

Our Xmas Fun Race already - where has the year gone! The weather was cold and the track was damp and slippery from the overnight rain and cool air. 19 teams all seemed eager to come and "have a go"

- The fun Race is a Full one hour two driver team endurance
- Practice/Qualifying session with two classes of entry
- Friends & Family class - Racers class and 15 minute driver changes.

After driver briefing, the teams started their 10 minute practice/qualifying session which gave a chance for the drivers to familiarise themselves with the track before the one hour event.

(# indicates Friends/Family Class)

It was not surprising that the top 5 on the grid were all regular Racers, including Chris Tatnell, Luke Coleman, Ollie Giardino, Tom Huxtable and Lee Probert.

On Pole Joe's Raiders, Team Mustard 2<sup>nd</sup>, The Giardinios 3<sup>rd</sup>, The Huxtables 4<sup>th</sup> and In Front Again 5<sup>th</sup>. First of the Friends/Family Class, #Mario Karts 6<sup>th</sup>, #Beauty & the Beast 7<sup>th</sup>, #PD Motorsport 8<sup>th</sup>, Still Game 9<sup>th</sup>, #All Fire 2 10<sup>th</sup>, Piston Heads 11<sup>th</sup>, #Team Ginn 12<sup>th</sup>, #The Moaners 13<sup>th</sup>, #Wheelhouse Racing 14<sup>th</sup>, #The Car Crashers 15<sup>th</sup>, #Team Autosshine 16<sup>th</sup>, #All Fire 1 17<sup>th</sup>, #The Chuckle Brothers 18<sup>th</sup> and #The Jungle Brothers 19<sup>th</sup>.

The more experienced of the two drivers would "usually" start the race. The classes are Racers - Both Race regularly OR Friends/Family, either One Racer and one Novice or Two Novices.

All gridded and ready to go for the Xmas Fun Race. Light, Camera, Action or GO!

Team Mustard take control, #Mario Karts getting a good start gaining 4 places, Joe's Raiders 3<sup>rd</sup> and a great start from Piston Heads into 4<sup>th</sup>.

Both The Huxtables (Tom) and Giardinios (Ollie) had decided to put the "girls" out first. Emma held no prisoners whilst Hannah took it easy getting used to the kart and track. #Wheelhouse Racing had a spin dropping them down the grid with #Team Autosshine gaining an advantage in the first 5 minutes.

15 minutes gone already and we have our first driver changes. A quick change by Team Mustard and they keep their 20 second advantage, #Mario Karts hold 2<sup>nd</sup>, and The Huxtables now with Tom in the driving seat move to 3<sup>rd</sup>. Piston Heads keep 4<sup>th</sup>, #Beauty & the Beast 5<sup>th</sup> and Joe's Raiders down into 6<sup>th</sup>. In Front Again, no not really 7<sup>th</sup>, and #PD Motorsport 8<sup>th</sup>, #Team Autosshine 9<sup>th</sup>, and Still Game 10<sup>th</sup>. #The Jungle Brothers seemed to think the pit lane wasn't big enough for everyone to get through so re-arranged it as they came in!

The half way mark and all looking good. Considering some of the drivers had not raced before and the conditions were not ideal the driving standards were exceptional. Everyone was driving to their own ability and having their own battles with groups in their own classes further down the field. This is the purpose of this event, to come along and "Have a Go" without the pressure of a Championship!

Second driver changes over and as the track starts to dry the lap times increase. So far the quickest lap in the first 20 minutes is The Huxtables with a time of 1.01.020. Team Mustard still lead, The Huxtables 2<sup>nd</sup>, Joe's Raiders on a mission in 3<sup>rd</sup>, In Front Again 4<sup>th</sup> Piston Heads 5<sup>th</sup>, #Mario Karts 6<sup>th</sup>, #Beauty & the Beast 7<sup>th</sup>, Still Game 8<sup>th</sup>, The Giardinios 9<sup>th</sup>, #PD Motorsport 10<sup>th</sup>, #Team Autosshine 11<sup>th</sup>, #Team Ginn 12<sup>th</sup>, #All Fire 2 13<sup>th</sup>, #The Moaners 14<sup>th</sup>, #All Fire 1 15<sup>th</sup>, #The Car Crashers 16<sup>th</sup>, #Wheelhouse Racing 17<sup>th</sup>, #The Chuckle Brothers 18<sup>th</sup> and enjoying their day out #The Jungle Brothers 19<sup>th</sup>.

