



Melbourne Mini Sprinter Club Newsletter – April & May 2006

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Important Things to Remember

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The **MMS Presentation Night** will once again be held at the **Pakenham Golf Club** on Saturday **8 July 2006** at **6.30pm**. The night will include a 3-course meal and some light entertainment. The highlights of the night will be the Presentation of the season's awards, current season video footage and a lucky \$500 cash bonanza draw and door prizes. Application forms for tickets including pricing details and driver award nomination forms will be attached to this newsletter, numbers are limited to 140 people so get in early.

The plan for the **AGM** is to have it sometime late July. At this stage the time and venue have not been finalised but will be shortly.

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Statewide Crane Logistics – Rock Solid Super Series Nyora - Round 7 Report by Sally Blackney

Heat 1A When the green fell on the slippery track, #11 Chris Milton streaked ahead to take the lead and was never headed in his quest for a home crowd win. #37 Jason Andreatta spun in turn 4, rejoining at the rear. #73 Dean Parsons held off Vic1 Ryan Mckenna for a few laps till Vic1 spat a chain and blew a head gasket rolling to a stop on the high side of turn 4 and then infield.

#11 Chris Milton
#29 Luke Lindsey
#73 Dean Parsons

Heat 1B With #Vic 3 Warrick Taylor starting off the front he was making sure he was staying there. Good close racing was going on midfield with #76 Craig Oliver, #68 Stuart Ferguson, and #23 Stan Brown all trying for a good finish for their series points totals. Then #68 Stuart Ferguson spun and lost a lot of ground.

#24 Gary Blackney must have forgot to tighten the nut behind the wheel, parking on the wall in turn 3, then restarting with a flat left front, before tagging the wall in turn 4 causing the heat to be declared before he hurt himself.

Vic3 Warrick Taylor
#76 Craig Oliver
#9 Dave Carlile

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Heat 2A This heat had 3 starts before the racing got underway, with #76 Craig Oliver on the infield after contact on one of the starts. Mid race #68 Stuart Ferguson broke his axle and he rolled in turn 3 with his wheel determine to keep going, finishing up at the start finish line. Once Vic 3 Warrick Taylor got into the lead, he left the field behind. #21 Danny Milton and #47 Kristine Keir were having a great race in this heat, which ended in tears when they got tangled at the pit gate while exiting the track.

Vic 3 Warrick Taylor
#24 Gary Blackney
#9 Dave Carlile

Heat 2B This heat saw the boy from Bass #11 Chris Milton come from the rear to take first position and his 2nd heat win for the night. #37 Jason Andreatta was challenging #11 Chris during the race, but spun in turn 2 and failed to pull a yellow, so restarted and crossed the line for minor points. #7 Derek Ramsay came to a stop on the infield while #63 Murray Miles seemed to have taken some speedy pills and was flying.

#11 Chris Milton
#29 Luke Lindsey
#73 Dean Parsons

The Final saw 14 cars come out with #11 Chris Milton and #Vic 3 Warrick Taylor off the front. #11 Chris winning the coin toss for pole position, with both cars having 2 heat wins. Vic1 On the first lap #7 Derek Ramsay and #23 Stan Brown had near perfect synchronized rolls in turn 3 and 4. (must have been watching the Commonwealth games) After the rubble was cleared the final was dropped to 15 laps, due to time restrictions. The 2nd restart lasted till turn 4 when #37 Jason Andreatta spun and took #9 Dave Carlile with him. That put #37 Jason on the infield and #9 Scooter joined the 3rd restart. #Vic 3 Warrick Taylor got the jump again, leaving #11 Chris Milton and #27 Luke Lindsay to battle in out of 2nd and 3rd.

#24 Gary Blackney was weaving his way through the field after some poor heats, found him at the wrong end of the grid, until #48 Brett Matthews (having only his 2nd drive of the season) hit the wall in turn 1. With the race underway again #29 Luke Lindsay spun in turn 1 and 2 putting #24 Gary in 3rd catching #11 Chris in 2nd, who in turn had caught #Vic 3 Warrick. The leaders came up on lapped traffic to make an interesting final lap. #11 Chris Milton went to go under Vic3 in turn 4, but hit the grate and went high leaving the door open for #24 to steal 2nd on the chequered Flag.

