



## Knockhill Motor Sport Club – Club News

Welcome to Scotland's newest bike Club. We are delighted with the interest so far and really excited about the four race meetings planned at knockhill in 2011. The dates are:

**April 24th    May 8th    June 25th    Sept 25th**

As it is our first year and the first race is still almost three months away, we are working on some really exciting ideas and want to innovate and re-energize bike sport at Knockhill. Our core aims are;

- To provide attractive race meetings for the riders, marshals and spectators
- To provide the best value for money racing in Scotland
- To foster newcomers and youngsters in to the sport
- To provide the best possible promotion and exposure opportunities for all riders to help them, their sponsors and their racing.

### MACKENZIE FOR HONORARY PRESIDENT!

The committee of the Knockhill Motor Sports Club are thrilled that racing legend Niall Mackenzie has accepted the role of our inaugural Honorary Club President.

Niall said, "As a nineteen year old, the Knockhill circuit gave me an opportunity to try out the amazing sport of motorcycle racing and from that day on my life changed forever. I truly believe the formation of the Knockhill Motor Racing Club will be a major step forward for Motorsport in Scotland so I feel privileged to be involved. I hope my association with the club will help to inspire new riders for many years to come"



### CLASSES

Our aim is to provide the best races possible with the greatest number of starters we can in each race. Almost every bike that race at the Melville Club meetings at East Fortune, the North East Cub at Knockhill and Scottish Championships will all be eligible, how they get amalgamated will be dependent upon the entries we receive.

Classes of bikes that can enter are:

Formula 400	Formula Melville
Mini Twins	Pre Injection 1200
Supersport 600	Scottish Super Bikes (Superstock 1000)
Pre Injection 600	Sound of Thunder
Sidecars Formula 1	Sidecars Formula 2
Classics	GP125
Formula 125	

How we see them running: (depending upon entries received)

Knockhill Superbikes*	Scottish Superbikes (Superstock 1000), Supersport 600,
Super 600*	Superstock 600, Pre Injection 600,
Knockhill 400 & Mini Twin	F400, Mini Twins, GP125
125s/Classics	Post Classics – Junior, Post Classics – Senior, Formula 125
Knockhill Clubman Open	Sound of Thunder - Pre Injection 1200, Formula Melville
Sidecars	Formula 1, Formula 2

\* 3 Race format, all others race twice



## MOTORRAD CENTRAL SCOTLAND BACK KNOCKHILL CLUB SUPERBIKES AND SUPER 600s

Knockhill Motor Sports Club are delighted to announce that Motorrad Central Scotland, Scotland's Premier BMW dealer, have confirmed their support for the Knockhill Superbike and Super 600 classes for the 2011 season as title sponsor! This great news will benefit all riders involved as it has enabled the entry fees to be reduced to just £165 for 3 races, making the racing amongst the most affordable and value for money in UK bike sport.

Club Chairman Stuart Gray commented " This is fantastic that Motorrad Central Scotland have backed the Clubs two top classes in our first year of running. Motorrad are the premier BMW dealership in Scotland and to have them on board is a great support to our aims of the Club and will directly benefit all riders racing in these two classes. Motorrad are also holding an extreme challenge weekend of track riding and off road challenge for road riders on August 27th/28th, and with this help for the racers, it is super that they are positively supporting all bikers in Scotland"

For more information about Motorrad Central Scotland, check out [www.motorradcentral.com](http://www.motorradcentral.com)

## ENTRY FEES

We want to provide the best value for money we can have devised a 2 or 3 race option for the races. For example, the Super 600s and Superbikes will get 3 races, whereas the Clubman Open will get 2 races, and the entry fee will reflect this.

