BPCC Round 2: Bruntingthorpe 6-hour Saturday April 23rd 2016

Welcome to the second round of the British Pedal Car Championship.

RACE TIMETABLE

10:00	Venue open for teams to start setting up
10:30	Booking in and scrutineering (If possible we will start these earlier)
11:00	Practice commences once the circuit is declared open for cars that have passed
11:30	Pre-race briefing - practice suspended
11:45	Cars assemble on grid
12:00	Race begins - rolling start in championship order with 1 slow lap (no overtaking)
18:00	Race ends
18:30	Presentations
19:30	Depart circuit - all Teams off site

1st: 25 points, 2nd:20 points, 3rd:16 points, 4th: 13 points, 5th: 11 points, 6th: 10 points, 7th: 9 points, 8th: 8 points, 9th: 7 points, 10th: 6 points, 11th: 5 points, 12th: 4 points, 13th: 3points, 14th: 2points, 15th: 1point.

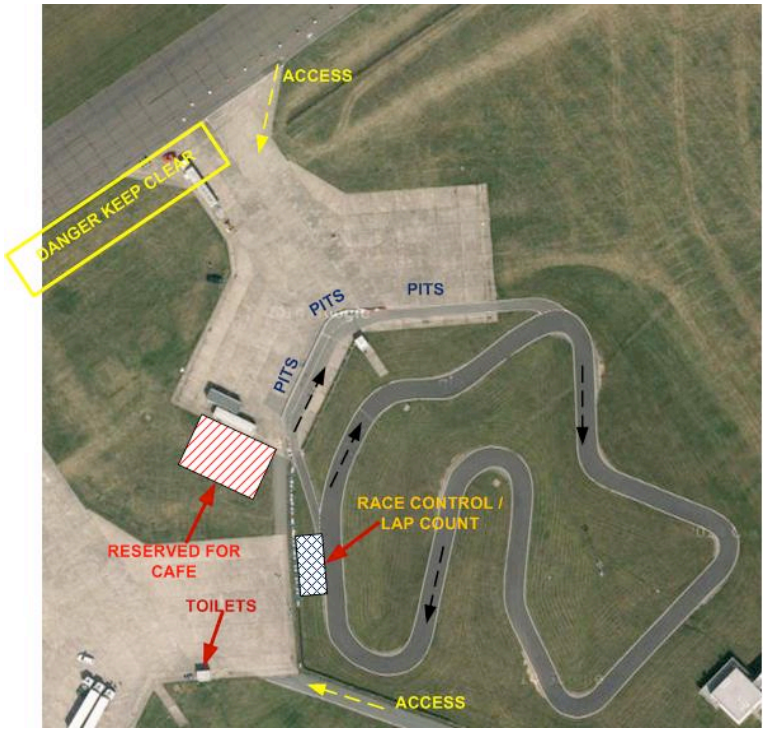
ENTRY LIST

The provisional entry list for the race is given below:

Car No.	Car Name			
PC1				
#1	Wing Racers			
#2	Apollo Racing			
#3	Apollo Racing			
#5	Flying Penguins			
#6	Swebbelli Racing			
#12	Norton Greyhounds			
#14	Royce Odd Balls		(PCD tbc)	
#16	Royce	(PCF)		(PC0)
#19	Royce Too			
#24	Notnray Racing		(PCD)	
#33	Matrix Racing			
#47	Colonel Mustard			
#48	Knightriders			(PC0)
PC2				
#8	Swebbelli Racing			
#32	Flying Penguins			
PC3				
#45	1st Kenilworth Scouts			
#49	Flying Penguins			

TRACK AND PITS:

The pit area of the track is as shown below. We will run clockwise. The lap counting mat will be just before the pit entry with the equipment and screen opposite the café.



- You may find aeroplanes sharing the pit / paddock area. Please feel free to look at these / shelter under them – but please take care not to damage them!
- On arrival at the Gatehouse please ask for directions to the Karting Track for the Pedal Car Racing. We are not sure which route the venue will require us to use to get to the track.
- The access road in the top-left of the plan may be used for testing of high-speed cars on race day. Once you are in the race area please do not go too near this road, or allow children to wander near to it.

START OF THE RACE:

- Cars will be lined up in Championship order, adjacent to the pits, beyond the lap-counting mat.
- Starting at just before 12PM, the lead two cars (Wing Racers #1 and Apollo Racing #2) will drive a slow lap, during which **no-overtaking** is permitted.
- The race will start as the lead cars cross the lap-counting mat. **No overtaking until you have crossed the mat!**

END OF THE RACE:

- The race ends when the lead car crosses the line (lap counting mat) for the first time after 6PM.
- As the lead car enters the last lap (as the bell is rung) the pit entry will be closed.
- As you cross the finish line with the chequered flag continue past the pit entry and then turn back into the pit exit to go to you pit the opposite way – DO NOT complete another lap.

- Presentations will follow the race as soon as possible around the glass fronted room (1st aid location).

RULES

These events are run under the auspices of the British Federation of Pedal Car Racing and form part of the British Pedal Car Championship.

