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# Decision to end motorsport activity at Pukekohe Park “disappointing”

July 20, 2022

As you will probably be aware, Motorsport activity at Pukekohe Park will come to an end after 2 April 2023 as the dual-purpose facility switches its focus to thoroughbred racing activities.

Auckland Thoroughbred Racing made the announcement on Wednesday, the day after the launch of New Zealand’s round of the Supercars Championship which has been hosted at the circuit 14 times since 2001. It will be the first time since 2019 that the event, once New Zealand’s largest annual sporting event, will take place after the COVID-19 border restrictions were removed.

“It’s an incredibly disappointing to have been given the news,” said MotorSport New Zealand CEO Elton Goonan.

“Pukekohe Park has hosted some of the biggest motorsport events in the country, including the New Zealand Grand Prix on many occasions and the Supercars Championship. The circuit is ingrained in motorsport’s DNA in New Zealand, so it’s going to be a real shame to lose this great motorsport facility.

“The economic impact of motorsport in the Auckland region is worth \$81.8m, and Pukekohe Park would certainly contribute to a large majority of this being the region’s only permanent racetrack. The impact of no more motorsport activity at the facility will certainly be felt by wider than the motorsport community.”

Pukekohe Park has seen some of the biggest names in global motorsport take to its pavement since opening in 1963. Over the 29 New Zealand Grand Prix, the circuit has hosted Formula One stars such as Stirling Moss, Graham Hill, Jim Clark, Jackie Stewart, John Surtees and Keke Rosberg all taking to the grid.

“On behalf of MotorSport New Zealand and our competitors and volunteers, I want to thank Gary Stirling, the current operator of the motorsport side of the facility, along with all of the previous circuit operators for all their efforts over the years,” added Goonan.

## Chris's Ramblings



Bonjour

I have been working in France during the past few months and the picture above is my view from the office. Not all my time was spent working however, a trip to the LeMans Classic along with a week in the UK visiting friends and relatives before I headed back to NZ for MSNZ conference on the 29<sup>th</sup> July

## MSNZ Conference

HRC Delegate Chris Watson

This years conference was successful as it dealt with MSNZ core business Rules and Fairness. The Possum computer system is to be replaced by a new system by Sports Ground Ltd. This system is being used by Kartsport and Speedway and is very successful. It will also replace the HRC Motorsport entry system sometime in the future. Sports Ground gave a very impressive presentation.

I have been involved with a working group looking at the membership structure of MSNZ. A report was presented that expanded the membership of MSNZ and provides for more involvement in the management of the sport by competitors. The report was accepted in principal and the working group will provide more detail for constitutional changes to be voted on at the next conference. Other highlights were Mark Mallard being elected to the board. Jeff Braid and Adam Simmonds to the Race Advisory Commission, Wayne Perkins and Leon Hallett were elected to the Historic Advisory Commission.

### MSNZ Awards (Auckland)

Historic Heritage Awards	Mo Larsen - Te Puke Jack Nazer – Auckland Tony Teesdale - Auckland
Clerk of the Course D'Honneur	Graham Mortensen - Auckland
Citation Awards	Tony Herbert – Auckland Ross MacKay - Auckland
Distinguished Service Awards	Steve Collier – Auckland Tony Rutherford - Auckland
Producer of the Year	David Hedge - Auckland

At present Tim and I are working on the events for next season and a number of events are full already. With larger fields, HRC can control entry fees from rising but we will still be forced to increase our entry fees to \$400 plus levies per entry.

(Two tickets for the Le Mans Classic for one day and the cost was \$611. Lot bigger show but !!)