Solo Entry	£165 (For classes with 3 races – reduced fee due to Motorrad support)
	£140 (For classes with 2 races)
Additional class (different bike)	£ 75
Aprillia 125	£125 (2 races- for support of the juniors)
Sidecars	£180 (2 races)
Overseas / out with Scotland	£125

## TELEVISION COVERAGE – MOTORS TV



MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT - Each event will have their own dedicated programmes to be broadcast on MOTORS TV. In this unique move circuit owner Derek Butcher said " We are thrilled to bring MOTORS TV to the Scottish bike racing scene. We see it as a WIN WIN all round as the racers will be able to return real value to any sponsor, indeed they may be able to attract more sponsorship because of the coverage. The programmes will be viewed in living rooms throughout the land and will raise awareness of the riders and the sport in Scotland" With 3 or even 4 repeats of the each programme too, it will increase the viewing figures.

## SUPERBIKE TEST FOR KNOCKHILL SUPERBIKES WINNER

One of the BIGGEST prizes ever offered for bike racers in Scotland is up for grabs to the overall winner of the Knockhill Superbikes class this year courtesy of multi championship winning and racing star ROB McELNEA.

The winner will be invited to test the Motorpoint Yamaha, with the test day and venue to be advised after the end of the BSB season, by Rob himself.

Stuart Gray, Knockhill Club Chairman said "What a fantastic prize and an amazing opportunity for the winner to ride with one of the top teams in the BSB paddock and test a 2011 machine. The experience will be awesome and who knows, could be the stepping stone to something much greater for the winner."

Rob McElnea, the Principle of Rob Mac Racing said "Hopefully the incentive of a



test on our Yamaha Superbike will generate a good grid of determined Superbike riders. It will be great to follow the four round Knockhill Championship throughout the season and get to meet the winner and give him or her a day to remember with us. Who knows we might find the next BSB Champion”.

## **MACKENZIE 125 PRIZE TEST FOR SCOTLAND’S TOP THREE YOUNGSTERS**

Niall Mackenzie, Honorary President of the Knockhill Motorsports Club and his racing sons Taylor and Tarran, have put up an amazing prize for the riding stars of the future to help them on their way to the top.

Three youngsters will be picked at the end of the season (18 or under) to spend a day with Niall, and hopefully Moto GP 125 rider Taylor, and receive advice on training, diet, nutrition and help with looking for sponsors and dealing with the media. All three will also be able to ride Tarran’s BSB 125 GP bike, run by Grant Racing.



Niall said “Taylor started from zero at Knockhill three years ago and is now competing in GP’s so he’s proved what can be achieved. All the Mackenzies are keen to help local talent and I hope this prize will help three youngsters on their racing career.”

## **STEVE WEBSTER MBE BACKS SIDECARS AT KNOCKHILL**

Not many people will be aware but our Circuit Owner Derek Butcher was one of the first ever sponsors of 10 times World Sidecar Champion Steve Webster MBE, before he won his first ever Championship. The Knockhill name was displayed on the side of his machine as he started out on his illustrious career.

In return and to help the Club and Sidecar racing in Scotland, Steve has donated an impressive trophy, The Daily Express International Sidecar Race Trophy that he won in 1986, to the Club. It will go to the winners of the Club’s Sidecar Championship run over June 25th (Knockhill Club) and July 24th (NEMCRC) meetings, with two races at each meeting. It is open to both F1’s and F2’s alike, with 2 races at each meeting. The Jock Taylor Trophy will also be awarded at the NEMCRC event too.



Club Chairman Stuart Gray said “We are thrilled that Steve is endorsing Sidecars at our events in this way. Sidecars will be run at the April 24th, May 8th and September 25th meetings, provided that there are sufficient entries, but the Webster Trophy points will go to the June and July meetings only. Thanks go to Steve for his kind support”

