



THE 320 CHALLENGE

3 RACES > 10 ROUNDS > 2 CLASSES > 1 CHAMPIONSHIP

DATE 02.11.2008 > TRACK BUCKMORE PARK > TRACK CONDITION COLD/ICY > DRIVERS 16
FASTEST LAPS STANDARD CHRIS TATNELL 1.06.902 – LIGHT STUART JONES 107.980

How quickly a year passes. It was already Round 10 the 320 Challenge 2008 and there was everything to play for. By lunchtime 5 drivers had dropped out due to the "bug" which did not bode well, next the weather was closing in and temperatures dropping and when we arrived the crystals were being laid on track to melt the ice.

16 drivers sign-on and helped themselves to warm mince-pies which I had spent all day baking and putting into those little silver foils!! All weighed after eating and the average weight taken was 91kg. It was decided by Race Director Phil Ling that we would go ahead with the driver briefing and a decision would be made within the next half hour to whether the crystals had done their magic and we could race safely on the circuit. A nervous wait for 5 of the drivers who were all in contention for the top 3 Championship places.

(#denotes – Standard Class)

Qualifying was interesting - the drivers were getting value for money tonight, karting and skating! It took a while with times from 1.10 – 1.22 for the less experienced. All drivers were being cautious for the first few laps. The crystals were doing their thing and as long as the drivers kept to the racing lines then things would go "Slidingly!". Unfortunately, the best laid plans.....!

Stuart Jones took pole position with a time of 1.10.466, #Donkey Kong (AKA Chris Tatnell) 2nd, #Norman Kenvyn 3rd, Peter Sharp 4th, #Steve Hall 5th, Levente Daczo who was celebrating his 40th Birthday 6th, Luke Coleman 7th, Chris Roy 8th, Michael Coventry 9th, Stuart Taylor 10th, #Dave Austen 11th, #Anthony Brown 12th, #Jeremy Lynch 13th, #Ed Chew 14th, #Matt Tomlinson 15th and #Gareth Bearman 16th.

Heat 1 and Red to Green. Tightly packed and #Norman Kenvyn goes on the outside of Stuart Jones and #Donkey Kong at Hairpin 2 to momentarily take the lead. A great start by Levente Daczo who goes into 3rd and Stuart Taylor makes a 3 place gain from 10th to 7th. #Anthony Brown got caught on the slippery stuff, and bounced off of the tyre wall back onto track, at least facing the right way.

A battle between Stuart Jones and #Donkey Kong as they trade places, but we could see them racing although the computer told us #Donkey Kong was in 16th place and then nowhere! It would appear his transponder had come off somewhere on track and he was to be called into the pits. Held by pit-crew he was put back into position on lap 11.

Further down the grid #Steve Hall, one of the Championship contenders was having a nightmare. No not big monsters and scary things but he just couldn't get to "Grips" in this heat with the track conditions. Lap after lap he pirouetted without any help. Chris Roy will also be entered into the next season of rallying as he enjoyed more time on the grass!

Chequered flag for heat one and Stuart Jones reclaimed 1st position, #Donkey Kong 2nd, #Norman Kenvyn 3rd, Peter Sharp 4th, #Dave Austen a gallant recovery from 11th on the grid to 5th, Levente "Happy Birthday" Daczo 6th, Stuart Taylor 7th, Luke Coleman 8th, Michael Coventry 9th, #Steve "Nightmare" Hall 10th, #Ed Chew 11th, #Anthony Brown 12th, #Jeremy Lynch 13th, Chris "Rally" Roy 14th, #Matt Tomlinson 15th and #Gareth Bearman 16th.

ROUND 9 RACE RESULT LIGHTEWEIGHT CLASS

- 1 Stuart Jones
- 2 Luke Coleman
- 3 Peter Sharp
- 4 Chris Roy
- 5 Stuart Taylor
- 6 Levente Daczo
- 7 Michael Coventry

ROUND 9 RACE RESULT STANDARD CLASS

- 1 Chris "Donkey Kong" Tatnell
- 2 Dave Austen
- 3 Steve Hall
- 4 Norman Kenvyn
- 5 Anthony Brown
- 6 Ed Chew
- 7 Jeremy Lynch
- 8 Matt Tomlinson
- 9 Gareth Bearman



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Now Heat 2 should be great fun! I would think it must be quite scary to be a new driver to the series, in the cold, damp, icy conditions with 15 others behind you wanting to be 1st. #Gareth Bearman and #Matt Tomlinson held their nerve as the lights went to green for the second time.

The nightmares were over and now it was sweet dreams as #Steve Hall had a great start taking the lead, with Chris Roy 2nd, Peter Sharp 3rd, #Dave Austen 4th by hairpin 2. Unfortunately, the sweet dreams were short lived as #Donkey Kong passed #Steve on lap 2. #Michael Coventry, #Gareth Beaman and #Jeremy Lynch all lost places as they had their own version of skating on tarmac! Stuart Jones, Luke Coleman and Peter Sharp were all enjoying a battle for position with Peter eventually taking the advantage.

End of heat 2 and the chequered goes out to #Donkey Kong 15 seconds ahead of #Dave Austen who drove a great second heat after his disaster in heat 1. #Steve Hall 3rd, Stuart Jones 4th, Luke Coleman 5th, Peter Sharp 6th, #Norman Kenvyn 7th, Chris Roy 8th, Stuart Taylor 9th, #Anthony Brown 10th, #Jeremy Lynch 11th, Michael Coventry 12th, Levente (40) Daczo 13th, #Ed Chew 14th, #Matt Tomlinson 15th and #Gareth Bearman 16th.

