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2005/2006 Victorian State Title

The Victorian title was held on February 11 2006 at Portland's Southern 500 Speedway. We ended up with a turn out of 18 cars, not bad for a title. The hot laps proved to be an interesting event to watch, with Jason Andreatta busting his front end by going too high into turn 1 and ended up in the wall. Other than that the hot laps seemed uneventful. As the sun started lowering in the sky it was time for the heats to begin. Each heat comprising of 12 laps with the final being 35 laps.

Heat 1A
1st Ryan McKenna (Vic 1)
2nd Mal McKenna (63)
3rd Stuart Ferguson (68)

Heat 1B
1st Darren Painter (46)
2nd Warrick Taylor (69)
3rd Craig Oliver (76)
Jason Andreatta end his night early by repeating his fate with the wall at turn 1. Gary Blackney caused another restart of the heat by kissing the wall of turn 4 with the rear of his car. Kevin Bailey got a DNF.

Heat 2A
1st Ryan McKenna (Vic 1)
2nd Wade McCarthy (65)
3rd Mal McKenna (63)
Kristine Keir made the heat a little more interesting by losing her front left wheel just after turn 1 causing the heat to be restarted. Derek Ramsay was a DNF.

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Heat 2B
1st Warrick Taylor (69)
2nd Dave Carlile (9)
3rd Darren Painter (46)
The heat stared only to be stopped due to sun glare which caused a delay in the running of the heat.

Heat 3A
1st Ryan McKenna (Vic 1)
2nd Wade McCarthy (65)
3rd Mal McKenna (63)
There's no mistake here folks it's just the way they finished.

Heat 3B
1st Warrick Taylor (69)
2nd Gary Blackney (24)
3rd Craig Oliver (76)
Darren Painter's first lap in the lead after taking it from Warrick Taylor, ended with him losing it just before turn 4 resulting in the front of the car head butting the wall.

The Final
We started out with 12 cars. Ryan McKenna started from pole and lead by half a track until lap 25 when car 81 Paul Crouch and car 63 Mal McKenna felt that it was time for a breather they ended up watching the rest of the final from the infield after restarting the final. This saw Vic 1 losing his half a track lead only to still win by about 10 car lengths. It was a never-ending battle between car 24 Gary Blackney and car 69 Warrick Taylor for 2nd and 3rd, making the 2005/06 State title a very good spectators race. Well done to all who in this years title.

1st Ryan McKenna (Vic 1)
2nd Gary Blackney (24)
3rd Warrick Taylor (69)
4th Wade McCarthy (65)
5th Stuart Ferguson (68)
6th Craig Oliver (76)
7th Russell Harrison (26)

Rosedale Open Wheel Night

It was great to see 14 Mini Sprints rock up for an action packed night of all open wheeler racing at Rosedale International Speedway.

Heat 1A It was fantastic to see #7 Derek Ramsay take a pole to flag win with #46 Darren Painter and #9 Dave Carlisle racing head to head contesting 2nd and 3rd.
Heat 1B The opening heat for the other half saw some good racing with the recently crowned Vic1 Ryan McKenna taking the win from #68 Stuart Ferguson followed by #4 Eddie Aarts.

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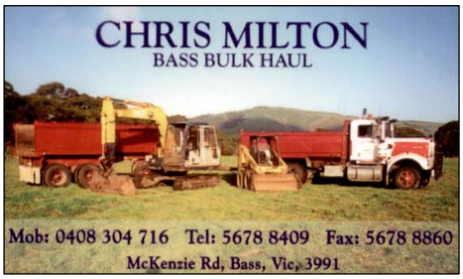
Heat 2A This heat was a ripper, Todd Blackney having his first Minisprint meet aboard the #24 machine taking the win ahead of #9 Dave Carlisle followed by #6 Ray Aarts.
Heat 2B Newcomer #17 Eden Hayley spun on turn 4 but still got back out there to contest the field. Derek Ramsay pulled infield with oil pressure problems. Good racing as Vic1 Ryan McKenna was in the lead but started to slow down opening the door for #46 Darren Painter and #68 Stuart Ferguson to battle for the lead. Darren won the heat followed by Stuart with #4 Eddie Aarts home in third, The Vic1 car limping home fourth.
Heat 3A Mayhem had struck on turn 2 with cars #17 and #6 tangling which unfortunately put car the #17 machine out for the night. Ryan McKenna won the heat from #6 Ray Aarts and a great finish to #26 Russell Harrison coming home third.
Heat 3B Another good race to end the heats for the night, Dave Carlisle, Stuart Ferguson and Darren Painter went head to head to gain valuable points towards their starting position in the final.
The final 12 cars took to the track all keen and busting to go. After an initial false start we got the greens and racing was flat out for the non