		Season 2022/23			
Meeting Name	Format	Venue	Date Friday	Date Saturday	Date Sunday
Icebreaker	All classes	Hampton Downs		24-Sep-22	25-Sep-22
B&H 500	Endurance	Pukekohe		15-Oct-22	
Waikato Challenge	All classes	Pukekohe		12-Nov-22	13-Nov-22
2K Cup Challenge	All Classes	Hampton Downs		26-Nov-22	27-Nov-22
Motor Cup 101 Celebration		Muriwai Beach	2-Dec-22		
Tasman Revival Taupo	All Classes	TIMP Taupo		7-Jan-23	8-Jan-23
Historic Grand Prix	Historic	TIMP Taupo		21-Jan-23	22-Jan-23
Tasman Revival Jim Palmer 2	Classic / Historic	Pukekohe		25-Feb-23	26-Feb-23
Legends of Speed	Classic / Historic	Hampton Downs	17-Mar-23	18-Mar-23	19-Mar-23
Classic Taupo	Classic / Historic	TIMP Taupo		25-Mar-23	26-Mar-23
Great Lake Taupo	All Classes	TIMP Taupo		15-Apr-23	16-Apr-23
Season Finale	All Classes	Hampton Downs		27-May-23	28-May-23

As can be seen we have an exciting season planned ahead

## ICEBREAKER

Our traditional season opener is Icebreaker at Hampton Downs on September 24 and 25<sup>th</sup>. Entries are open at [www.motorsportentry.com](http://www.motorsportentry.com) and Friday Race Car Test Day can be booked direct with Hampton Downs via the link

<https://hamptondowns.ibisnz.com/Booking/New?DepartureCode=departure.20220923T0900.TESTDAY..&LocalDateTime=08%2F10%2F2022%2016%3A54%3A07>



## B&H Endurance Races



The B & H meeting incorporating the Fleetline 500 and StoreRite 100 is on again October 15<sup>th</sup> at Pukekohe using the long back straight. After the success of the last event, we have decided to relax the rules slightly. We now have “Standard Production Car” and “Improved Production Car” Rules (available on [www.HRCEvents.co.nz](http://www.HRCEvents.co.nz)).

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- Fleetline 500 is a 500km Race (177 Laps) or 4 hours whichever comes first
- StoreRite 100 is a 100 Mile Race (57 laps) or 90 minutes whichever comes first

If you fancy entering this illustrious race, entry is available online at [www.motorsportentry.com](http://www.motorsportentry.com)

Rules are simple and there is no limit on the number of drivers per car and pit stops will also be unlimited, there's no minimum stopping time or limits to when you stop. Safety equipment may be added and roll cages are recommended but not mandatory in Standard Cars.

Multiple car teams can enter but must stop for a minimum of three minutes when changing cars which equates to a single car team doing a fuel stop. No Dry Break Fuel systems either !

As part of the meeting, we will also run a shorter 100 mile race for cars and a longer 500km Race

Remember we don't accept entries from any exotic's or GT3 or GT4 Classes or from cars that lap the shorter Pukekohe track in less than 65 seconds.

## New Zealand Motor Cup 101 Years Celebrations – Muriwai



On the 2<sup>nd</sup> December HRC and NZIGP are resurrecting another event that had been postponed by COVID. This will be the 101<sup>st</sup> celebration of the Muriwai beach races and NZIGP Motor Cup which is still awarded to the winner of the NZ Grand Prix. HRC and NZIGP hope to have some of the original competing cars on the beach plus a display of Grand Prix Cars since. A number of Grand Prix winners will be in attendance also.

### Historic Grand Prix - TAUPO

HRC are pleased to announce a joint venture with Taupo International Motorsport Park around the promotion and running of the 2023 Historic Grand Prix being held over the weekend of January 22/23. The 2023 edition of the GP will be headlined by Formula 5000 and Formula Open and supported by some of NZ's finest classic and historic classes - while celebrating the Jaguar marque and its involvement in the sport since the 1940s.

HRC's role will be mostly motorsport focussed but it will also be assisting TIMP with the off track entertainment where you can expect to see many iconic Jaguar race cars parked in the Legends Marquee and a plethora of Jaguar road cars that are expected to attend from the many Jaguar Clubs throughout the country.

