

The Racer's Edge

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THE NEWSLETTER OF PENRITH DISTRICT NITRO RACING INC. (PDNR)



Winter ❄️ Champs



The logo for Penrith District Nitro Racing Inc. DRAG NIGHT. It features a silhouette of a nitro-powered RC car above the text "Penrith District Nitro Racing Inc." and "DRAG NIGHT" in large, bold, black letters. To the left of the text are four colored dots (yellow, green, red, black) arranged in a vertical line.

El Pres – Words of Wisdom

Welcome back to another icy edition of our newsletter, there is not much to report on this issue.

There are many events scheduled during the last part of 2008 and I urge all PDNR members and drivers to try and attend a race meet outside the normal Tuesday night meetings. We have numerous drivers that attend other race meets and the knowledge and support you get from attending an outside meet is well worth the effort.

We are still awaiting replies from councils etc on the chances of securing our own block of land to build our permanent track.

To help the club with raising funds we must rely on meat tray & car raffle, if you can help out with the fundraising please let us know at race control or talk to one of the committee members.

I would like to thank Tony and all the people that helped out at the Winterchamps, the feedback I have received from visiting drivers was very good. To all that had a chance to be there and watch some of Australia's best drivers in action would not have been disappointed, the display was excellent. Also it did not take long for the track lap record to be broken.

It is good to see most drivers from the last two divisions racing on Tuesday nights staying back to help bring the track in to pack away in the trailers, this helps everyone get home and out of the freezing cold conditions earlier.

Until the next issue – Smile & the world will smile with you!!!

El Pres

Kevin Maton

Recent Events

The 2008 autumn Championship is moving along nicely with round 9 being the most recent, with a dew covered track from the ever popular winter the racing is fast, and exciting with even the most steady set drivers coming undone on the ripple strips or the ICY race line. The Track has been left configured and Setup as per the Winter Champs. The Winter Champs was an exciting weekend, with a few Big Names turning up for the Event, which made for some very exciting racing. Drag Racing has been big this year with 2 rounds recently run. So Read on for all the Information your dying to know.

In case you missed the last newsletter (June 2008) here are the 2008 committee members:

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General Committee: Grahame Jones, Steve Valletta, Flavio Cataldo, John Bates, Nathan Ryan, David Lo Iacono, Jonathan Freund.

The committee is there to represent PDNR members and drivers, so if you have any ideas, experiences, thoughts or suggestions please approach one of the committee members and let them know so that they can present and explore them further. ***Your club, your ideas!***





HANDY MUST HAVES

PERSONAL TRANSPONDERS

The club has personal transponders for sale at \$155, and I can tell you they are worth their weight in gold. Many drivers don't appreciate their convenience, however like a lot of things in this world, once you've had them you never go back. If you would like to purchase one just see Race Control and they will be able to help you out.



PDNR TEAM WEAR

PDNR have a variety of merchandise available for purchase. See Race Control for more information. See Race Control for an Order Form, or the Back Page of This Newsletter.

Race Jacket	:	\$90.00
Polo Shirt	:	\$35.00
Moto (Torque) Shirt	:	\$60.00
Race Cap	:	\$15.00
Stickers	:	\$ 2.50



2008 RACING EVENTS – *Put em in ya diary!*

Saturday 23-August	PDNR Challenge (SIRC - Penrith)
Sunday 24-August	- Round 1 - 2008/2009 Nitro Interclub Series
Saturday 30-August	PDNR Drag Night - Round 5
Saturday 27-September	PDNR Drag Night - Round 6
Saturday 4-October	Lithgow Grand Prix (Lithgow) - TBC
Sunday 5 October	Round 2 - 2008/2009 Nitro Interclub
Saturday 11-October	RC Bathurst 1000 (Bathurst)
Saturday 8-November	Mingara Cup (Mingara)
Sunday 9-November	- Round 3 Nitro Interclub Series
Saturday 29-November	PDNR 3 Hour Classic
Sunday 21-December	PDNR Charity Challenge (Oran Park)



PDNR PIT CREW IS BACK!

As part of the updates to the PDNR website, the PDNR Pit Crew email list has made a triumphant return. If you want to be kept up to date with news and events you can join the Pit Crew to receive emails about PDNR's activities.

