



British Army Karting Team 2012



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2013 Calendar

16 March 2012	2013 Team Selection	Tilbury, Essex
19/21 April 2013	Premier/Endurance	Llandow, S. Wales
11/12 May 2013	Premier/Endurance	Rowrah, Cumbria
22/23 June 2013	Premier/Endurance	Three Sisters, Lancs
6/7 July 2013	Premier/ Endurance	Little Rissington, Glos
27/28 July 2013	Premier/Endurance	Fulbeck, Lincs
7/8 Sept 2013	Premier/Endurance	Clay Pigeon, Dorset



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Liam Long
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Kart 2 Drivers

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2012 Season Review

This year has been a very successful year to say the least, but it has not been a smooth ride. It has been a rollercoaster of a season with all the ups and downs that only competitive motorsport can give you.

Selection

The season started off with the team visiting "Tilbury Go Karts", Essex for the annual team selection day. Team manager Phil Newby and his trusted right hand man Liam Long had the daunting task of selecting the drivers that they hoped would eventually lead the team to the top step of the podium.



The task was made even harder by the vast number of talented service drivers that had travelled from all over the forces world in the quest to join the rapidly developing British Army Motorsport Karting program.

After a long challenging day for the team, Phil and Liam believed that they had selected the personnel with the right qualities for the task ahead.





The Army Sports Lottery (ASL) was established in Sept. 93 to provide additional non-public funds for sport to those available from other sources. ASL is registered with the Gambling Commission and is administered by the Army Sport Control Board (ASCB), which has charitable status.

The aim of ASL is to support: Individual officers, soldiers and teams undertaking an authorised Overseas Tour/Visit.

Olympic, World, Commonwealth Games and other International competitors.

AWSA Winter Sports Competitions.

ASCB Trust Fund.

Other sporting activities/requirements.

ASL is a series of weekly lotteries. Tickets cost £0.75 each per week with a maximum of 5 tickets per person.

Winners are determined by a random number selector system. The draw is made every Monday and is independently witnessed. Prize winners are notified by email to all units and are announced on local Service's radio, where the service exists



Round 1— Fulbeck, Lincolnshire

“yes the session was frustrating, but it just means we need to push harder” - Karen Brown

Round one of the Inter Service Championship in April, saw the newly formed team travel to Fulbeck in Lincolnshire. The team were excited about the challenges ahead, but due to having no testing or on track development time, we were unsure if the karts would be on the pace with the more experienced competitors.

The typical British weather made things even harder for us, as the ever changing conditions made tyre selection a bit of a lottery.

Qualifying went well with the number one kart putting in an impressive flying lap to secure 2nd place on the starting grid.

Unfortunately due to mechanical issues kart two would be starting further down the pack in 15th. After the session kart driver Karen Brown said “yes the session was frustrating, but it just means we need to push harder”

The clouds were grey over the circuit for the start of the race, which again asked questions on tyre choice. Fortunately we got it right and chose a dry setup. Luckily for us not everyone went for the dry option.

Kart 1 had a great start and was pushing for a podium place before the officials flagged the kart into the pits for damage that was caused while trying to pass another competitor.

After some quick repairs by Craig and the other mechanics the crew fought bravely to eventually take the chequered flag in 7th place.

As for kart 2 the nightmare weekend continued, still suffering from the mechanical issues that hindered the qualifying session the crew could not keep up with the lead karts. Eventually the crew brought the kart home in 18th.

After an eventful meeting that was struck with bad luck, the team had a lot of positives to take onto the next meeting in LLandow.



Summary

This 2012 season has been a very successful campaign, where we not only achieved our season goal of a podium finish but finished as the overall Inter Services Champions. Like always with us we didn't make it

However through the dedication and commitment of all members of the team and the support of friends and family we reached the top step of the podium. It real was a roller-coaster of a ride, though he good and

But of course none of this would have been possible without the support of our partners at Rainham Industrial Services, who believed in us from day one.

Roll on 2013!