Jim Barclay and Tony Roberts will continue in their roles as facilitators to assist with this event, which now sits under the ownership of TIMP, through Tony Quinn's recent purchase of the park. This year Jaguar is the focus. The previous year celebrated Ford and the year before that, Alfa Romeo. These have been very successful, well supported Historic events in



the past. Although this meeting had to be delayed last year due to COVID, planning is well advanced. The organisers are keen to attract other car clubs who may wish to attend the meeting as a club event and trade stand packages will soon be available. If your club is interested in attending or you are wanting a trade stand at the event, contact Mike Marsden on [sales@hamptondowns.com](mailto:sales@hamptondowns.com)

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# HISTORIC GP

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## Tasman Revival Pukekohe – Celebrating Jim Palmer



### 25/26 February 2023 – Pukekohe

Another event that was affected by Covid last year was the Jim Palmer Festival. HRC have been successful in re-negotiating our contract for February with the Pukekohe after the Park announced the cease of Motor Racing from April 2023.

This meeting will be one of the last Motorsport events to be held at Pukekohe and interest amongst competitors is high.

We have worked with the race classes who are attending this event to make this final meeting very special. Entries are already open a [www.motorsportentry.com](http://www.motorsportentry.com) and we expect the grids to fill very quickly – so get your entry in ASAP....

Classes competing are:

	SAT	SUN
ERC Series		✓
Trofeo Series	✓	
Pirelli Porsche	✓	
BMW E30/E46	✓	✓
BMW 2 Ltr	✓	✓
BMW Open	✓	✓
IPC		✓
TCM	✓	✓
Mini/Pre65	✓	✓
Formula Open NZ	✓	✓
F5000	✓	✓
FJ / F3 / HFF		✓



The Legends of Speed meeting in March at Hampton Downs will be Historic and Classic and will feature BMW.

Just some of the highlights of the new HRC season

Regards

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On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September during the HRC ICEBREAKER Meeting we will be collecting for Assistance Dogs. Come along and meet some adorable puppies. You can either make a donation or buy a ticket to the Lunchtime Circuit Cruise (\$20 per vehicle)

## **Scrutineering / Auditing Notes**

As it is the beginning of the season and we have lots of new competitors entering our Race Meetings, we thought it would be a good idea to remind everyone what happens with regard to auditing a car for Motorsport Track Competition purposes. Rally have slightly different procedures but in general the audit process is the same.

The first thing to remember is that the Scrutineer is your friend. He is not there to stop you from competing – he is there to ensure that you can compete safely. Most scrutineers if they find an issue with your car will probably suggest a way of fixing it so that you can compete.

### **When do I need Auditing / Scrutineering?**

Any vehicle may be selected for Safety Audit, although the following vehicles shall be selected:

- All vehicles without a MotorSport NZ logbook, and
- Vehicles which have not been audited at the last two(2) Events entered or within the last six(6) month period, and
- Vehicles and/or competitors known to be competing for the first time, and
- Vehicles with outstanding defects as previously noted in their vehicle logbook, and
- Competitors who request a Safety Audit to be carried out on their vehicle, and
- Any other vehicles required to ensure that no less than 15% of competing vehicles at an Event are audited

At HRC Events run race meetings, we usually have a Scrutineer available on the Friday Race Car Test Day (Between 12 noon and 4pm) and also from 07:30 on the day of competition.

**All logbooks** must be signed by the **Event Scrutineer**. You cannot get your mate who is a scrutineer to sign your logbook off in advance of a meeting.

### **Scrutineering Etiquette**

When going to scrutineering prepare yourself. There is limited time, so don't hold yourself and everyone else up. We expect:


- the car to be in the condition you are going to race in, no extra tyres / tool boxes / pens / loose change / chip wrappers lying around
- the car to be clean inside and out.
- take all your safety apparel with you, all of it, every time. It is common to check some item of safety gear.
- have your log book ready or know where it is
- stay with your car, if you leave - take it out of the queue

## What are we looking for when doing an Audit?

Before each event, the Chief Scrutineer will create a worksheet (Form Tech008a) that defines what items are going to be checked at an audit. There are 3 categories within an audit:

- Safety Critical Items
- Safety Non-Critical Items
- Non Safety Items

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**SAFETY AUDIT - PROGRAMME** 