Join Now at: www.pdnracing.org.au/pitcrew

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The 2008 Autumn championship is Still a fierce battle between Friends and Foes alike. Here is the Championship Points as of Round 10

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OFF ROAD BUGGY		
P	Name	Pts
1	Nathan Ryan	306
2	Nathan Egan	243
3	Chris Young	216
4	Flavio Cataldo	204
5	Chris Abela	191
6	Philip Lauer	118
7	John Stuart	90
8	Stewart Kaysmith	82
9	Matthew Oxford	81
10	Kris Clark	78
11	Ron Sant	74
12	Nathan Johnston	68
13	Greg Rossiter	45
14	Michael Fellowes (M1)	37
15	Scott Palmer (M1)	22
16	Joel Casey	14
17	Graham Fletcher	10
17	Jamie Fellowes (M1)	10
19	John Mc Ilwman	9
20	Darrel Knight	7
21	Josh Crowe	6
22	Hady Haoshar	5
23	Anthony Siljeg	0
23	Aidan Seaton	0
23	Robert Muller	0
23	Michael Balada	0
23	Nick Tsatlogiannis	0
23	Ronald Clare	0
23	James Skillen	0
23	Brad Parker	0
23	Thomas White	0
23	William Wilson	0

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OUTLAW		
P	Name	Pts
1	Shaun Kaltenbacher	304
2	Chris Stanley	219
3	Rod Morgan	211
4	Ray Wallace	187
5	Scott Marks	127
6	Grahame Jones	105
7	John Reilly	103
8	David Lo Iacono	89
9	Nathan Egan	78
10	Desmond Schneider	72
11	Daniel Miner	67
12	David Bush (M1)	51
12	Philip Lauer	51
14	Flavio Cataldo	46
15	Barry Gavin	42
16	Darrel Thompson (M1)	35
17	Alex Koussas	32
18	Brad Stuart (M1)	22
19	Joel Casey (M1)	21
19	Shane Middlemass	21
21	Brad Parker	19
22	Luke Gunton	10
23	Joe Ivastinovic	9
24	Don Bishop	0
24	Scott Van Der Draay (M1)	0
24	Allan Crane	0
24	Chris Pett (M1)	0
24	Graham Fraser	0
24	Kevin Maton	0

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OPEN PAN		
P	Name	Pts
1	Michael Turner	298
2	Steve O'Connor	281
3	Steve Valletta	228
4	Darrel Thompson	196
5	Kevin Maton	117
6	Mark O'Connor	101
7	Ray Azzopardi	48
8	John Mcllwman	43
9	Graham Fraser	18
10	Joel Casey	10

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P	Name	Pts
1	John Mcllwhan	271
2	Daryl Kaltenbacher	266
3	Jamie Clarke	245
4	Andrew Thackray	240
5	Daniel Miner	186
6	Darrel Knight	111
7	Don Bishop (M1)	91
8	Glen Hartley (M1)	75
9	Rhys Taylor	50
10	Adam Heaney	33
11	Michael Cairns	31
12	Kris Albronda	18
13	Philip Lauer (M1)	15
14	Dennis Mitchell	10
15	Michael Magart	0

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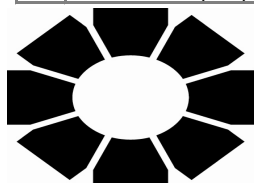
PRO TOURER

P	Name	Pts
1	Philip Woodbury	320
2	Ray Azzopardi	218
3	Steve Valletta	201
4	Chris Young	199
5	Jonathan Freund	192
6	Nathan Ryan	172
7	Wayne Thomas	170
8	John Bates	129
9	Luke Gunton	48
10	Matthew Russell	22
11	Joel Casey	19
12	Kevin Maton	18
13	Alex Koussas	16
14	Matt Ferguson	13
15	Brad Stuart (M1)	6