You are expected to have acquainted yourselves with all BFPCR car, race and championship rules, as published at www.pedalcarracing.info

To help smooth the process, here are some basic essentials to check before sending any car to scrutineering:

- Length and width, wheelbase and track conform to the rules.
- Braking is easily operated and effective on two wheels.
- Wheels are in good order and robustly attached to the car.
- The car is easy to steer and the steering linkages are well secured.
- There are no sharp or pointy objects sticking out of the car.
- Numbers are clear and visible from all around the car.
- You have a transponder fitted (if you have it already).
- You have all team sheets filled with the correct license numbers and transponder number.

Helmets are absolutely mandatory when in a pedal car – even if you are not moving – failure to comply with this will result in laps being deducted.

This is a fun and friendly sport, and I trust we will all race in an appropriate manner. Don't forget, the No. 1 rule is to enjoy yourselves!

RACE ETIQUETTE

Racing etiquette forms part of our racing rules and will be covered by the Race Controller at the Race Briefing, however, here are some key points for those new to the BPCC, which may differ from pedal car races you have previously experienced.

1. No push starts. It is forbidden to give your car a push-start from the pits or at any other time when racing. Cars must be powered solely by the driver at all times. (It is permitted to push a broken car back to the pits).
2. It is the faster driver's duty to overtake safely. The driver of the slower car is free to take any reasonable racing line but must not deliberately impede any other car. If this means you cannot get past the car in front immediately, so be it. Traffic management is all part of the skills of a talented racing driver.

3. If you have a complaint about another team or driver, please speak with Race Control as soon as possible.
4. Remember, you cannot win a race in the first corner, or on the first lap - but you can lose it!

For anyone new to the sport or simply lucky enough to have only ever raced in warm and dry conditions, be aware that in the event of inclement weather, racing will continue regardless unless extreme conditions ensue. If you personally consider the conditions to be too hot / cold / dry / wet / bright / foggy / slippery / etc. to continue racing, you are free to stop, but you should not expect anyone else to agree, or to stop with you.

It remains up to each driver to drive according to the prevailing conditions at all times, whether those conditions are lovely or lousy.

FACILITIES

Please park outside the pit lane and leave the pit lane for driver changes only. **The pits are hard standing however there will be the option as last year to have tents pitched upon the grass between pit and circuit. Further guidance on setting up will be given on the day.** Within reason cars / vans / trailers can be parked immediately behind your pit for additional protection / support but please be considerate of others.

Toilets are available on-site. Should you find any issue with the toilets facilities, please report this to Race Control for us to assist. Clearly, we would expect everyone to leave the toilets in the condition you would expect to find them for use.

There is **no water supply** at the circuit so you will need to bring your own drinking water and food. There are various supermarkets within the surrounding few miles if you need on the day supplies. Please take your litter home with you at the end of the day. Do not leave it at the race track - we want to retain our good relations with the circuit owners.

We are due to have a Café run by 22nd Rugby Scout Group. Further details can be found on the Website. Please make good use of this very good-value provision – all proceeds to the scouts of course.

LAP COUNTING

Lap counting will be done via the BFPCR's automatic lap counting system. It is each team's responsibility to ensure a lap counting transponder is securely attached to their car at all times. Guidance on fitting these will be available at Scrutineering if required.

For the automatic system, if you have already got transponders please have them fitted at scrutineering. If not, please ensure you collect them and get them fitted to test before the race. Team sheets should also be handed in to race control at this point.

Live lap scores will be displayed at Race Control during each race. Alternatively, we should be publishing the live timing on the BPCC website. The address is:

www.pedalcarracing.info/livetiming/

History reminds us that occasionally the system does fail to count a car. If you believe yours has been missed please contact Race Control as soon as possible - it is normally possible to investigate and correct such omissions. Please note that during the closed season time and effort has been invested in an upgraded system arrangement that will hopefully reduce the "missed lap" occurrences.

In the event of a system failure, racing will continue and the lap counting will revert to a manual system until such time as the automatic system is restored.

FIRST AID

We will have trained first aiders on site. These will be announced and identified on the day. Should you require First Aid assistance please raise attention with Race Control.

VOLUNTEER HELPERS

Every team should be willing to lend a person to help with these tasks at some point during the race. The Race Controller will sort these duties on race day. Please be willing to lend a half-hour or so for this, as it is a vital job for the race and fairer if many contribute.

CIRCUIT LOCATION & INFORMATION

The race circuit is at Bruntingthorpe Proving Ground Lutterworth **LE17 5QS**

Depending which part of the country you are coming in from you may need to get to Junction 20 of the M1. Either way I'm sure your chosen paper or digital mapping service will guide you to the gates of the Proving Ground. When you arrive at the Gatehouse, please ask to be directed to the karting track.

Here is the map from the Proving Ground website:



AND FINALLY… WITH A REMINDER

If you need to contact the BPCC for any reason, my telephone number is 07852 148 268 or you can email bruntingthorpe@pedalcarracing.info

If you don't already know, we have a forum on the new website at www.pedalcarracing.info/forum where you can keep tabs with developments over the season. Not forgetting our social media representation is at the British Pedal Car Racing Facebook Page.

Thank you again and we look forward to seeing you there.

Mark Williams
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