

2 Counties Kart Club

Newsletter

25 February 2019

The sun is shining, and the weather is getting ready for the first 2CKC round of the year on 10th March at Clay Pigeon. And you know the sun always shines at Clay!
The entries are building up now with Formula Blue one of the largest classes as I write this.

**SO – Time to get your membership forms in for the 2CKC...
...and your entry in for Clay Pigeon on 10th March.**

**As usual, membership forms and full details are on the Planet Karting website
[www. planetkarting.uk](http://www.planetkarting.uk).**

How will this season unfold?

In the Cadets, will Maksymilian Solarski wear the crown again, or will David Aulejtner or Colin Wazny snatch the glory?

In the Senior Blues, will Anthony Cleal have it all his own way in the Overall, Masters, and Veterans? Or will the ever-quick Ben Pearson be more than nibbling at his heels? Or will the young guns Russell O'Neill and Mike Bell be in their wing mirrors (if they had them) again. Will new slim-line Ben no longer be top weight, leaving it open for Rob Mortimore and Ron Shone to battle it out?

There is fierce competition in every Class – in the Legends, will Robin Stoddart-Stones keep ahead of the battling David Goode and Ron Shone, when all three have won once in the past three years?

And what a great class is Formula Blue:
Cost effective close racing where skill counts rather than equipment.
A wonderful range of trophies.
A chance to win the prestigious Matthew Percy Trophy.
And a great Ball and Prize Giving at the end of the year.

And for those of you who are a little older, here is some good news. From this year the qualification age for the Masters class has been reduced to 35 – which brings us more in line with other classes and sports. You will continue to compete in the overall class as usual. Age is defined as the driver's age on 1st January in the competition year. Veterans remain at 50, Legends at 60.

What a tradition is being set here. Have a look at “The Rolls of Honour” on the website to see just what a great heritage the Blues have got, with winners listed back to 1988.

2CKC Championship Classes are:

Cadet Honda, Junior Blue, Formula Blue (including Top Weight, Master, Veteran & Legend).

2CKC Championship dates for 2019:

10th March – Clay Pigeon

7th July – Forest Edge

8th September – Clay Pigeon

6th October – Forest Edge

27th October – Mansell

10th November – Clay Pigeon (including the Matt Percy Memorial Race for Formula Blue)

We hold our Annual trophy presentations and Ball in November, usually two weeks after the last round (date and venue for 2019 to be confirmed).

5 from the above 6 rounds to count for the Championship i.e. 1 drop round, however the last round carries a 100-points non-attendance penalty, which cannot be dropped.

2CKC Drivers competing for the Matthew Percy Memorial Race, must have competed in a least one previous 2CKC round prior to the Matthew Percy event. The Matthew Percy Trophy is presented to the driver who has the best start position in the final and the best finish position in the final, points added together. In the case of a tie, the highest finishing place in the final wins.

Tyres & spares for Clay Pigeon on 9th & 10th March.

Tabor Karting will be in attendance, as usual, with their mobile shop at the Clay Pigeon Circuit on Friday pm, Saturday and Sunday.

Competitors requiring tyres and / or specific spares for this event, please order and purchase your requirements in advance (Tel 01305 774074) by 12 noon on Wednesday 6th March, ready for collection at the circuit on the race weekend.

The AGM.

The AGM was held on Saturday 10th November 2018 at Clay Pigeon Circuit.

As mentioned above, it was agreed to reduce the age of "Masters" to 35 (the drivers' age on 1st January in the competition year).

Officers of the club remain as last year – see below.

The club remains in sound financial health.

Promotion of the club.

We have a great club, great racing, and a great opportunity to race on a variety of circuits for a fantastic range of trophies.

We offer a great club championship, whilst keeping membership costs to a minimum.

We hope that you, the drivers, will also promote the club and encourage new members to join up.

Please also tell us how we can continue to improve it, and any other methods of promoting 2CKC. Russell has been working on some great ideas for visuals to promote the Formula Blue Class.

T shirts and branded clothing.

Russell has also been working to introduce 2CKC branded clothing.

Details will be available on the website or direct from Russell.

Rules and Regulations.

Great news – only two changes this year:

- The age of the “Masters” class reduces to 35
- A small change to the carburettor inlet tension spring length, which now becomes 12.8mm long + or - 0.5mm

No other changes to the weights and restrictors, or to the equipment.

The Senior Blues weight chart is printed below just to remind you.

Top Weight is unchanged at 90kg driver weight.

Kart overalls. (Extract from Motorsport Magazine). Short circuit Kart competitors are reminded that any expiration date shown on the CIK-FIA homologation label is not relevant in the UK. Regulation (U)13.4.1. requires the overalls to be one of the two latest CIK-FIA standards, either N 2001-1 or N 2013-1 and either Level 1 or 2. Providing that the overalls bear these standards and remain in acceptable condition, they can continue to be used even if the expiry date shown has passed.

New faces at Motorsport UK

Dan Parker becomes the organisation’s first dedicated Karting Manager. Dan was a kart circuit manager for several years, before moving to Zipkart and most recently running the Bambino Kart Championships. Dan will take on the management of the Karting UK Operations Team during its first year running the British Kart Championships.

Feedback.

We welcome all feedback, by e-mail, phone, or at the circuit.
Please tell us what you think.

We look forward to seeing you at Clay.

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Visit the planetkarting.uk website to view all the latest news and latest championship points.

2019 Meetings		2CKC	NKRA	Blue Challenge
10th March	Clay Pigeon	Round 1		
31st March	Mansell		Round 1	Round 1
7th April	Little Rissington			Round 2
28th April	Mansell		Round 2	Round 3
12th May	Clay Pigeon			Round 4
26th May	Mansell		Blue Zero Plate	Round 5
9th June	Clay Pigeon		Round 3	Round 6
7th July	Forest Edge	Round 2		
14th July	Clay Pigeon		Round 4	Round 7
4th August	Forest Edge		Round 5	Round 8
1st September	Forest Edge		Grande Finals	
8th September	Clay Pigeon	Round 3		
6th October	Forest Edge	Round 4		
27th October	Mansell	Round 5		
10th November	Clay Pigeon	Round 6 Including Mathew Percy Memorial Race		

Formula Blue Weights and Restrictors 2019
(This is for Senior Blues – There is a separate chart for Juniors)

<u>FORMULA BLUE</u>		<u>LYNX</u>	<u>MAXI</u>	<u>LEOPARD</u>
Total weight	Driver minimum Weight	Restrictor colour and marking	Restrictor colour and marking	Restrictor colour and marking
142kg		BLACK TAB M		
152kg	65 kg	GREEN TAB M		
162kg	75 kg	BLUE TAB 21/2/L	GOLD TAB L	
172kg	85 kg	“	RED TAB N	
182kg	95 kg	“	BLUE TAB 21/ L/ M	RED TAB N
192kg	105 kg	“	“	BLUE TAB 21 / L / M