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PULL START

P	Name	Pts
1	Shaun Kaltenbacher	301
2	Steve Valletta	298
3	David Ryan	186
4	Chris Stanley	160
5	Joe Patane	139
6	Jonathan Lo Iacono	135
7	Graham McMillan	108
8	Steve O'Connor	101
9	John Newham	93
10	Grahame Jones	89
11	Nathan Johnston	55
12	Matt Ferguson	54
13	David Ricketts	53
14	Charles Pilotto	42
15	Brett Quarm	19
16	Carl Robertson	18
17	John Mcllwain	16
18	Thomas White	14
19	Joshua Freund	12
20	Matt Oxford	10
21	Daniel Miner	8
21	Frank Deak	8
23	Scott Palmer	7
24	Michael Cairns	0
24	Brendan Moncrieff (M1)	0



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2	John Bates	239
3	Rod Albronda (M1)	230
4	Joe Patane	214
5	Allan Crane	147
6	Barry Gavin	128
7	Greg Rossiter	93
8	Corey Gurney	82
9	John McIlwhan	77
10	Matthew Russell	72
11	Philip Lauer	69
12	Nathan Ryan	12
13	Dave Cooper (M1)	6
14	Andrew Thackray	0

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P	Name	Pts
1	Roy Hanmore	310
2	Darrel Knight	221
3	Don Bishop	167
4	Charles Pilotto	158
5	David Bush	157
6	Jye Laidler	54
7	Ryan Moylan	34
8	Nathan Johnston	30
9	Rod Albronda (M1)	21
9	Allan Crane	21
11	Aidan Seaton	20
12	Thomas White	16
13	Jamie Fellowes	14
14	Aaron Miner	9
15	Tim Linos	8
16	Troy Behrendt	0

PDNR RACE NEWS

DRAG NIGHTS.:: Rnd 4 2008 PDNR DRAG SERIES ::

Round 4 of the 2008 PDNR Drag Series ran like clock work. When Graham and Rod had blistering runs and Broke the 100 kms/Hr early in PDNR's Drag racing History we thought this was great a momentous occasion.

But hasn't the benchmark been moved since then.

Dragster Leigh "Quick as Flash" Naylor breaking 120km/h in the 1/4 finals, unfortunately he was 0.033 too quick out of the Hole giving him a Red Light and eliminating him for the night. Leigh currently holds 3 Records;

Visit www.pdnracing.org.au/htm/results/drag_series_records.asp

We do hope he can run 120 km/h again at Round 5 on 30th August 2008. Well done to Corey Fraser, Jake Cash, Jim Brown and Dave Bush who achieved their First Wins for the 2008 Championship. Full results can be seen here

www.pdnracing.org.au/htm/results/08_drag_series/2008_drag_series.html

But it was defiantly exciting to also see some new faces on the Strip. Hope to see even more at Rnd 5, when the weather warms up a little.

WINTER CHAMPS 2008 - PDNR

The Gods must have favoured PDNR for this weekend, with beautiful sky's, Great track conditions, and enough edge of your seat racing to make any racer step back and admire the racing quality from every racer during the winter champs.

PDNR was graced with competitors from near and Far, Even from across the Borders of NSW. Which made this winter champs the one not to miss.

Friday practice saw, a lot of frustrated faces from local drivers, who found the track Very different from the usual surrounds of Tuesday nights, meaning for a lot of tuning and setup being done by all. With Traction from Laps being laid in Practice, the track was looking to be a great track for all competitors of all Experiences. A Welcome sight for the track was the ever so quiet yet quick Electric Mod cars zooming around with the noisy nitro boys. Having quite a few volunteer Marshals baffled as to why the car seemed flamed out yet was driving away from them. With the sun setting on Friday practice, every one was anticipating a great day for Saturday racing.

Saturday morning was welcomed with bright warm sun, and a slight chill in the air, but racers were arriving in there droves and all seemed excited to be racing on Penrith's home track. Qualifying got under way; with most drivers unaware how slippery and tedious the ripple strips can be, adding for a bit of excitement for the spectators. Nitro Sport was hotly contested by new and up coming youngsters who showed the crowd they were on there way to the top.

Pullstart was a sure fight for placing, with a lot of well known pullstart drivers battling it out for TQ making for very exciting racing.

