

Michigan man wins inaugural Grand Prix de Kincardine



Rob Noakes (L) presents the inaugural Kincardine Cup to his son, Barry Noakes of Kalamazoo, Michigan

The weather was perfect Sunday afternoon for the first Grand Prix de Kincardine held at the Family Funland Go-Kart Track, south of Kincardine.

Barry Noakes of Kalamazoo, Michigan, took the Kincardine Cup as the top driver with 20 points, on a sled he bought two weeks ago for \$250 - a 1979 Polaris Gemini, 244 cc, fan-cooled - which proves you don't have to invest a lot of money in this style of racing. It was the first time Noakes had raced snowmobiles in any form except for grass drags.

In second place was John Johnson of London. Among the racers were organizers Rob and Alicia Noakes of Inverhuron, Chris Szwen of Amherstburg, Brad Bennewies of Mitchell, Tom Simonsen of Seaforth, and Denise Eden of Ripley.

The children's category drew three sleds, with Destiny Bell, 11, of Owen Sound, taking the win. Trophies, sponsored by Dennis Pierson Chevrolet Ltd. of Kincardine, were presented to Destiny, Darcy Scott, 5, of Bervie, and Justin Noakes, 5, of Inverhuron.

The inaugural event was hosted by the Huron Shores Vintage Snowmobilers and the Rob Noakes Family, with assistance from several people who acted as track officials, announcers and helped clear and groom the track, as well as from Family Funland.

For more information, check the website at www.bmts.com/~rwnoakes/.

Sport



Destiny Bell (R) came out ahead of Justin Noakes (L) and Darcy Scott in the kids' vintage snowmobile race



Destiny Bell, 11, of Owen Sound races round a corner in the kids' class at the Grand Prix de Kincardine Sunday afternoon



Rob Noakes (R) presents a trophy to Darcy Scott, a competitor in the kids' category



Rob Noakes (R) presents the winning trophy for the kids' racing to Destiny Bell, 11, of Owen Sound



Rob Noakes (R) presents a trophy to his son, Justin, who competed in the kids' category



Several of the competitors include John Johnston (L), Barry Noakes, Chris Szwen, Brad Bennewies, Rob Noakes and front, Tom Simonsen, and Alicia Noakes

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