

## MRP CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES INFORMATION

Hello Racers,

The purpose of the championship series is to reward drivers and families for their effort over the season and recognize their accomplishments with an END OF THE YEAR awards banquet. For many years, I witnessed firsthand, the importance of special moments such as a banquet to help create a positive influence on our own young families' lives.

Years ago during an awards banquet of the old Michiana Kart Klub, I recalled our youngest son witness one of his friends win The "TRACK CHAMPION" title. He was awarded a big trophy and a championship jacket. On the way home that night my son remarked, "I am going to be Track Champion next year dad." That was the start of a very rewarding lesson in life in setting goals and developing the work habit it takes to achieve such accomplishments.

Over the years our family has invested over a million dollars in our karting properties of Rolling Green Raceway, Michiana Raceway Park and Palm Beach International Karting. The investments were initially driven for the purposes of safety, but soon followed with the focus on the family side of the facility. I like to call it "the back-side of the wall" or essentially the things that help the facilities operate better that aren't necessarily noticed right away. Such things as running water, modern bathrooms, bleachers, viewing areas and concession operations provided necessary improvements to offer the non-racers of the family a pleasurable surrounding.

For 2014, we will once again return to our formula for recognizing our track champions, track record holders and special awards recipients at a year-end awards banquet. For this reason, we wanted to offer a detailed account for how our club works.

### HOW DOES THE MRP CHAMPIONSHIP WORK?

ALL membership fees are contributed to the year-end prize fund. Any sponsorship dollars raised from class sponsorship is also donated, which makes your help in bringing in valuable marketing partners very important! In addition, \$5 of every track entry is added to the prize pool. In the past, we have given out as much as \$15,000 in retail goods at the year-end awards program. Included in this package is a Championship jacket and trophy for the winner of all classes that qualify based on entries (average of 4 entries or total of 48 over 12-race schedule). NOTE: Kid Kart Drivers are not ranked for points but only for participation. They are included in the awards recognition night and banquet.

### BANQUET AWARDS GIVEN OUT:

- Track Champion (for each eligible class)
- New "Track Record" Holders (for each class/track) – track records posted using qualifying session only
- Most Improved (award given to both Senior class and Junior class)
- Rookie of the Year – JUNIOR
- Rookie of the Year – SENIOR
- Sportsman of the Year – given out to a member that is invaluable to both the club, track and fellow competitors

Further, I'd like to say that the past 27-years of racing has produced many great experiences for us. Along the way we have seen friends, staff members and fellow racers work up through the ranks to become karting industry champions and pillars of the karting community. We have seen club members become professional race car drivers, and successful. We have witnessed families grow together – stronger and carry with them a work ethic that brings them success in various avenues in their life and career. We have met many long-time friends that recollect many fond memories of karting with their family. We would like to continue this tradition with our old, current and new friends and hope you all join us.