EVENT: \_\_\_\_\_ VENUE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHIEF SCRUTINEER: \_\_\_\_\_ LICENCE No.: \_\_\_\_\_

SCRUTINEERS ON DUTY: \_\_\_\_\_

THE PROPOSED ITEMS FOR INSPECTION ARE AS FOLLOWS: SAFETY AUDIT COMPLIANCE TO: SCHEDULE A / OTHER (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**SAFETY CRITICAL ITEMS** (Choose minimum of 3 inspection items)

<input type="checkbox"/> Helmet/s	<input type="checkbox"/> Window Net/s	<input type="checkbox"/> Wheels & Tyres	(Rally Events only below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Head & Neck Restraints	<input type="checkbox"/> Rollbar / Safety Cage	<input type="checkbox"/> Brake System	<input type="checkbox"/> Fuel / Oil / Brake line protection
<input type="checkbox"/> Protective Clothing	<input type="checkbox"/> Seat/s & Mounts	<input type="checkbox"/> Steering & Suspension Systems	<input type="checkbox"/> First-Aid Kit / Safety Triangle
<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Harness/es	<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Extinguisher	<input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Tank/s / Filters / Lines	

**SAFETY NON-CRITICAL ITEMS** (Choose minimum of 3 inspection items)

<input type="checkbox"/> Engine / Transmission Mounts	<input type="checkbox"/> Electrical Wiring	<input type="checkbox"/> Exterior Appearance	<input type="checkbox"/> Cockpit Construction / Fittings
<input type="checkbox"/> Flexible Fluid Lines / Hoses	<input type="checkbox"/> Ignition / Circuit Breaker	<input type="checkbox"/> Panels / Covers	<input type="checkbox"/> Bulkheads
<input type="checkbox"/> Throttle Return (fail safe)	<input type="checkbox"/> Battery	<input type="checkbox"/> Doors	<input type="checkbox"/> Tow Eyes
<input type="checkbox"/> Engine Starter operation	<input type="checkbox"/> Lighting Systems	<input type="checkbox"/> Windows / Wipers / Demisting	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reverse Gear operation	<input type="checkbox"/> Brake Lights	<input type="checkbox"/> Wiper/s & Demister	(Rally Events only below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Exhaust System	<input type="checkbox"/> Rear Lights / Rain Lights	<input type="checkbox"/> Rear Vision Mirrors	<input type="checkbox"/> Mudflaps
<input type="checkbox"/> Oil Catch Tank/s	<input type="checkbox"/> Bodyshell / Chassis Condition	<input type="checkbox"/> Aerofoils / Spoilers	<input type="checkbox"/> Auxiliary Lights

**NON SAFETY ITEMS** (Choose items at random as applicable to Event)

<input type="checkbox"/> Ballast (security)	<input type="checkbox"/> Registration & WOF Labels	<input type="checkbox"/> LVV Plate	(Rally Events only below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Competition Numbers	<input type="checkbox"/> LVV / MSNZ Authority Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Optional Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> Restrictor fitment (36mm ID)

Tech008a - Safety Audit - Programme (01/21)

The Chief Scrutineer will choose items within each category. The same items are checked for every car and the results are sent to MSNZ in the Scrutineers report.

**IF the Scrutineer makes a comment in your vehicle Logbook, you need to get it signed off at the next meeting by having another audit.**

If your car doesn't require to be audited, it is still your responsibility to get your Logbook signed by one of the Event Scrutineers as "Not Audited". He/she will then give you a "Scrutineered" Sticker to attach to your vehicle. This is important as the Dummy Grid Team check for a Scrutineered sticker. NO STICKER = NO ACCESS TO TRACK FOR QUALIFYING.

**Roll Cage Inspections** – New roll cages will **NOT** be inspected at a race meeting. Competitors get a letter saying to do it before hand, the log book is marked the same, so please go and see a Scrutineer **BEFORE** your first event.