Inter-Service Kart Championship 2012 - Endurance Class

TEAM	Rtn	Fulbeck (21 Apr)			Llandow (9 Jun)			Rissington (30 Jun)			Clay Pigeon (11 Aug)			Shenington (15 Sep)			Chmp Points	Ovegrd
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3		
Silver Fox Racing	95	1st	1st	35	2nd	1st	35	1st	1st	35	1st	1st	35	1st	35	140	33	
IZM Racing	69	3rd	2nd	31	4th	4th	27	8th	2nd	31	3rd	2nd	31	5th	25	120	28	
Red Bull Asylum Seekers	22	4th	3rd	29	3rd	3rd	29	3rd	4th	27	4th	4th	27	4th	27	112	27	
Army Karting I	1	2nd	7th	24	6th	25th	6	5th	5th	25	6th	10th	21	2nd	31	102	6	
RAF Cosford Bombheads	10	12th	5th	26	14th	15th	16	24th	6th	25	24th	17th	14	6th	25	92	14	
RAF Marham No Lube	40	5th	17th	14	10th	10th	21	4th	8th	23	13th	7th	24	Exc		82		
RAF Coringsby Dominators	3	7th	15th	16	12th	8th	23	12th	20th	3	11th	6th	25	15th	15	79	3	
RAF Brize Norton Boys	71	9th	4th	27	11th	9th	22	25th	12th	19	20th	23rd	8	20th	2	75	2	
Tektar	33				8th	5th	25	20th	9th	22	8th	6th	23	27th	4	75		
RAF Digby Stiglys	87	16th	6th	25	30th	21st	10	28th	31st	10th	14th	17	9th	22	24			
Army Karting II	2	14th	18th	13	20th	18th	13	9th	10th	21	10th	15th	16	7th	24	74	13	
Go Bananas	35				9th	10th	12	2nd	11th	20	5th	3rd	29	19th	12	73		
RAF Cosford Farnes	11	10th	21st	10	24th	13th	18	21st	17th	14	17th	13th	18	8th	23	73	10	
RAF Waddington Vulcans	60				7th	7th	24	13th	25th	6	14th	11th	20	14th	17	67	11	
RAF Cosford Lightheads	13	8th	20th	11	17th	14th	17	10th	14th	17	10th	18th	13	12th	19	66	11	
RAF Marham Bertha Racing	41	6th	19th	12	16th	20th	5	6th	7th	24	20th	20th	11	13th	18	65	3	
RAF Valley Hawks	23	19th	11th	20	31st	31st		30th	25th	5	16th	12th	19	10th	21	65		
RAF Cosford Catchups	17	13th	8th	23	28th	17th	14	11th	15th	16	23rd	21st	10	26th	5	63	5	
RAF Cosford Wayheads	16	16th	10th	21	27th	20th	11	15th	18th	13	21st	16th	15	17th	14	63	11	
RAF Brize Norton Vertex	72	15th	12th	19	18th	11th	20	23rd	13th	18	20th	25th	6	30th	1	63	1	
KartForce	87							27th	21st	10	15th	9th	22	11th	20	52		
Enefos Oil	32				9th	6th	25				9th	5th	25			51		
Arborfield Garrison I	8	21st	9th	22	23rd	26th	3	18th	19th	12				20th	11	48		
RAF Marham More Lube	7	11th	13th	18	21st	30th	1	14th	20th	11	25th	24th	7	25th	6	42	1	
RAF Cosford Plumbers	12	22nd	14th	17	29th	20th	2	17th	22nd	9				18th	13	41		
RAF Cosford Laptups	14	17th	15th	15	19th	22nd	9	10th	16th	15						39		
RAF Waddington Nimrods	51															35		
RAF Brize Norton Morts	25				25th	23rd	8	22nd	27th	4				15th	16	35		
LKS/CRG-UK	34				1st	2nd	31	7th	3rd	29	7th	27th	4			31		
RAF Brize Norton Cool Runnings	73	23rd	23rd	8	32nd	32nd		31st	23rd	8	27th	26th	5	22nd	9	30		
RN Team Trafalgar	48													3rd	20	29		
RAF Lossiemouth	95							19th	20th	2	12th	19th	12	24th	7	21		
Mums Nuts	25				15th	12th	19									19		
Arborfield Garrison II	9				25th	27th	4	20th	30th	1				28th	3	17		
Wallace & Orommit	55				13th	16th	15									15		
RAF Cosford The Pits	15							26th	24th	7						15		
REME Corp	5										22nd	28th	3	21st	10	13		
Doresdown	83										2nd	22nd	9			9		
Men in Black	38				22nd	24th	7									7		
Service Team																		
Affiliate Team																		