Vic 3 Warrick Taylor
#24 Gary Blacknet
#11 Chris Milton
#76 Craig Oliver
#9 Dave Carlile
#73 Dean Parsons
#63 Murray Miles
#21 Danny (Rock Solid) Milton

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Rockcrusher Melbourne Minisprint Masters

The weather looked threatening as 13 cars made the journey into snow country and the dirt oval at the Alexandra Speedway. The split heats took some early casualties with newcomer Adam Milnes in the ex Luke Lindsey car, the patched up Painter car and our girl Kris all suffering engine problems which ended their nights racing. Current Vic1 Ryan McKenna made it look all too easy winning both his heats while the other Honda boys in #68 Stuart Ferguson and #3 Warrick Taylor getting a heat win each in the other group to secure the next two starting positions. The #24 Blackney car was consistent but seemed to lack some of his normal pace in the heats to qualify the best of the Datsun brigade in fourth.

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The rain held off and 10 cars were set for the final and the \$500 first prize generously put up by the Rock Solid Products company. It wasn't long into the final before things began to happen. Ryan took off from pole leaving all in his wake while the #3 car headed infield with suspected timing belt issues. The #7 car of Derek Ramsay passed sister car, the #24 Blackney machine to fill the third position prior to the first yellow period caused by #21 engaging the wall. The restart saw Ryan again head off into the distance and a deflated right rear tyre ended #68 for the night leaving a red hot battle for second between cars #7 and #24.

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Tragedy hit the Vic1 car about mid race when the Honda decided that enough was enough and had it's own internal breakdown, bringing out the yellows again as he coasted to a stop. From then on it was #7 holding of a determined #24 in the battle for the lead, which was extremely exciting and intense from my vantage point. #11 Chris Milton and #37 Jason Andreatta fought for the vital third position and a chance for the last chunk of cash on offer. In the end it was #7 Derek Ramsay holding out for his first feature win of the season from the ever reliable #24 Gary Blackney, an engine failure to #37 saw #11 Chris Milton safely home for third. What a turn around after the complete domination of the Honda powered cars during qualifying to have all the final money positions occupied by the Datsun powered machines.

To conclude it would be great to acknowledge the effort that got this race meeting together at such short notice after the disappointment of the Nyora event cancelled by bad weather. The huge efforts of the Melbourne Minisprinter Club, event sponsor Rock Solid Products' Rockcrusher division and the Alexandra Speedway are worthy of a huge hoorah from all on a very spectacular and exciting close to the major events season for our class.

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MMS Dominate Mildura Mallee Shield

The Easter break provided two nights of minisprint racing at the Mildura Speedway as a supplement to the Mildura to Knoxville 360 Sprintcars. The format was simple, two heats on Friday night followed by another two heats and a 15 lap final on the Sunday Night. Four Melbourne guys made the trip to have a bit of friendly rivalry with our northern cousins, numbers may have been a bit down but the racing was fast and competitive. The heat wins were split evenly between the locals and the travellers, Wayne Moule at the expense of his engine, Gavin Nichols in the car shared with Paul Crouch and MMS driver Derek Ramsay chipped in for two heat wins including a new lap record. The final was battled out on a slick track that was blacker than the ace of spades, and it took its toll with both the Painter #46 car and the Crouch #81 car suffering terminal engine failures. In the end a nice drive from #68 Stuart Ferguson held off #7 Derek Ramsay for the win with #37 Jason Andreatta rounding off a well deserved MMS trifecta. For the locals it was Wayne Moule finishing fourth in the borrowed #65 car of Wade McCarthy.

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Blast from the Past

In the club archives are some past driver profiles, here is some of what was recorded by one of our prominent drivers way back in 1999. See if you can guess who it is before the end?

Date of Birth	07/08/80
Married	No
First Race	1998 (Standard Saloon)
Club	Nyora
Chassis	Moule
Engine	Toyota
Gearbox	Volvo
Suspension	Torsion Bar
Crew	John (dad), Damien, Geoff
Sponsor	MCF
Achievement	Finishing a race
Aims in Speedway	To win something important or just win
Car Number	62

By now you should have realised the young guy back then with all the aspirations was our current Vic 1 driver Ryan McKenna, how many important races is he up to now?

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Presentation Night Nomination Form

The majority of trophies up for presentation on the night are a direct result of the on track performances of our drivers throughout the season. At times many great season efforts and achievements go unrecognized, this is where your input is important.

If you want to nominate someone for recognition in any of the categories listed below, cut this form from the newsletter and send your nominations to contacts below.

- Drivers Choice
- Most Improved
- Rookie of The Year
- Best Pit Crew
- Encouragement Award

Send or Phone nominations to the Club President :
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