### **Common Causes of Failure during an audit.**

**Fire Extinguishers** – Missing, Not Secured by 2 straps, Pressure Low or Out of Date (The Canister has a 6 year life. The Date of Manufacture is stamped on either the base or neck of the extinguisher). More than 6 years old – BUY A NEW ONE. An inspection / service inside 6 years means nothing – it doesn't extend the life of the canister.

**Batteries** – Not secured properly, Live terminal not isolated/protected in event of accident.

**Belts** – Out of date, frayed straps where they pass through the seat back holes, crutch strap incorrectly fitted. Beware of counterfeit belts - there were two found at the recent Pukekohe ACC meeting.

**Overalls** – Beware of FAKE OVERALLS. Also ensure that they are Flame Resistant. No Karting overalls or single layer Mechanics overalls are allowed.

**Gloves** – Check between fingers for holes / wear

**Helmets** – Correct labels, FHR Posts fitted correctly, No rusting / fraying around chinstrap buckle.

**Tow Straps** – Not Clearly Identified, Not correctly attached

**Numbers** - you are now required to have race numbers on the front windscreen

**Log books** - often do not have a current picture in the back

### **Appointed Scrutineers:**

Scrutineers are appointed in accordance with Appendix One Schedule O.

(a) For Clubsport Events where there is no requirement for a licensed Scrutineer, the Clerk of the Course takes responsibility for appointing an appropriately qualified official to take on this role.

(b) Scrutineers shall carry out Safety Audits as determined by the Safety Audit selection process pursuant to the requirements of this Schedule, other relevant schedules to the National Sporting Code, and Event Supplementary Regulations.

### **Presentation of Logbook:**

Every time a vehicle is used in competition its logbook shall be presented at documentation (and at any other time during an Event when requested by an official). If a logbook is required under Part One [Article 3.4\(2\)](#) above and that vehicle's logbook is not available for presentation, for whatever reason, the Clerk of the Course may permit the vehicle to compete if;

(a) The vehicle is subject to a Safety Audit and clearance is obtained, and

(b) The penalty as prescribed in Appendix One [Schedule P](#) to the National Sporting Code is applied.

### **After an accident:**

When significant vehicle damage is sustained, it is the Competitor's responsibility to present the vehicle and Logbook to the Event Chief Scrutineer for inspection and notation of any applicable information or as requested by the Clerk of the Course.

### **Finally:**



If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to call us at the office. Both Tim and Chris are Licensed Scrutineers. Chris is A Grade and can also sign off Roll Cages and Authority Cards.

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### Heritage Touring Cars (Classic Touring Car Series)



Three rounds this year

Waikato Challenge 12/13 November Pukekohe (last chance for a race at Pukekohe)

Historic GP Taupo 20/21/22 Jan 2023

Legends of Speed Hampton Downs 17/18/19 March 2023

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Another season done and dusted with the new one right around the corner.

This year has certainly been a mixed bag with having to operate under red light conditions, some inclement weather and the first major on-track accident we've seen in IPC.

But for all that, once again the racing and the championship itself were clean but action-packed.

IPC is growing all the time, and with an array of subtle changes being implemented for next season, we hope to see more race winners and more tightly grouped battle packs – something that drivers and spectators both relish.

New rules are up on the HRC website - but here are some highlights to keep you interested:

- The FRENCH CUP will be kicking off next season, so drag that dusty old Citr-Ren-oet out of it's hidey-hole and let's see what it can do!
- Hard and fast break-out times are a thing of the past
- You'll now be able to use telemetry and radio comms
- More tyre options available – including slicks/wets

Ok that's it for now. Happy tinkering...

Alan Greig

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Please see below the latest article on Talk Motorsport and also the four videos made by Adam Jones at Fast Files.

To those of you that competed, pit crewed, sponsored, organised or just supported a huge thank you from me for making the season great despite the Covid breaks and lockdowns. Things bode well for 2023 season.

Talk motorsport article

<https://talkmotorsport.co.nz/singleseater/fonz-season-ends-celebrating-new-and-past-champions/>

Series promo:

<https://vimeo.com/716648242/4980e8e134>

Ken Smith:

<https://vimeo.com/715382643/edd4e1a72a>

Bailey Cruse:

<https://vimeo.com/716587528/fd47679f50>

James Watson:

<https://vimeo.com/717727543/e0e6139f06>

Another year has passed and whilst it may have been a short run at only four meetings I don't think anybody can complain about the quality racing and the fun that everybody had.