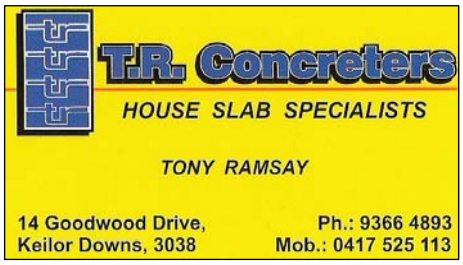
stop 15 lap final. Painter, Ferguson, McKenna and Carlisle all battled for the early lead and was certainly thrilling to watch. Some spectacular racing saw the Vic 1 and #46 cars side by side, head to head lap after lap in the lead battle. With those oil problems sorted out the #7 car of Derek Ramsay worked steadily from way down the back in the pack to edge closer to the pointy end. More fantastic racing during the final from Todd Blackney, Stuart Ferguson and Dave Carlisle.

Placing: Vic1, 46, 9, 7, 24, 68, 14, 6, 26, 5, 43.



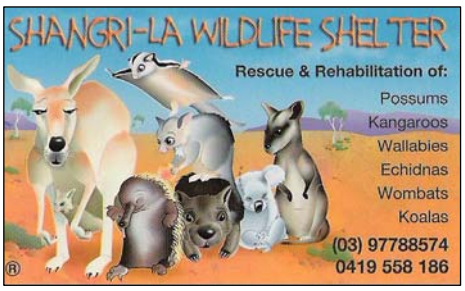
Victorian State Title Calcutta Night Wiiners

Just when we thought that Deano was having a huge flutter on his mate for the title it turns out that he was just the broker for a secret bidder. Congatulations to Kristine Keir on her Calcutta win backing the Vic1 car and Kevin Bailey for picking up the prize for the last placed finisher, Rusty Harrison.



SCL – Brobo Waldon Super Series 05/06 Gross Points Score after 6 Rounds

Gary Blackney	1179pts
Stan Brown	894pts
Derek Ramsay	837pts
Stuart Ferguson	810pts
Dave Carlile	794pts
Russell Harrison	789pts
Craig Oliver	757pts
Kristine Keir	751pts
Darren Painter	748pts
Murray Miles	703pts
Warrick Taylor	603pts
Jason Andreatta	596pts

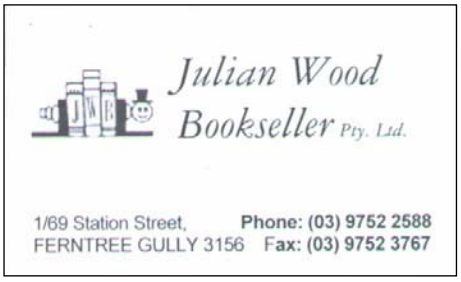


Mildura Mallee Shield – Timmis Speedway

Why not spend Easter in sunny Mildura and join our northern cousins in contesting the annual **Mallee Shield**. If the holiday atmosphere is not enough, how about **$1500** in prize money and also trophies. The Knoxville Nationals for 360 Sprintcars shares the same program.
The battle for the **Mallee Shield** is to be held on **April 14 & 16 2006,** no nomination fees req'd.
Please forward nominations to Peter McCarthy on 03 5023 2349.

Scrutineer Watch – Nerf Bars

(a) Nerfing bars must be of acceptable design. Upright/horn on top of rear nerf/push bar may be used, maximum height 50mm, angled rearwards, no hollow ends permitted. Nerf bars to be minimum 19mm OD X 3mm WT, Maximum 25mm OD x 3.2 WT. Alloy optional equivalent to steel 19.05mm OD x 4mm WT.
(b) Front nerf bar to extend at least 75mm in front of tyres.
(c) Rear nerf bar to extend at least 75mm behind rear edge of tyres.
(d) Ther must be a minimum clearance of 75mm between the inside edge of the rear nerf and the fuel tank.
(e) Front and rear nerf bars to follow body lines.
(f) Single nerf bar permitted.
(g) Corners of nerf bars to have 50mm minimum radius. No sharp or protruding corners permitted.
(h) Protection height: front and rear bars must offer protection at a height of between 300mm and 400mm.



