



## COMPETITOR BULLETIN

May 2012

### SEASON OPENER WRAP UP

What a way to start the Track Championship season. We almost couldn't go racing after building cabling shorted in the tower and damaged PA and timing equipment when we turned it all on to test on Thursday night.

With the support of Territory Technology Solutions, Total Event Services, and Top End Mud Racing Association we managed to replace the components and were back up and running on Friday afternoon. We are working with the Northern Territory Government on the underlying issue that caused the damage but it means we are going to be out of pocket to replace some of the equipment.

When we did get underway it was great to see everyone out on the track after the off season break.

The officials worked overtime to keep things flowing as best as possible, a job well done.

Congratulations to our bracket winners and special congratulations to Brian Smith who was awarded his 2011 Life Membership trophy for his dedication and efforts towards drag racing in the Top End that date back to the days of the old 33 mile.

This competitor bulletin concentrates on those points from the last event that can help us further improve events for all involved.

### TRACK CHAMPS RD2 - 19 MAY

#### ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 11 MAY

We had a bit of a late rush on entries for the opener. To allow us to get ready for our events, entries need to close on the Friday prior. Please remember to get your entries in on time.

Thank you to those competitors who unfortunately had to withdraw but called us to let us know.

#### 2012 SEASON CALENDAR

Apr-28	Season Opener
May-11	Beat the Heat Off Street
May-19	Track Champs Round 2
Jun-22	Beat the Heat Off Street
Jul-14	2012 NT Titles
Jul-27	Beat the Heat Off Street
Aug-04	Track Champs Round 4
Aug-18	Track Champs Round 5
Sep-08	Track Champs Round 6
Sep-14	Beat the Heat Off Street
Sep-22	Season Finale
Sep-28	Beat the Heat Off Street

#### 2012 Track Championship Event Schedule

Gates open	1:30pm
Scrutineering	1:30pm - 4:30pm
Qualifying sessions	2:30pm - 5:00pm
Feature Racing	6:00pm - 10:00pm

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## SHANNONS EXTRAVAGANZA

The Shannons Extravaganza is on again from 26-27 May. As a major supporter of Hidden Valley Drag Strip, Shannons is looking for our support to display vehicles for the weekend.

All money goes back to Rotary and displaying your vehicle is FREE. It's the perfect way to promote your sponsors, sport and club so no matter what your vehicle please give us a call on 89471320 to book your spot!

## BREAKAGES

They unfortunately happen from time to time and no one wants to see costly damage to their vehicle that stops them from racing. As we are going back to seeded racing in 2012 we need to know if you withdraw from the event to ensure the brackets are seeded correctly. If you will not be partaking in the scheduled rounds at a Track Championship event please let the meeting director know in the control tower!

## SCHEDULED QUALIFYING

It looks like not that many people read our last memo about scheduled qualifying sessions. We started this back in 2011 and some people are still coming to grips with the idea of coming out at specific times.

Scheduled qualifying is essential if we are to keep the sanity of our timing ladies and our race director. It is not easy swapping between brackets every second race.

Please make sure you check out the event schedule that is emailed the week of an event and bring it with you. For those without a printer it's also posted on the pin boards at the track.

## FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

As some people have found, we currently have some underlying maintenance issues that we are working to address primarily around track lighting and mowing.

Replacement lights are not available in Darwin and are on order but not scheduled to arrive until late May. We will again be using temporary lighting thanks to our friends at Kennards Hire for Round 2 of the Track Championships on the 19 May.

We are also aware that the pits and hill were not to the standard that we would have liked and we apologise to those competitors that had to relocate due to the poorly maintained grass. We are working with the Northern Territory Government to address this issue and hope to have a resolution shortly.

## 2012 NT TITLES

After a recent review by the HVdra Committee it has been agreed to host the 2012 NT Titles over two nights on Friday and Saturday, 13-14 July 2012. The specific event schedule will be released closer to the event but make sure you lock it in your calendar, it's going to be a massive weekend.