The prize giving went well with James Watson, Ethan Sillay, Sam MacNeill and Tom Alexander all receiving cups in both the Formula Open New Zealand Championship and the HRC single seater Championship. Final Points are below for both the Formula Open New Zealand Championship

#	Competitor	Vehicle	Points
31	James Watson	Swift DB4 F / Atlantic	205
22	Tom Alexander	Tatuus FT50 F / TRS	154
19	Sam MacNeill	Tatuus FT50 F / TRS	128

99	Fergus Crabb	Tatuus FT50 F / TRS	124
27	Gary Rush	Swift DB4 F / Atlantic	116
33	Leo Francis	Tatuus FT40 F / TRS	90
49	Josh Donohue	Tatuus FT50 F / TRS	87
94	Grant Rivers	Swift DB4 F / Atlantic	80
88	Bailey Cruse	Tatuus FT50 F / TRS	71
3	Geoff Harriman	Tatuus FT50 F / TRS	61
47	Paul Couper	Tatuus FT40 F / TRS	50
11	Kenny Smith	Swift DB4 F / Atlantic	34
5	Ethan Sillay	Swift SE3 F/ Ford 2000	33
98	Richard Crabb	Tatuus FT50 F / TRS	26
9	David Mitchell	Mygale M12-SJ	3

Another exciting development is Promains confirming they wish to support one of the two groups for next season. In addition with the Fitness Portal also considering supporting the series next season it is looking good for promoting Formula Open New Zealand. A large part of this sponsorship will be going to the cost of filming and producing the short videos for each meeting to be released on social media platforms.

This season proved to the motorsport world that Formula Open New Zealand has arrived. Next season I firmly believe we will be the stars of New Zealand Circuit racing as of today we have eight Ex TRS Tatuus FT50's, seven Tatuus FT40's five Swift DB4 Formula Atlantics and at least one RF93 Reynard Formula Atlantic. That is twenty one cars already entered for next year and we are fielding several other enquires from drivers wanting to get involved.

In addition we will be going to some big events as we will be doing MG in November, The Historic GP at Taupo in January and SKOPE in February and Legends of Speed in March.

Also next season the Group Structures will be changing. Group 1 will be for TRS FT50's, Ground effect Formula Atlantics and Formula Holden's/Braham's and will be racing for the Graeme Lawrence Cup. Group 2 will be contested by the TRS FT40's, flat bottom Formula Atlantics, Formula Renaults, Formula Suzuki and will race for the Jim Palmer Cup.

The Howden Ganley Cup will be awarded to the driver with the highest points over all from both classes which will have their own point's structure using the current system.

In closing I would just like to thank everybody involved over the season, drivers, crews, partners, Tim Fox of the Fitness Portal, Hannah Prendergast for organising dinners. Terrance Robinson for points tallying, Tim O'Connor for providing the base stock of cars, Adam Jones for filming, Mike Peffer for photography [mike@mikepeffersphotography.com](mailto:mike@mikepeffersphotography.com), Graeme Lawrence, Jim Palmer, Howden Ganley for being the names on our Cups, Richard Crabb for supplying the cups and last but by no means last, Kenny Smith our new Patron who in spite of physical challenges of broken ribs and Covid worked



tirelessly to get people into cars and the fruits of his labour will be seen on the grid at the start of next season.

Have great off season and get ready for a blinder.

