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President's Report, July 2023

The first 6 months of 2023 has not been kind to the Canterbury Blokart Club as quite a few of our planned Sunday Sailing days at Wigram were curtailed due to a lack of wind. Even our usually windy Canterbury Autumn was a bit poor, often with great windy days during the week, but then calm on the Sunday. However, we managed several 30km beach runs over the summer, some in conjunction with Ian Brown at Velocity Karts and the Wigram Sunday sails we did manage were well attended. With winter now upon us, we recently held a successful Brass Monkey event which combined blokart racing in summer attire with just a dash of hot gluhwein!

Unfortunately the CBC recently lost Davey Norris who passed away in April and Life Member Jim Gordon who passed away in June. Many will know Davey, his wife Jenny and daughter Amanda who attended many Blokarting events around the country. Likewise many will also remember Jim who sailed regularly with the CBC until he was 87. Our condolences to the respective families.

Most recently, the Club has been working on planning for the BAI NZ Open in October with the Airforce Museum (AFMNZ), who own the former Wigram Airbase land where the club sails regularly. Our access to the sealed apron area may be more limited than in previous NZO's as extra shipping containers are being placed on the edge of the apron. However, we have good plans to manage various apron availability configurations and can assure all that the NZO in October will be well worth attending.

And for something different, the week prior to the NZO, we have the SIO at Carters Beach, Westport. That should be an excellent opportunity for some serious beach racing with West Coast hospitality. So I Hope as many as possible will come and join us for both the SIO and NZO in October.

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