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Night of Champions—2006 Awards Banquet

December 2nd 100+ of the SDKA faithful met to honor the 2006 Championship Award Winners.

Junior I:

1. Isabella Busalacchi #1
2. Kyler Allen #8

HPV I:

1. Alex Dorantes #5

HPV 2:

1. Cole Dick #38
2. Keith Dees #23
3. Joey Alves #13

Jr. Super Sportsman:

1. Nick Gaspar #74

Sr. Super Sportsman:

1. Brent Adams #00

Formula Y/C Heavy:

1. Tim Campbell #2
2. Nick Launder #8
3. Troy Bartley #10
4. Geary Launder #54
5. Kirk Girdwood #47
6. Jim Abbott #48

80cc Shifter:

1. Mike Nadeau #48
2. Bill Martin #22

I25cc Shifter Open:

1. Don Stapp #8

I25cc Shifter Stock:

1. Bill Cox #36
2. Harris Koenig #37
3. Tom Levenberg #10
4. Dai Feng #99

Rotax:

1. Jeff Shadoan #66
2. Bob Brown #15
3. Greg Kimmel #38
4. Mark Uyeda #69
5. Greg Marcum #40
6. Dai Feng #99

TAG:

1. Frank Powell #52
2. Eric Kinninger #74
3. Doug Ring #8
4. Don Howard #33
5. James Gorham #14
6. Eric Frankenberger #15

Special Awards:

Most Poles—Junior

- Isabella Busalacchi
- Keith Dees

Most Poles—Senior

- Tim Campbell
- Mike Nadeau

100% Attendance

- Tim Campbell
- Geary Launder
- Nick Launder
- Mike Nadeau

Most Improved Driver

- Cole Dick—Junior
- Mark Uyeda—Senior

Best Appearing Kart

- Jeff Shadoan

Family of the Year

The Campbell's
Mike, Nancy, Tim,
and Maggie Leister

Rookie of the Year

- Keith Dees—Junior
- Bob Brown—Senior

Sportsman of the Year

Tom Levenberg

These people made The Night of Champions possible - Thank You!

- ⇒ Setup - Kim Dick, Geary & Cherrie Launder, Jerry Kaplan, Tim & Nancy Campbell
- ⇒ Kitchen - Cherrie Launder, Kim & Pam Dick
- ⇒ Program - Maggie Leister
- ⇒ Caterer - BBQ Pit

A Special Thanks to Jim Aland
of Awards by Navajo,
our trophy supplier.

Thanks to our Banquet Sponsors who made the evening special for all!

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2006 Season

- 205 Drivers
- 15 Different Classes
- 11 Race Dates
- 4 Tracks
- TAG - 49 Drivers
- 125 Stock - 33 Drivers
- 32 Drivers Qualified for Championship Awards

It was a good year of racing.



December Meeting Highlights

Monthly meetings are now on the 2nd Wednesday.

The December 13th meeting began at 6:30pm under the guidance of Mike Nadeau—2007 SDKA President.

AMB Transponders will be used for the 2007 Championship Season. All drivers are encouraged to purchase their own Transponder. SDKA has a window of opportunity to bulk purchase units at a reduced rate. Watch the SDKA web page for

purchasing details. A limited number of transponders will be available for rent at Registration on race days. Drivers must provide their own mounting bracket; available from Laptech and Go-Karting. Mounting details will be added to the *By-Laws & Policies, Section 100.4*.

Financially, 2006 has been a break-even year for SDKA; far beyond the projected loss. The good attendance at Qualcomm events made a difference as the

season progressed. The 2007 season has every reason to see a continuation of increasing attendance as karter's from Southern California experience how uncomplicated, competitive and fun racing with SDKA can be.

Changes to the *By-Laws & Policies* were discussed. Final decisions will be made at the January 10th meeting.

General Meetings:

- 2nd **Wednesday** of each month
- Coco's Restaurant
5955 Balboa Avenue
- 6:30pm
- Board meeting follows

AMB Transponders for Scoring in 2006!
"Watch the SDKA web page for details to purchase your own."

2007 Racing Schedule

The Stadium Scheduling meeting (January thru July dates) happened December 21st. With all the other non-profits competing for race dates from those remaining after the big-money-for-profits take their picks, it can be tedious to get evenly spaced race dates that don't conflict with other calendar events. With the Chargers now in the NFL Playoffs, January and February become difficult.

We are trying to reserve a couple of dates in February and September at Moran Raceway;

checking with the new kart track at Apex Raceway in Perris for availability.