The temperature was dropping and the track was glistening so whilst the points were being added together for the final grid we gave the drivers a "restroom" break or "Warm-up" for 5 minutes.

Another very close evenings racing. Joint on points and going to fastest lap, #Donkey Kong on pole with Stuart Jones 2nd. Joint on point's #Dave Austen 3rd and Peter Sharp 4th, #Norman Kenvyn 5th. Joint on point's #Steve Hall 6th and Luke Coleman 7th. Stuart Taylor 8th, Levente Daczo 9th. Joint on points Chris Roy 10th and #Anthony Brown 11th. Joint on points Michael Coventry 12th and #Ed Chew 13th, #Jeremy Lynch 14th, #Matt Tomlinson 15th and #Gareth Bearman 16th.

For the final time tonight and final time in the 320 Challenge 2008 Championship the lights go to green. Stuart Jones takes control this time, with #Donkey Kong holding 2nd and a great move by Luke Coleman 3rd.

The battle of the "Standards" was underway. #Steve Hall and #Norman Kenvyn are both on for the 320 Challenge 2008 Title. #Norman desperately needed to pass #Steve and have 3 drivers between them, but this wasn't looking promising. Lap after lap #Steve held #Norman behind him trying not to spin or go off line.

The chequered goes out for the final time in the 320 Challenge 2008 Championship and #Dave Austen takes the win. #Steve Hall a whiskers behind in 2nd, #Donkey Kong on a charge for 3rd, Stuart Jones taking 4th, #Norman Kenvyn 5th after a heroic battle, Luke Coleman 6th, all drivers on the same lap. Chris Roy 7th, Peter Sharp 8th, #Anthony Brown 9th, Michael Coventry 10th, #Ed Chew 11th, #Matt Tomlinson 12th, Stuart Taylor 13th, Levente Daczo 14th, #Gareth Bearman 15th and #Jeremy Lynch 16th.

CHAMPIONSHIP AFTER R10

1	Steve Hall	690
2	Norman Kenvyn	686
3	Peter Sharp	681
4	Luke Coleman	667
5	Stuart Jones	664
6	Glenn Marrison	657
7	Dave Austen	647
8	Lee Probert	512
9	Chris Roy	444
10	Bill Jennings	395
11	Jamie Scoging	244
12	Paul Lancaster	239
13	Matt Allen	233
14	Chris Tatnell	201
15	Gerrard Hubbert	171
16	Monkey Harris	171
17	Max Bridger	170
18	Rusty Clarke	158
19	Richard Fossey	153
20	Michael Coventry	152
21	Russell Lord	147
22	Chris Dodge	145
23	Colin Wilson	140
24	Ashley Grant	137
25	John Carter	136
26	Adam Jenner	131
27	Robert Browning	85
28	Matt Jones	85
29	Andy Bridger	83
30	Lee Hawley	82
31	Jay Bridger	82
32	Mark Pearson	82
33	Chris Journet	81
34	James Austen	81
35	Joe Flay	80
36	Brian Reeve	80
37	Andy Nunn	79
38	Michael Lazarou	78
39	Stuart Taylor	78
39	Michael Marrison	77
39	Anthony Brown	77
42	Alan Smith	76
42	Jonathon Bloohn	76
44	Levente Daczo	76
45	Tom Knight	75
45	Martin Marrison	75
45	Ed Chew	75
45	Steve Bentley	74
45	Alan Beckley	73
50	Karl Martinez	73
50	David Farndon	73
50	Ben Philpott	73
50	John Osman	73
54	Andy Paton	72
55	Colin Beckley	71
55	Robert Farndon	71
55	Jeremy Lynch	71
58	Matt Tomlinson	70
59	Nick Lambourne	69
60	Nigel Farndon	67

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All the points for all three rounds are added together.

Lightweight Class – 1st Stuart Jones, 2nd Luke Coleman, 3rd Peter Sharp, 4th Chris Roy, 5th Stuart Jones
6th Levente Daczo, 7th Michael Coventry.

Standard Weight – 1st Donkey Kong (CT) 2nd Dave Austen, 3rd Steve Hall, 4th Norman Kenvyn, 5th
Anthony Brown, 6th Ed Chew, 7th Jeremy Lynch, 8th Matt Tomlinson and 9th Gareth Bearman.

Our driver of the day goes to Stuart Taylor who may not have won the wager but was the highest placed driver in “newbie’s”

Although we had some engine cut-outs due to the cold damp weather and the track resembling an ice-rink there were no black flags and everyone obeyed the yellow flags and drove to the conditions. A big thank you to you all, a great fun race to watch with many “oohs and aahhs” from race control as the drivers spun, bounced about and slid in all direction avoiding where possible each other – hope you don’t ache too much tomorrow!!

we would like to **congratulate** the Winner for the 3rd year in succession **Steve Hall**, Runner-Up **Norman Kenvyn** and 3rd **Peter Sharp**.

Wishing you and your families and Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you in 2009!



Lightweight Podium
Luke Coleman, Stuart
Jones, & Peter Sharp



Standard weight Podium
Dave Austen, Donkey
Kong & Steve Hall



Driver of the Day
Stuart Taylor



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Championship Winners