SCL – Brobo Waldon Super Series Round 6 - Hamilton

Hamilton put on more of the hot weather that seems to be following us around this season. Our numbers were surprisingly down considering that this was a double points round for everybody. Those in attendance were set for what was to be a fabulous night of minisprint racing on a track that was wide and extremely fast.

Heat 1 saw pole sitter #68 Stewart Ferguson lead from start to finish holding off a spirited challenge from #24 Gary Blackney and #46 Darren Painter finishing third.
Congratulations to #21 Danny Milton for finally finished a first heat in his debut season.
Heat 2 was delayed at the first caution period do to the great fireball setting in the west. A complete restart after some tintops fought their own battle saw the new Vic3 car of Warrick Taylor grab the early lead and hang on for the heat win from #7 Derek Ramsay and #76 Craig Oliver. The #46 car of Darren Painter puffed a heap of smoke and finished for the night with a possible hurt engine. #23 Stan Brown also had troubled and just circulated to gain valuable double points
Heat 3 By now the track was getting extremely fast and #24 Gary Blackney made the most of his setup winning the heat easily from #76 Craig Oliver and #9 Dave Carlile. Car #68 spun on the 2nd lap up one end while #29 did a tango up the other and both went ROF, another special mention about Danny Milton having blinder of night finishing his 2nd heat.
A fairly uneventful **Pole Shuffle** had only one change seeing #9 gain one place after a couple of creative starts.
The only absentee for the **Final** was the #46 car although #63 only made it as far as the infield with a flat tyre. The race was flat out from start to finish although we had our fair share of stoppages. Car #29 Spun and very nearly tipped over before heading infield and #9 was forced to the infield party, being black flagged for emitting excessive smoke/steam. Car #21 spun onto the infield and missed the checkered flag and car #76 shut down with the finish in sight. There was a great three-way battle up front and the racing back in the pack was close as well. In the end #24 prevailed from V3 and #7 with #68, #26, #47 and #23 filling out the minors.
Well done to Russell Harrison who postponed his American trip to race with us at Hamilton. Hope he has a great trip and finds Barbara who is already over there, his presence will be missed at Nyora.
Thanks to Western Speedway for a great track and a well organised night.

THANKYOU From Russell Harrison

On Saturday 11th Feb I was able to take part in the State Title due to the generous and timely assistance of many Club members. Having been very unwell during the previous two days I soon realized I was "gone" when the weight of a 20 litre fuel can became a challenge, well before the expected 71 laps of racing !!!! I was descended upon by car lifters, tyre pressure experts, scrutineering assistants, and mental motivators. Without this support I would have definitely retired early in the afternoon. Such mutual support is the reason that Clubs survive and participants want to be involved. Apart from assistance to me there were numerous examples of shared skills, parts and encouragement to keep as many competitors as possible on the track. Despite their own bad luck, sidelined racers helped others to keep going. So, a special thankyou to the many who I won't name but who rescued me and other competitors on the night.

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Second Hand (60%) Rears - $50
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V19 Minisprint For Sale
Complete ready to race with all spares including new spare chassis, just jump in and drive.
No more to spend **$9500**
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Minisprint Parts For Sale
Volvo gearbox with Datsun bell housing
Weber carbies (methanol) & Datsun manifold.
Mazda shortened housing & many axles to suit.
Top wing, assorted panels, tyres, rims, spares and accessories **$POA**
Contact Gary Doig 0402 488 036

For Sale
Standard Honda EB1 engine with gearbox, drive shaft, clutch, flywheel and starter motor.
Head is off for inspection. **$400**
Rare Datsun Pulsar N10 four speed gearbox in working order **$200** ono
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Worth nearly $700 will sell for $450

Aluminium flywheel, Tilton Engineering suits Datsun. Bolt in steel insert for clutch and bolt on ringgear. Weighs only 3kgs

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MMS75 Minisprint For Sale
Moule chassis, Toyota motor, New Top Wing
QA1 shocks (recently dyno'd)
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Very consistent & reliable top 5 runner
Complete and ready to race with reg'd trailer
heaps of spares **$6500 ono**
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