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Welcome to In The Pits, the monthly newsletter of Penrith District Nitro Racing (PDNR). On behalf of members and organisers I would like to welcome everyone to our 2002 racing season and look forward to another great year of friendship, fun and close racing. I would like to extend a special welcome to our new drivers and spectators and we trust that you will enjoy your activities with us. PDNR have made a number of improvements on the events of last year, and with the support and feedback from our drivers, spectators and supporters we can continue to grow and develop into an even better club.

Tony Firth - *ITP Editor*

KEEPING TRACK - News

INC. UPDATE

ITP is proud to announce that PDNR have arranged for Public Liability Insurance. At the time of printing there were a few details to be finalised but the cover had been arranged. The cost for insurance is about \$870, and the Incorporation side is about \$90. Thanks to a strong number of members and up front entry fees the club has enough money to cover these expenses.

NEW RACE CONTROL BOARD

Members and drivers would have noticed the new Race Control board which has been located on the side of the trailer. So far reports say that it has been received well by both

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drivers and organisers, and has been successful in making check-in and registration much more efficient. The new board is home for the frequency pegs, flags, and lists the drivers, their colours and frequencies registered for all divisions.

The idea behind the new system is that members or drivers who pay their race entry fees upfront, are allocated a registration plate. The registration plate has the name and details of the entrant and are kept at Race Control. Check-in for an up-front entrant simply involves them placing their registration plate on the board in the appropriate position, and as the frequencies are secured for up-front entrants this is all they have to do. This system allows the entrant to check-in themselves which allows the organisers to concentrate on new members and drivers.

Any drivers who are thinking of running a few rounds in the 15 week championship are encouraged to pay up-front. This will help registrations to be completed sooner, which means more time for you to get on the track with your cars. Think of it this way, if you run 8 weeks of the championship it will cost you \$40 (8 weeks x \$5 per night). If you pay \$40 up front, you are entered in all 15 weeks, have your frequency secured, are allocated a registration plate, and are covered for the Presentation BBQ at the end of the Championship. Please note that frequencies are secured on a first in, first served basis.

Can all drivers please be aware that if your details are not on the board on the appropriate entrant lists, you are not registered to race and you must check-in at Race Control immediately.

PDNR INAUGURAL AGM

The inaugural Annual General Meeting (AGM) for PDNR will be held on Tuesday February 19, 2002. We have had a great response to our membership drive with a total of 19 members at the time of printing. Anyone standing for a position on the committee must be a PDNR member. Membership forms are available from Race Control and is structured as follows:

Joining Fee (once only)	\$10.00
Annual Subscription	\$30.00

Membership includes many benefits such as automatic entry into all championship point scores, eligibility to vote at club meetings and discounts at hobby stores (details still in negotiation) to name just a few.

**PDNR INAUGURAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 19, 2002
AT THE HARVEY NORMAN CAR PARK**

The following roles will need to be filled at the AGM:

Committee

- President (EC)
- Vice President (EC)
- Secretary (EC)
- Treasurer (EC)
- 3 General Committee Members
- Drivers Representative

(EC) Executive Committee

RACE PLAN FOR 2002

The plan for 2002 is slightly different to last year and so we all know what is happening the following is a summary.

- Three 15 week championships will be run in 2002.
- It is planned to run 3 heats for each division every Tuesday night
- **Championship 1 (Summer)** will run from January 22 to April 30, with the presentation night on the following Tuesday, May 7, 2002.
- **Championship 2 (Autumn)** will run from May 14 to August 20, with the presentation night on the following Tuesday, August 27, 2002.
- **Championship 3 (Spring)** will run from September 3 to December 10, with the presentation night on the following Tuesday, December 17, 2002.
- For the Summer Championship, all races will be counted for the drivers championship point score, however future events will be governed by the committee elect.
- Points allocation is as follows:

1st place	5 pts
2nd place	3 pts
3rd place	2 pts
Participation	1 pt

Please note that more than 10 laps must be completed for 1st, 2nd or 3rd place points to be allocated.

If a driver who is not entered in the championship point score finishes in the top three, the points will be allocated to that driver, and consequently not recorded in the championship point score.

FUNDRAISING IDEAS

PDNR are still looking for ideas and volunteers to organise and operate fundraising activities such as raffles and club days like NVCC's Observation Run & Treasure Hunt. If you would like to help please talk to an organiser.

RACE ENTRY FOR 2002

The system for race and championship point score entry is as follows:

RACE ENTRY

\$40.00 up front covers race entry for one division, for all 15 rounds of the championship. This works out at \$2.67 per week.

or

\$5.00 nightly fee covers race entry for one division for one round of the championship.

Please note: Both the above options only cover race entry, and not entry into the championship point score, i.e. in the running for trophies/prizes.

To be entered in championship point score you must be a PDNR Member (\$30 plus a \$10 once only joining fee - enters you in all 3 championship point scores) or pay a \$20 championship point score entry fee for each championship.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP & ENTRY PACKAGE

\$130.00 plus \$10.00 joining fee covers PDNR membership, race entry, and championship point score entry for 12 months. This is a saving over the year of \$20.00. This offer is only available till February 12, 2002.

THE KITCHEN RETURNS

PDNR would like to officially welcome back the kitchen! Thanks to Gwen, PDNR have drinks and hotdogs for sale. The Kitchen not only helps satisfy your hunger, but raises valuable funds for the club so please show your support whenever you get the munchies.

CLUB PROMOTION

PDNR have experienced tremendous growth over the last 12 months. ITP would like to welcome all new members and drivers and trust that you enjoy the time you spend racing with PDNR. To continue the growth trend, some A4 and A5 promotional flyers have been printed and are available for you to take and pass on to shops, notice boards and friends who you think would be interested in what we do. The majority of our publicity has been through word of mouth so please help get the word out.