We are now into the final 10 minutes. The Giardinos (Ollie) sets the fastest lap time of 58.764, with The Huxtables 59.069 and Team Mustard (Luke) 59.168. Team Mustard had a 10 second ahead of The Huxtables in 2<sup>nd</sup>, a three way battle for 3<sup>rd</sup> Joe's Raiders, In Front Again and Piston Head all on the same lap. At the other end of the grid #All Fire 2, #Team Autosshine and #All Fire 1 and looking for position. #The Jungle Brothers still going round at their own pace, enjoying the scenery, with the occasion spin to add to the excitement.

After one hour Team Mustard take a well deserved win in the Racers Class, The Huxtables 2<sup>nd</sup>, In Front Again 3<sup>rd</sup>, Joe's Raiders behind by 2 seconds in 4<sup>th</sup>, Piston Heads 5<sup>th</sup>, First of the Friends/Family Class #Mario Karts 6<sup>th</sup>, The Giardinos 7<sup>th</sup>, #Beauty & the Beast 8<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> in Class), Still Game 9<sup>th</sup> and #Team Ginn 10<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> in Class). #PD Motorsport 11<sup>th</sup>, #All Fire 2 12<sup>th</sup>, #All Fire 1 13<sup>th</sup>, #Team Autosshine 14<sup>th</sup>, #The Car Crashers 15<sup>th</sup>, #The Moaners 16<sup>th</sup>, #Wheelhouse Racing 17<sup>th</sup>, #The Chuckle Brothers 18<sup>th</sup>, and another exciting pit lane entry for #The Jungle Brothers who took it steady and were 17 laps behind but happy!

Our driver of the day goes to Abul of the #The Jungle Brothers as he gave us the most entertainment both on track and in the pit lane and kept out of everyones way as he enjoyed his day out. If you hadn't have already guessed, he has NEVER driven a kart before but did extremely well for his first outing, except the pit lane bit!!

I hope you all enjoyed the race. No Black flags and great sportsmanship. Our first Fun Race of 2009 will be on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2009 with a new arrival time of 10am.

**May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry  
Christmas and Happy New Year.  
See you in 2009.**

***Our next Fun Event is on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2009 Arrival 10AM***

## RACERS CLASS

Position	Team	Drivers
Winners	Team Mustard	Dave & Luke Coleman
Runners up	The Huxtables	Tom Huxtable & Emma Muir
3 <sup>rd</sup>	In Front Again	Lee Probert & Steve Bentley
4 <sup>th</sup>	Joe's Raiders	Chris Tatnell & Andy Gurr
5 <sup>th</sup>	Piston Heads	Gary & Danny Koven
6 <sup>th</sup>	The Giardinos	Ollie Giardino & Hannah Wilson
7 <sup>th</sup>	Still Game	Tony Duffy & Frank Heggie

## FRIENDS & FAMILY CLASS

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Position	Team	Drivers
Winners	Mario Karts	Carl Thompson & Sarah McClarron
Runners up	Beauty & the Beast	Keith Hutton & Dan Lovelock
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Team Ginn	David & Adam Ginn
4 <sup>th</sup>	PD Motorsport	Gareth Longhurst & Aaron Mogford
5 <sup>th</sup>	All Fire 2	Liam O'Sullivan & Tommy Nolan
6 <sup>th</sup>	All Fire 1	Mike Barfoot & Nick
7 <sup>th</sup>	Team Autoshine	Adam Bennett & Ben Platt
8 <sup>th</sup>	The Car Crashers	Ben & Toby Leahy
9 <sup>th</sup>	The Moaners	Terry Leahy & Alex Hill
10 <sup>th</sup>	Wheelhouse Racing	Simon & James Jeffery
11 <sup>th</sup>	Chuckle Brothers	Joe Sammut & Alan Burnage
12 <sup>th</sup>	Jungle Brothers	Abdul Ali & Michael Daly



Xmas Fun Race – Racers Class  
The Huxtables, Team Mustard & In Front  
Again



Xmas Fun Race – Friends/Family Class  
Beauty & the Beast & Mario Karts



Xmas Fun Race  
The Giardinis – Fastest Lap



Xmas Fun Race – Driver of the Day  
Abdul