Here's what we have for now:

January 28	Tentative - Practice Day Qualcomm Southeast
February 25	Moran
March 10	Qualcomm West (Sat)
April 7	Qualcomm West (Sat)
April 29	Qualcomm Southeast
May 20	Qualcomm Southeast
June	TBD
July 8	Qualcomm Southeast
July 29	Qualcomm Southeast
August	TBD
September 30	Moran
October	TBD
November	TBD

August thru November dates for Qualcomm will be determined at the June/July Stadium Scheduling meeting.

"Watch the SDKA web page for the 2007 Schedule Updates."

2007 Spec Tire: The "Spec Tire" for S.D.K.A. will be a Driver's Option using Bridgestone YHC, Burris B55A or Burris B44A or equivalent. Shifters and TaG classes will have differing tire requirements. Mike Burris has graciously given the a contingency program for including Burris Tires in our "Spec Tire" list. Details in the February Inside Line.

2007 By-Laws & Policies

The SDKA Board is working to make changes to the governing *By-Laws & Policies* before publishing.

Historically, the December and January Board meetings are dedicated to discussing changes and corrections. Publication normally follows the February meet-

ing. Class specifications are often delayed while the Board awaits the publication of other sanctioning bodies; since we make every effort to align SDKA Championship Classes to the technical guidelines of I.K.F., SKUSA!, ProKart Challenge Series, Gatorz Karting Cup, and

TAG-USA.

Watch the SDKA web page for a link to the 2007 *By-Laws & Policies*.

A copy of the 2007 *By-Laws & Policies* will be included in the Membership Packet.

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2007 SDKA Championship Classes

At press time these were the Classes being considered by the Board:

1. Kids Karts
2. Junior I
3. HPV I Cadet
4. HPV 2 Junior
5. Formula Y/C
6. TAG-USA Senior
7. TAG-USA Heavy

8. 80cc Shifter
9. Stock 125cc Shifter
10. Open 125cc Shifter

Junior Sportsman, Junior Super Sportsman, and Senior Super Sportsman have been eliminated due to poor attendance. KT100 motors, the staple of kart racing for decades, are becoming fewer and fewer; replaced by more readily available and popular

motors and classes.

The Board will make the final determination of Championship Classes at the January meeting.

Watch the SDKA web page for notification on class structure.

The *By-Laws & Policies*, Section 100.2, provides details for each class.



TAG Class—November 2006

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Tom Levenberg - 2006 Sportsman of the Year

Tom grew up in San Jose; moved to San Diego in 1989 when he entered the Police Academy. He began with the SDPD as a patrolman in Logan Heights and downtown; after 6-years on the streets Tom became a detective where he is today. His interest in karting came from friendships with SDKA members Bill Nelson and Reggie Frank; both in law enforcement. Tom bought Bill's Invader in 1989 and began in the KT100 Sportsman class when SDKA was at the Jamul track; capturing three championships in four years. The HPV program was new, and Tom raced the prototype engine program with SDKA before switching to 80cc shifters. Tom accumulated five or six class championships in 80cc, as well as a coveted IKF Championship, too.

He's been racing in the Stock 125cc shifter for the last three seasons. Tom has competed in all but two of the SKUSA! SuperNats in Las Vegas; missing 2004 and 2006.

Tom owns and operates LapTech. And has been the faithful track-side parts supplier for every season he has raced with SDKA. You can always count on Tom for help when something is broken, needs adjustment, tuning, or a driver just needs encouragement. To his credit, Tom is always available to help...unless he's on the track. If another karter needs help...Tom is there. Even if it means he doesn't get to work on his own kart; do the necessary prep work for the next heat or main. You can count on Tom when help or guidance is needed.

He's like a pied piper with kids; they seek him out and flock to his pit. No one particular season stands out for Tom. "I have fun every season. It's the comradery and friendships made that keep me coming back to the track", he said. "The enjoyment and fun I have at the track make a great getaway, distraction from the work I do for the SDPD." He's looking forward to introducing his two sons, Lucas and Joey to karting in a couple more years when Lucas is old enough. A growing family is helping him keep priorities in order. Tom, you are a true Sportsman, savvy competitor, and friend to all who know you. Thanks for being the example you are to all of us!



