

June 2021

Blokart News



New Zealand Blokart Association Inc (BAI)

Main points

- North Island Open in Sanson on 10th, 11th July. Entries are being taken now.
- New Blokart tyres can be used at all future BAI race events and can now be purchased from Blokart International.
- Youth sailors and NZQA
- Blokart Worlds and world events
- Club roundup



Blokart Association Inc

www.bai.nz

The NZ Blokart Association is the national organisation representing 6 Blokart clubs and their members in:

Christchurch,
Nelson,
Manawatu,
Hawkes Bay,
Bay of Plenty,
Auckland.

North Island Open

A reminder that the next NZBAI event will be the NIO at Sanson on 10th – 11th July – that's just over one month away. It would be a good idea to start planning your accommodation to avoid disappointment. It may pay to bring a few warm clothes too!

The **Notice Of Race** is published (as always) on our website : www.bai.nz

It gives you the dates and times of racing, the event costs and how to enter. It also outlines how the classes and divisions will be split and the event rules.

The pictures alongside were taken at the North Island Open in Napier in 2020. Hopefully they will encourage you to enter the event in Sanson—its's not all serious racing!

Latest news

The North Island Open may well be the first event in the world to include the opportunity to race with the new tubeless tyres now available from Blokart International. The New Zealand Blokart Association formerly resolved to allow them to be used in this event at its last meeting.

More on these new tyres below.



The New Blokart Tyre

The first shipment of the purpose built Blokart tyre has arrived at Blokart International. They have been receiving rave reviews with everyone commenting on the exceptional wear and how well they are balanced. When used at rated pressures this purpose built tyre will deliver higher speeds and has major benefits for asphalt and beach sailing with the following features:

Significantly Stronger

Casing (motorcycle technology), making it more stable at speed and when cornering than the old wheelbarrow tyres

Tubeless (optional) for quicker tyre changes and the use of puncture sealant.

Well Balanced, typically no need to balance the new tyres when running them tubeless.

Thicker Tread Wear Area,

significantly improves longevity and puncture resistance.

Better wearing, with Blokart's exclusive Durable Compound.

Raised Centre Ridge, allows for minimal rolling resistance

Safer, better control enabling higher speeds and cornering ability lessening tyre-roll, chord failure etc

New Blokart Tyres

RRP \$28.20ea (Club Member discounts apply)



Tubeless Valve Stems

Tubeless Valve Stems are available, and necessary for all wheels that you are fitting these tyres to, so get a couple of spares!

Short valve length to prevent damage from 'rubbing wheels'.

Valve Pullers are available to properly seat the valve stem in rims

RRP \$1.95ea



Tubeless Valve Pullers

Tubeless Valve Stem Pullers are a necessary tool for fitting the valve stems to rims.

If you haven't already got one, Blokart have them in stock.

The Thread Tap and Valve remover on the Valve Pullers are also very useful.

RRP \$11ea



Tubeless Tyre Sealant

Not essential, but for additional puncture protection a liquid sealant will be available.

Finish Line sealant features incredible protection against puncturing from objects up to 2mm diameter!

It also seals the tyre bead and valve stem for extra protection.

In testing, tyres we pumped to maximum pressure and then stabbed repeatedly (6 times) with 75mm x 2.5mm nails, which resulted in only 5psi pressure loss.

RRP \$31 (240ml bottle does 3 Blokart tyres at 80ml per tyre)



Tubeless Tyre Fitting Tips:

The trick to fitting the tyres is to put a tube in the tyre (without the rim) slightly inflated to widen the beads and leave overnight. This helps the beads seal on the rim.

Removing the valve core and using a compressor to flow a large volume of air also helps a lot to seal the beads.

Once the tyre has developed a memory it is often possible to use a hand pump.

Youth and NZQA

This newsletter aims to share news and views of Blokart sailors from New Zealand. All news items are welcome. Please send your news to Tony Unsworth
tonyun62@gmail.com

John Marshall (Blokart Hawkes Bay) has established NZQA standards in Blokarting. These will be able to be assessed for NCEA levels 1 and 2. He is also working on it being assessed at level 3. This can be taught and assessed anywhere in NZ but the program needs to be run by a certified person. He is currently looking at trialling it during a 1 week full time holiday programme.



NZ Secondary School Summer Tournament Week

The next secondary school championships is planned for March 2022 in Napier and will be run again as a teams event—as was the successful inaugural event in March this year. It is hoped to have a further 3 karts next year so that each race will have 3 teams (of 3 students each) match racing in identical karts.



Blokart Worlds

IBRA/BIL/MBC will start to review the event again later this year. A final decision will be made around February 2022 for the possibility of an October 2022 Blokart Worlds event.

World events

These are starting to resume around the world. NABSA have held some racing at a new venue in Maine recently (Loring Air Force Base). Looks to be a nice venue. Whitsunday Blokart Club have an event planned for 1-4 July. NZers welcome.

Club Round Up

Auckland Blokart Club

First day of winter series was cancelled due to lack of wind. Quite a few new potential members showing interest.

Bay Blokart Club

Club champs have been delayed for two consecutive months for lack of wind. Possible re-run looked doubtful with 30 knots forecast. AGM held.

Manawatu Blokart Club

Wind has been a mixed bag with quite a few races cancelled for lack of wind and then full on sessions. Our focus is moving now on to the NIO.

Blokart Hawkes Bay

Good progress is being made on our new starters box to house our new MyLaps starting system. The wind has been variable with some days too wild to sail and others with not enough for racing!

Upcoming Events – open to all NZBAI members:

- 10-11 July – NIO at Sanson.
- 26-27 September - Manawatu Open, Sanson
- 15 October – ANZAC event at Wigram, Christchurch?
- 16-17 October – SIO at Wigram, Christchurch
- 23-24 October – Hawkes Bay Open, Napier

If you recognise the couple in this photo (hint: at St Andrews beach in Scotland last month), email me at the address above. The first person with the correct answer who has also entered the North Island Open will win a Blokart accessory to be picked up in Sanson.