Cheers JT

***John Tomlin***



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## **Arrow Wheels European Classics**

Congratulations to the trophy winners for Season 36 (2021-2022) who were revealed at the recent Awards Dinner

### **Marque Awards**

TOPS Jaguar	Win Jacob (294)
Jason Nicholl Porsche	Bryce Platt (302)
Sutherland BMW	John Blewett (457)
TOPS MG	Gordon Harkness (421)
Simon Mills Alfa Romeo	Wendy Metcalfe (414)
John Tomlin Ford	Tony Vujnovich (712)

### **Country Awards**

Mark Rantin German	Phil Josephs (569)
TOPS British	George Adams (564)
Italian	Brett Hickman (442)

## Major Awards

BMC 4 Cylinder	Glen Thompson(595)
Top Saloon (Tracer)	Des Redgwell (607)
Modern (Post 1990)	Ian Burkhill (587)
Stephen Harris (Grp 2)	Peter Bromley (854)
Arrow Wheels (Grp 1)	Sheridan Broadbent (745)
Most Sporting	Gerry Kessels

## Season 37 - sponsor and new calendar

As the Series now races as a single grid (and not as separate classes as it did formerly), Arrows Wheels, which has sponsored Group 1 for many years, now becomes the Series Sponsor. The Group 2 cars will be issued with Arrow Wheels decals in the new season - the Group 1 cars already have them.

The Series will be called the **Arrow Wheels European Classics** next season and the classes will simply be called Group 1 and Group 2. Changes will be made to the website and rules.

The Series will race on the Sunday only of the HRC 2-day events. The Trofeo Series will be racing on the Saturday at 4 of the rounds and the Pirelli Porsche Series at 3 rounds, so there will be cross-over entry opportunities.

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(European Racing Classics)

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## Team Motive Update

On 6<sup>th</sup> July, a group from the Team had the fabulous opportunity to visit [Mortimer Motorsports](#). Warwick and Tony generously shared their love and vast knowledge of this very special collection. We also discussed our own plans to follow our Motorsport passion and put wheels on track.



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SEASON PREVIEW #1

NZ F5000 SERIES IN POLE POSITION AT LAST BIG MEETING BEFORE PUKEKOHE CIRCUIT CLOSES FOR GOOD



Back in 1974 when the F5000 category was the main drawcard at the annual NZ Grand Prix meeting at Pukekohe in January, British F1 driver Peter Gethin (Chevron B24 #2) appears to get the jump on poleman Graeme McRae (McRae GM 2 #1) at the start of the GP. Photo credit: Photo Terry Marshall.

When the news finally broke that New Zealand's iconic Pukekohe Park Raceway would close in early 2023, rather than being upset by the decision, members of the organising committee of the New Zealand Formula 5000 Association could hardly believe their luck.

As a category with the strongest possible links to the storied Franklin circuit 42km south of Auckland, the committee members were, 'a little bit' disappointed that their application for a spot on the support roster at the big ITM Auckland SuperSprint Australian Supercars championship series meeting at the circuit between September 9&11 this year was rejected.



However, any residual disappointment was soon forgotten when the Auckland-based Historic Racing Club invited the F5000 Association to join it in celebrating the career of '60s single-seater racing great Jim Palmer at Pukekohe Park Raceway early in the New Year.

And though they were still putting the finishing touches to their 2022/23 SAS Autoparts MSC NZ F5000 Tasman Cup Revival Series calendar when Paul Wilcox, CEO of the owner of the Pukekohe Park Raceway complex, Auckland Thoroughbred Racing Inc (ATR) announced, just over a week ago now, that all motor racing would stop at the iconic venue from April 2022, NZ F5000 Association organising committee member Glenn Richards says that 1) he was 'not particularly surprised' by the decision, and 2) that 'at least by making and announcing it now potential user groups like ours know exactly where they stood...'

As such the organising committee this week confirmed a five-round domestic calendar for the 20th annual - now SAS Autoparts and MSC-sponsored - NZ F5000 Tasman Cup Revival Series, which kicks off at the MG Classic meeting at Feilding's Manfeild Circuit Chris Amon in November this year.

The series then resumes with rounds at the Historic Grand Prix meeting at Taupo in late January and the Skope Classic in Christchurch in early February, before the bonus 'final fling' round at Pukekohe Park Raceway a fortnight later (and literally just weeks before the gates are closed to all motorsport activity for good) then the 'final final' round at the HRC's big Legends of Speed meeting at Hampton Downs in mid March.

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