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Gemini Challenge gets great support for Round 2

The second round of the QR Hire Karts "Gemini Challenge" has received a very strong boost, with a record 17 entries!

The round is being held at Queensland Raceway this weekend, on the 5/6 July. It is the second round of the four round series which sees a very exciting format being utilised to mix up the racing order.

The Gemini Challenge is the brainchild of long time Gemini Series competitor and racing enthusiast Cam Wilson. It certainly provides a challenge to all competitors. The format has been designed to mix up the racing order a little, and give beginners a chance to run at the front of the pack. The challenge has point scoring status for every race and qualifying utilising the F1 point score system.

"At the end of the day, the best driver will always come out on top" stated Cam Wilson. "The system we utilise is rewarding for all involved, points are allocated to the top eight in every session. After qualifying, we award points and then reverse the qualifying order for the first race. We then allocate points to the top eight finishers of the race, combine the points from that race and qualifying, and again, reverse the point scoring order, so the highest point scoring driver is always put to the back the lowest to the front and so forth" added Wilson.

It certainly does mix up the racing as the first round proved. Spectators who were at round 1 of the Gemini Challenge were certainly treated to some spectacular racing, watching the faster group of drivers coming through from the rear of the field to eventually take out each race. It also gave some of the newer competitors in the class, a chance to mix it up at the front of the pack.... for the first 2 or 3 laps anyway.

"I was over the moon" stated newcomer Jai Tink. "I had a front row starting slot for the entire weekend, and even managed to hold the lead for a lap and a half in one of the races" enthused Tink. "I learnt more in 1 race than I had in my entire time in the Gemini Class" added Tink.

Ben Tomlin, the winner of round 1 of the Gemini Challenge, is also very enthusiastic about the format the Challenge uses. "That was seriously the most fun I have ever had whilst racing a car, we were racing up to 4 wide at some points on the track, it was just an awesome feeling darting your way in and out of the pack trying to get to the front, I can't wait for the next round" said Tomlin excitedly.

Round 2 sees a quality field of 17 cars entered, which Gemini Challenge organiser Wilson, is very pleased with. "I am over the moon with the support. We set this up at Queensland Raceway to offer some of our regular racers the chance to race their Gemini's against other Gemini's around the 'paperclip' which has always been known to produce some of the best racing in the country" claimed Wilson.

"There is only 3 rounds of the CAMS championship this year and all are held at Morgan Park in Warwick, we devised this as a bonus to the racers who wanted to have a bit of diversity of the tracks they can compete at. Most people were keen to get some stand alone Gemini events happening at QR, and seeing as we run the hire kart centre from QR we thought, we should take the opportunity with both hands. Kieth, JT and the crew at QR have been mighty supportive of

what we are trying to achieve with the Gemini Challenge, as has the Gemini Series founder Barry Nixon-Smith" confirmed Wilson.

The second round of the series see's some old faces again making a return to the category, mixed with some newer competitors and some series front runners, it is certain to again put on some of the most entertaining races of the weekend. The line up for the round is as follows:

- #9 Gerry van de Linde - WBR/Third Dimension Race Fabrications
- #10 Melissa Thompson - Bob Jane T-Marts Broadbeach
- #13 Rohan Barry - RJB Constructions
- #17 Ben Tomlin - Mad Clown Industries
- #18 Jai Tink - JT Racing
- #22 Dion Jarvis - Cuisine Kitchens
- #25 Rob Walker - WBR/QR Hire Karts
- #26 Jake Brackenridge - WBR/QR Hire Karts
- #27 Tracey Whale - WBR/Viva La Hair
- #53 Jon Cooke - WBR/Third Dimension Race Fabrications
- #59 Jason Hore - Racer Industries
- #66 Ivan Paynter - Mad Clown Industries
- #71 Ray Connor - Forrest River 5th Wheelers
- #72 John L'Estrange - Saveways Kitchens
- #74 Nick Bowden - Coastal Powder Coating
- #76 Dan Cassar - Brook's Tipper Hire
- #86 James Carroll - JC Racing

The hot word is, if you want to see some of the closest car racing in Australia, then head out to Queensland Raceway this weekend for round 2 of the QR Hire Karts "Gemini Challenge".

For further information on the QR Hire Karts "Gemini Challenge" contact Cam Wilson on 0419 768 662 or email info@wilsonbrothersracing.com

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