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Round 5— Shenington, Oxfordshire

The final race of the season would see the team travel to the Shenington circuit in Oxfordshire for the event that would see the 2012 Inter Services Champions crowd. For us to take the title we needed good point's finishes from both crews.

The ever developing pace and confidence of both crews was evident in the morning qualifying session with Kart 1 taking the second fastest time of the session. The crew of kart 2 qualified a respectable 14th.

The opening laps of the race saw a four way battle which included Kart 1.

As the laps continued to count down both kart 1 and the leading kart managed to make a break and open up a gap on 3rd place. Both Karts had a steady and progressive race throughout and with no problems crossed the line in 2nd and 9th, to take the team's first podium of the season.

At the post race scrutineering, one of the RAF karts was disqualified for having an illegally thin head gasket. This boosted kart 2 up to its best finish of 8th.

Kart 1 won the Military trophy as the overall winner was a civilian team.



With both kart 1 and 2 taking their best ever finishes in 2nd and 8th, it was enough to crown the British Army Motorsport Karting team as Inter Service Champions 2012.

"This is what racing is all about, you can't beat it" – Michael Cox



Round 2— LLandow, Glamorgan

LLandow in the Welsh Valleys was the venue for the second meeting of the Inter Services Karting Championship. After the technical issues of Fulbeck the weekend was already looking better as the skies over wales were clear and blue. The team were determined to bounce back and gain valuable points.

After a tough qualifying session the team were struggling to learn the new circuit and could only manage to get the karts into 6th and 20th. Team manager Phil Newby said "it's not the start we were looking for, but things can only get better".

It was looking like he was right in the race, when kart one managed to battle their way through the pack and up into 4th place.

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Round 3—Rissington, Gloucestershire

The busy month of June continued with a trip to RAF Rissington in Gloucestershire for the fourth round of the championship.

The team were in the need for a strong finish after the bad luck that we had had during the opening couple of rounds. It was vital to close the gap at the top of the table.

The weekend started well with a strong qualifying session that saw Kart 1 secure 5th and a much improved session by kart 2, who managed to get both karts into the top 10 for the first time in the season with 9th on a wet circuit.

“We always knew we had the pace to finish well, we just needed to finish” - Phil Newby

Kart 1 made a good start and managed to get through the first lap without incident.

Unfortunately Kart 2's bad luck continued when they sustained minor bodywork damage when they got caught up in a multi-kart pile up.

After the track was cleared the race resumed without much incident. Kart 1 was followed across the line by kart 2 in 5th and 10th respectfully.



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So after a busy month of June, we went into the summer break with our tails high and looking forward to round 4 at Clay Pigeon in August.



Round 4—Clay Pigeon, Dorset

After a well-deserved summer break the Inter Service championship continued at Clay Pigeon, Dorset for round 4.

After a strong finish at Rissington we went into the event on a high, and were confident of another bag of points as long as the technical gremlins stayed away.

Qualifying went well with kart 1 finishing 7th while kart 2 managed to set a lap to go 12th fastest.

At the start of the race both karts started well and managed to get into respectable places before we hit reliabilities issues again.

Craig and his team worked their magic again to get the karts back on track.

After gallant fights from both crews kart 1 finished 10th with kart 2 working hard to cross the line in 15th. This result was enough for the team to collect the Inter – Station cup.

“Now we've got our hands on the silver, it time to get more” – Liam Long



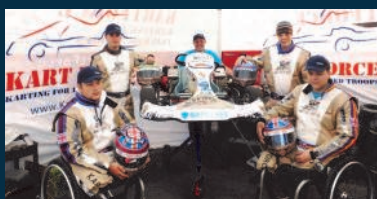
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