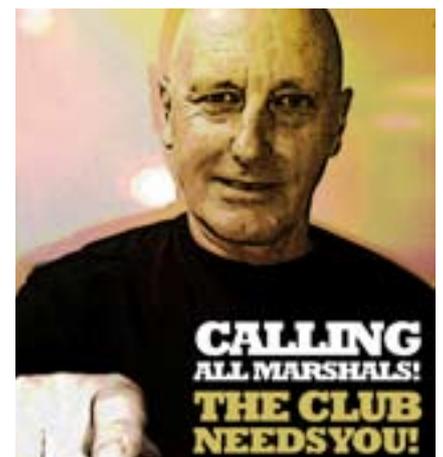
If you have a machine and want to race, we need to hear from you now! Please e-mail [gemma@knockhill.co.uk](mailto:gemma@knockhill.co.uk) or phone 01383 723337 and we can assess interest or speak to us at the Bike Show. At the two Championship events (June 25th & July 24th) we hope to get near full grids with interest in the Steve Webster Trophy.

## **CALLING ALL MARSHALS..... THE CLUB NEEDS YOU!**

Bike Sport, indeed all motorsport, cannot happen without marshals, and the Knockhill Motor Sport Club needs assistance for its four meetings. If you are a marshal or are interested in becoming a marshal, please contact Ian Forrest (01383 723337) at Knockhill and we would love to have your help.

You will get the best seat in the house, watching the racing from the marshal posts, and of course, you will be assisting with flag signals, lights and helping riders if they fall off and other important duties.

Both breakfast and lunch will be provided during the day and there will be further benefits throughout the year. So if you’re 16 or over, male or female and you fancy marshalling at Knockhill – please get in touch.



A MARSHALS TRAINING DAY is being hosted at Knockhill on Saturday 19th March with lunch provided at 1pm and training from 2pm. So why not come along and find out more. Just turn up on the day and who knows, it could be the start of a whole new interest.

## **SURESAFE HELPS THE MARSHALS**

Great News! Suresafe, one of Scotland's biggest suppliers of industrial safety clothing and equipment are supplying the very latest orange safety overalls for the marshals at our Club events. The high visibility overalls are made of the latest durable material and are even oil resistant for ease of cleaning.



Club Clerk of the Course Ian Forrest said "We are indebted to Robert and his colleagues at Suresafe for this valued support. Every marshal will get a set of their own and it will help them enormously to fulfil their valuable role".

## **FREE TESTING**

At the end of the day prior to each meeting, there will a FREE 10 minute test session for everyone entered in the meeting, perfect way to prepare for race day! This is in addition to a paid for testing period.

## **PRE SEASON BIKE TESTING AT KNOCKHILL**

The track is evolving at Knockhill for the 2011 season with the installation of "hot dog" style kerbs around the circuit, the same as is being installed worldwide.

Circuit Manager Ian Forrest said "Following a track inspection, we are installing the hot dog kerbs at the rear of the existing kerbs which will stop corner cutting and make all competitors ride the track rather than short cuts. The big change of line will be at the Chicane in particular, and overall the track will be safer which is the ultimate aim. We hope that teams will take part in our special 2 day test at the start of April, prior to both the Scottish and BSB season starts"

All teams and riders wishing to try the track can do so on a bike test day:

Sunday 20th March 10am – 1pm £60 2 Groups (up to 599cc / over 600cc)

Friday 1st April 9am to 5pm £150 2 groups (up to 599cc / over 600cc)

Saturday 2nd April 9am to 5pm £90 3 groups (there is only 1 race session within this day as we are combining it with a Bike Trackday all bikes must be over 400cc limited to 30 bikes).

To book your space please at Knockhill call 01383 723337.

## **REGULATIONS APPROVED AND ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE NOW!**

The next stage of the Club organising its own meetings was marked last week with our Regulations being approved by the SACU and our ENTRY FORMS will be available at the Bike Show this weekend and on line too to download. It is only SIX WEEKS to our first event, so make sure you enter in good time, before the closing date, so that we can plan the best day of racing possible.

## **SPECIAL TICKET DEAL FOR COMPETITORS**

As a member of the Knockhill Motor Sports Club you can purchase additional adult entrance tickets for only £5.00, saving a massive £7 per ticket. So invite all your friends and family along to watch you race for a fraction of the cost. Call 01383 723337 and quote your membership number.