anthony Cristallo	690
A	Phil Webb	584
B	Mathew Palmer	480
C	Anthony Basile	474
A	Dalton Rowell A	336
B	Frank Giglio	120
A	Viv Coady	0
A	Anton Stevens	0
A	Steven Tamasi	0
B	James Fenwick	0
C	Timothy Blackburn	0
F	Jay Cutting	0

SKA Report



Dear Members

The first round of the Australian Superkart Championships at Eastern Creek is about six weeks away. The pre entrant list sits at 59 karts. I am very happy with the support shown and all three classes will be contested. 250cc Inter, 250cc Nat and 125 Gearbox, all on the grid will be an amazing sight. Anyone who hasn't seen such a large grid must make the effort to see the sight we are going to create!

I would also ask for NSW Club members to think about how they can assist the event. Man or Woman power will be needed to help on the day to assist Phil Eggins to handle scrutineering paperwork and send bulletins up and down the pits as needed. The Event Manager, me, could also require help to carry paperwork and checking of documents over the weekend. Many hands make light work so any offer would be greatly appreciated for the event.

Many man hours and dollars have been spent by organisers and competitors for this event. NSW will be on display on and off the track so I hope we can get behind this round and make it all it can be for the 59 drivers, crews and families competing. Interstate members from QLD, VIC and SA will be blasting around the Eastern Creek track with the newest karts, some on their first run out. As with last year, this will be a Championship that no one driver will have the edge over another. Longer races, newer karts with interesting combinations will create a spectacular race meeting.

I hope to see as many of you all as possible to watch the action unfold and the round one winners displayed. We can then move on to Phillip Island where the second and final round for 2011 will determine our Champion for this year.

Thankyou for all your support and see you on race day at Eastern Creek.

Clint Brown
Chairman
Superkarts Australia.



Reedy's Report

NSW 125 gearbox class representative

I don't want to write race reports that say I did this and I did that, I became the class representative this year to help anyone interested in racing 125cc GB superkarts.

I would like to think I can give any newcomers to the sport an insight into what they need to know and do to become competitive. In motor racing you never stop learning and it is very important to take advice from the more experienced people involved in the sport. (I.e. "Shut up and listen to me" - Sam Zavaglia)

If you can go to a race meeting and learn one thing that improves your lap time by a tenth of a second, by the time you have picked up ten of these useful tips, you will be a second a lap quicker.

I race for "Team Stockman" and all the guys and Tracey help each other out so we can all achieve the best result possible in our respective classes. On the other side of the fence, we have "Team Avoig", another great bunch of guys who after our racing often have a beer or go motorcycle riding on weekends together. So there you have it, two competitive teams striving for results.

Numbers and talent in the 125cc GB class is at an all time high and I expect to see some close, exciting racing, not only at national and state level, but also at grassroots level, "club racing". Membership in the NSW Superkart Club is growing at a fantastic rate and I put this down to the hardwork our club executive of the past few years have been doing.

Congratulations to our new Vice-President Sam Zavaglia. I am sure Sam will do a great job as he is very dedicated to our club and sport.

Also thanks to John Pellicano for all the hard work he has put into the club over the years. I hope that now he has stepped down from his executive duties, he can apply more time and effort to his own racing and team. I for one am missing the regular "stoushes" we have on track.

Cheers,
Jeff Reed

GREG TINSLEY

Knick name: Grego

Age: 17

Class/es you race: 125 non-gearbox

Occupation: Apprentice Fitter Machinist

Family members who might be seen at the track: Dad (Brian), Mum (Debbie), Grandad (Bob)

What got you started in Superkarts? Interest in motorsports

When did you start? October 2010

Have you raced anything before? No

Karting highlights: 3rd place in second race

Favourite track: Eastern Creek

What do you do to relax when you're not racing? Work on motorbikes

Favourite food: Chicken



Favourite movie: Tropic Thunder

Favourite music: Rock - Tenacious D

5 people you'd invite to dinner: Craig Lowndes, Robbie Madison, Crusty Babes

Cooking specialty: Snags on BBQ

Any tips for a newcomer: Have fun and stick to the track

Anyone you'd like to thank: Alan Dodge

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2011 Calendar

Round 1	Sunday, January 30	Wakefield Park	AASA	
Round 2	Sat/Sun, March 19/20	Eastern Creek	CAMS	(State Title 1)
Round 3	Sunday, April 10	Wakefield Park	AASA	
	Fri/Sat, April 22/23	FoSC Easter@The Creek	CAMS	
	Note: This is not a championship round.			
Round 4	Sunday, June 26	Wakefield Park	AASA	
Round 5	Sunday, July 10	Wakefield Park Wakefield 300/Steve Aaron Memorial	AASA	
Round 6	Sat/Sun, October 22/23	Eastern Creek	CAMS	(State Title 2)
Round 7	Saturday, October 28	Wakefield Park	AASA	
Round 8	Sunday, November 20	Wakefield Park	CAMS	(State Title 3)

CLASSIFIEDS

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I can also supply a pit crew for the day at an extra cost

Please direct all enquiries to **Jay Cutting**
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Separated at Birth