If anyone has suggestions for ways PDNR can promote their activities please let us know, the more drivers and cars we can get the better!

PANTHERS UPDATE

With Public Liability and Incorporation now finalised, a meeting with Panthers has been arranged. A detailed proposal has been written and all are hoping for a positive response. For those who are unaware, PDNR have approached Panthers for the use of the old Go Kart track next to Cables Water ski Park. More news will be available in the next issue of In The Pits.

PADDOCK PASS - Championship Update

After only 2 rounds of the Summer Drivers Championship we have already seen some close racing. Crowds of up to 80 have been thrilled and the points table reflects the nature of the races. The points table as of Round 2, January 29 is as follows:

SINGLE SPEED/NOVICE			TWO SPEED			TWO SPEED PRO		
1	Peter C	19	1	Craig G	30	1	Steve Ma	20
=2	Hassan K	15	2	Mark G	13	2	David W	8
=2	Dylan Mc	15	3	Splitty	7	3	David B	7
4	Wayne Mc	12	4	Graeme D	5	4	Tony F	3
			5	Craig B	4	5	Kevin M	1
			6	Eric R	3			

Please note that those drivers who have raced and do not appear above are not entered in the championship point score. Please see a PDNR organiser at Race Control if this is incorrect. You have until February 12 to enter the championship point score otherwise the points accumulated over the first 4 rounds will be lost.

THE RACING LINE - Driver Information

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL DRIVERS

BEFORE STARTING YOUR CAR(S) ALL DRIVERS MUST:

- **CHECK-IN AT RACE CONTROL (7:00 - 7:45 pm)**
- **PUT A FREQUENCY PEG ON YOUR CONTROLLER.**

DRIVERS ARE ASKED TO RETURN THEIR FREQUENCY PEG IMMEDIATELY AFTER YOU HAVE FINISHED WITH IT

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO FREQUENCY PEGS WILL BE AVAILABLE UNTIL THE TRACK IS OPEN

Drivers running their car before the track is open do so at their own risk.

A few reminders, during a race it is essential that all drivers and only drivers are within the designated driving area. Failure to comply may result in a penalty. Another important point is that if you are late entering or rejoining a race, you must enter from the race re-entry point located to the immediate left of the drivers area.

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PIT AND PADDOCK AREA

Notice is made to all drivers that announcements will only be made to the Pit and Paddock Area. No responsibility will be taken for entrants located in other areas of the car park missing race announcements. If members see drivers not in the paddock area please explain to them the pit and paddock plan and encourage them to join us.

PDNR TAKE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY DRIVER NOT IN THE PADDOCK AREA MISSING ANNOUNCEMENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE TO DRIVERS OUTSIDE THE PIT AND PADDOCK AREA

MARSHALLING DUTY

All drivers are required to marshal the race that immediately follows their own. Drivers failing to perform their Marshalling Duties will have points deducted. If a driver is unable to perform their marshal duties, they must ask someone to marshal on their behalf and let an organiser know who this is, otherwise a penalty will be incurred.

SAFETY DIRECTIONS

PDNR organisers ask all competitors to use common sense if family or friends come down to watch. Please keep all spectators, especially children back from the track and away from race control, the pit area and the driver's area during races.

Please note that only marshals are authorised on the track to retrieve cars, and only drivers are permitted in the driver's area.

Due to insurance requirements all drivers and helpers must wear covered footwear, i.e. no open toed shoes or thongs. The consumption of alcohol is also prohibited until the close of racing and the equipment is packed up.

The riding of bikes/scooters/rollerblades/skateboards/etc is not allowed on the track or in the paddock area at any time. This is for the children's own safety as well as members.

SMALL TORQUE - Hints, Tips & Links

WET WEATHER RACING

A notice to new members, when it is wet, we meet at Judges car park. Access is from Woodriff St or Station St, Penrith. There are no organised races as space is limited but most get their cars out for a bit of a play.

YOUR SAY?

If anyone out there has any suggestions, stories, hints, tips or links, please let us know so we can include them in 'In The Pits' and the website. Please give them in writing to Tony, or email them to info@pdnracing.org

TRADING POST

If you have any items you would like to add to the PDNR Trading Post please put them in writing at Race Control or email them to info@pdnracing.org

PICCO 12 MOTOR - Contact Wayne on 0416 089 957

NITRO RACE FUEL - Contact Steve Mc or Kevin for more information.

MERCHANDISE - Shirts \$27.50 Hats \$10.00

There are a limited number of PDNR shirts & caps with the club logo for sale. They are selling fast for such great value so be sure to get in quick.

FORMULA ONE NITRO CAR - \$400.00 Contact Steve Mc for information.

RECHARGABLE 12V 7A STARTER BATTERIES - \$30.00 Contact Kevin.

A recharging service between race meetings is also available for only \$2.00

TYRE TRUING SERVICE - For more information, contact Dave Balat - 0425 220 024 or Steve Martin - 0425 245 610.

CAR BODY PAINTING - For all types of body painting, professional airbrushing and custom designs, contact Garry on 0415 133 918

EVENTS CALENDER

Here you will find all the important events you can add to your diary.

February 10 Next Race Meeting at Lithgow

February 12 Last day to pay \$130.00 annual membership option and enter championship point score without loss of accumulated points.

May 7 Presentation BBQ for Summer Championship

DOES YOUR CAR NEED WORK?

If you are having problems tuning or setting up your gas car, or your car requires maintenance or repairs, PDNR can put you in contact with the right experts who can help you for the right price. Please see Steve or Kevin for more details.

PDNR SUPPORTERS



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