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The Campbell's - 2006 Family of the Year

Mike, Nancy and Tim have been racing with SDKA for 9 seasons. In that span, Tim has received 9 consecutive 100% Attendance Awards; that's 122 consecutive race days with SDKA! No doubt a record in club-racing-lore. A friend of Mike's told him about this kart racing club at Cajon Speedway in 1997. At the age of 4-5, Tim had already been behind the wheel of rental karts at "Fun Farm" in Chula Vista, and was hooked. The Campbell's attended their first Cajon Speedway race and were quickly taken in by Brian

Campbell (no relation). He was so friendly and welcoming that Mike and Nancy had no doubts about the next step. Nancy gives all the credit to Brian for introducing them to the acquired Go Kart racing passion. Mike, an automotive machinist for 30+ years, is the mechanic-tuner-pit-guy behind Tim's many racing successes; Nancy, a 13-year Mail Carrier with the USPS, is the cheerleader. Nancy has served SDKA many years in Scoring; the last several as Chief Scorer and Banquet Queen/Honcho. When

not racing, Tim plays Bass and Guitar in the rock band *Thrown*. A Senior at Helix High School, Tim plans to attend college locally next year. Tim's racing goal has always been to compete for 10-years. He's undecided about what class to race for 2007...but is leaning toward TaG.

The Campbell's have remained in SDKA because it's something they could do as a family. Thanks, Campbell's for your example; for your faithfulness to SDKA!



“Kart racing helps teach kids a respect for cars, speed and other drivers that can't be learned any other way. They learn how accidents can happen quickly; how to control emotions...or not!”

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Keith Dees - 2006 Junior Rookie of the Year

Keith is a 15-year old Freshman at La Quinta High School; living with his family in La Quinta...near the Indio-Palm Desert area. It's an early get-up when they want to race with SDKA! Keith raced for 6-years on the ABA Bike circuit; starting when he was just six! After a 3-year break, he began racing karts with SDKA this year in the HPV 2 class; finishing 2nd in points. Water polo and swimming are Keith's other hobbies. He remembers always wanting to race since his Dad, Darryl, raced Renaults and

jet ski while Keith was growing up. His immediate goal is the HPV 2 Class Championship with SDKA. Racing Spec Miata's are on his radar screen, too! A fan of NASCAR and Formula 1, Keith wants to race something with wheels the rest of his life. His best memory of the 2006 racing season was his first win at the March 26th Qualcomm race...only his first race with the club. Keith followed that with four more first's, two second's, and one fourth; with six poles! Good results for a rookie!



"I remember always wanting to race something."

Bob Brown—2006 Senior Rookie of the Year

Bob is no stranger to many of us in SDKA. Bob was the tuner-mechanic for son Kevin when SDKA raced at the old track in Jamul. Kevin was 15 then; he's a 30-year adult now! In 2002 Bob was the tuner-mechanic for his 9-year old son George. They competed in the HPV 1, Junior 1 and HPV 2 classes through 2005. All that time George kept telling his Dad, "Get a kart; try it!" Bob did; picked up a used TaG; practiced at Moran over last winter; raced his first season with SDKA...as a driver...in 2006. "I now have a lot of respect for

the challenge of driving. I had no idea how hard it was!" Bob said. He began the year with the goal of just finishing a race without crashing or breaking; then finishing on the same lap as the leaders; then to keep the leaders in sight. His best memory from the 2006 season was the June race at Apex in Perris. Still an X-Head, winning both heats and the main. "Everything clicked that day; every corner was good." Bob has been involved in racing "Forever", he said. As the mechanic for brother Ron Brown, they raced at Cajon Speedway in

the Street Stocks, Superstocks and Great American Modified classes; Bob always the mechanic. He's been an auto mechanic professionally since high school; 30+ years. Bob Brown's Automotive Service is located at 6250 University Avenue, just east of College Avenue. It's a full service auto repair shop for both Domestic and Imports. With nephew Dustin Brown in Kid Karts in 2006, and a grandson coming up in 2-years, we'll see Bob at the track for a while, yet!



"Dad, get a kart; try it!"

April Celebrity Race



Bob Chabot, Dave Stall & Scobby: "Do we really want to do this, Dave?"



#8 - Bob Chabot, #52 - Bill Hall, #40 - Dave Stall setting up "The Pass"



Bill Hall with that Racers Look of Enjoyment!

In 2006...
Dave Stall began broadcasting his radio programs from the track on race days.

- **Saturday** - KCEO Radio AM 1000 - "You Auto Know" 1-3
- **Sunday** - ESPN Radio AM 800 - "RPM Today" 1-3

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The San Diego Karting Association is a community organization formed to promote and conduct kart racing in the San Diego County area. SDKA is affiliated with the International Kart Federation (I.K.F.) and adheres to all policies, rules, and technical requirements of the I.K.F. SDKA sponsors a full season of kart racing at Qualcomm Stadium, Moran Raceway in Beaumont CA, and Apex Raceway in Perris CA. The season usually includes one race per month, along with other special race events. Our racing season runs February through October.

SDKA encourages fellowship and good sportsmanship among its members, and family participation is encouraged at all of our events. General membership meetings are held once a month. Newcomers to the sport are always welcome to attend.

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