Open Tourer showed the crowds just how Fast paced nitro racing can be, with some spectacular driving from home grown Hero, Phil Woodbury and Out of Towner's, the jovanovics, but not to be out done, the local Tourer boys were hot on there heels, making them Work hard for Every lap and Every millisecond of Time.

1/8th Open pan not wanting to be out done, decided to turn the pace up another notch, Tearing up the tarmac, with blistering speeds and times that make you gasp.

Electric mod, not wanting to be Over shadowed by the Nitro cars, showed Penrith and the Spectators, why Electric Racing is still Very popular and Very much a Racing Class.

With Qualifying Finished , racers were reading themselves for a Great Battle in the Finals,

Nitro sport top 3 qualifying

1: Rhys OConner

2: Ray Zarb

3: Mark OConner

The 30 minute A final was going to be a task for the Nitro Sport Racers, With the Race under way, it was a fierce battle for the top 3 with Positions changing more time then you could count due to Flame outs, Damaged Cars and Race incidents The race looked to be sure fires win for who ever could just stay out there for 30 mins with 2nd and 3rd being sorted in the very last lap by only seconds

Final Placing:

1: Mark OConner

2: Graham McMillan

3: Kris Albronda

Well done, especially to the youngster who raced and raced extremely well.

Pull start Qualifying was fought hard and finally decided the following Top 3

1: Steve Valetta

2: Chris Stanley

3: Shaun Kaltenbacher

The 30 minute A final was going to be a Race of MAN and Machine, with all drivers on fire during Qualifying.

After a lot of Car problems the final Looked to be a 2 car race with most cars 10 or more laps behind the Lead cars, especially after Chris Stanley had a few problems with his car and lost Critical time which put him of Lead laps, yet a Quick Pit Repair left him still in contention for 3rd

Final Placing:

1: Shaun Kaltenbacher

2: Steve Valetta

3: Chris Stanley

Well done to all drivers of pullstart for a great race.

Pro Tourer was Definatly the Cars to watch with Racing that was so smooth in the top 20 of the field it looked like most cars were on Rails.

Qualifying Placing:

1: Peter Jovanovic

2: Phil Woodbury

3: Ric Bartolozzi

With the racing from the lower finals being fast and exciting with lots of memorable moments, and some not so memorable, the Top10 were ready to race and the racers and spectators were lining the barricades for a better view.

The racing was Top Notch from the start till the final moments, with the lead cars making the pace very fast, and the excitement almost over shadowed by PDNR driver Steve Valetta who was in his second consecutive 30 minute final, and was making his way thru the traffic at blistering pace.

But it was PDNR drivers Phil Woodbury and Ray Azzopadi who would round out the top 5 drivers with Steve in 7th.

Pro tourer placing

1: Peter Jovanovic

2: Phil Woodbury

3: Ric Bartolozzi

Well done to all Pro Tourer Drivers

1/8th Open Pan, being the big boys of racing they were Definaty out to impress with times to scare most drivers.

Qualifying top 3:

1: Ric Bartolozzi

2: Leigh Dytor

3: Steve Valetta

Now the Drivers and Spectators Really had something to Watch, Blistering Fast racing and a man who just raced 2 , 30 Minute finals, Taking the Stand once again for another 30 minute final, PDNR's own Steve Valetta

The PDNR drivers made there assault on the 1/8th A main but Appeared to be Plagued by Problems and Moorebank Rocketed home to a 1,2,3 Victory

1: Ric Bartolozzi

2: Leigh Dytor

3: Alex Yousif

Well done to all Drivers, and a big Effort to Steve Valetta, completing 3, 30 min A Mains concurrently.

EP Modified – Being a strange car to Penrith, the electric boys had everyone's attention and they did not disappoint,

Qualifying.

1: Andrew Abbot

2: Steven Jovanovic

3: Simon Feigl

Being 5 minute Split finals due to Battery restraints, 3 x 5min finals are held, with great driving displayed from all, but a 2 final win from Andrew Abbot saw him to victory.

Well done to all

The Winter Champs was a Great Success for PDNR and we would like to thank all Drivers , Spectators and Racing Lines for their Support for the 2008 Winter Champs.



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The PDNR website is updated regularly with news and results.
You can also download entry forms and event calendars.

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