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Stuart (2016 Champion) and Mum Maureen share a moment in the pits

Photos courtesy of Carol Robinson

UP-COMING EVENT

PRB Series Round 6 NSWMRC

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PRB RACE SERIES 2016

This series is open to any car sold by PRB or its agents, with a CAMS Type 2B or 2A logbook. This includes the new PRB Widebody and the UK Westfields previously sold by PRB. This year there are only two classes

Class A – 1601cc to 2000cc modified

Class B – Up to 2000cc standard-engined

Round 5 – PIARC August Access Meeting Phillip Island, Aug 20-21, 2016

Practice and qualifying

The PRB drivers (missing Jos Kroon who was in Sydney celebrating a big birthday, somewhere between 50 years and 70 years) made the long trip to Philip Island to attend the August Access meeting. Visiting from New York was multiple-times series winner Stef Versluis who, to get his eye in, had stopped off at Benalla (Winton Raceway) on the way down from Sydney. This was because the access meetings have no practice on the Friday before, although on Saturday morning the PRBs had a practice session and a qualifying session.

The weather as usual was threatening, but the qualifying was held using slick tyres. It was Stef who blitzed the opposition with a fastest lap of 1.41.9 to take the PRB lap record, ahead of a great run on his last lap from James Dick who was closely followed by Malcolm Lee, fresh from his recent trifecta of wins at Wakefield in Round 4.

Warwick Williams was building up as the session progressed but came off after running wide; Chris Barry came in early with a continuing issue that had first surfaced in practice, which would soon put him out for the weekend.



John Moyes was pinged for noise so everyone helped him alter his silencer

The combined qualifying times and positions (and the grid for Race 1) are shown below.

Qualifying

Position	Car No.	Driver	Vehicle	Cap	Class	Fastest Lap
1	4	Stefan Versluis	Composite	2000	A	01:41.9
2	48	James Dick	Widebody	1995	A	01:42.8
3	50	Malcolm Lee	S3	1900	A	01:43.0
4	1	Stuart Shirvington	S3	1900	A	01:43.1
5	52	Joshua Versluis	S3	1900	A	01:44.1
6	45	Ivan Srejber	S3	1970	A	01:44.5
7	7	John Moyes	S2	2000	A	01:44.7
8	6	Chris Barry	Composite	2000	A	01:44.8
9	44	Warwick Williams	Composite	1900	A	01:48.7

Race 1 (6 Laps)

The start of this first race was a total shemozzle – the superkarts, running before us and waiting on the dummy grid, went back to their pits and the Clerk of Course suddenly called up the PRBs, who had been in the pits watching the approaching rainclouds.

Some of the PRBs went straight out still on slicks whereas others decided to change to wets (the right choice). As a result, when the dummy grid was let out, there were only 4 cars on slicks; those changing tyres did so and rushed out to follow (either via the dummy grid or directly to pit exit) and were happy to find that the Clerk of Course had left pit exit open i.e. they could still race. So we had Mal, Warwick, Ivan and John on wets and it was soon obvious they were capable of lapping about 30 seconds per lap faster.



Mal was off to a great start and started to pull away closely followed by Ivan and Warwick; unfortunately, Ivan came off into the kitty litter at turn 4 and was out of the race. This left Warwick in a good second place which

he held to the end of the (shortened) race. Mal in the meantime was making use of his speedway(sideways) experience and drove just fast enough to stay in front of Warwick.

John Moyes found that his old and unsuitable wets were no better than slicks and fell into the clutches of James who finished in a great 3rd place.

Josh decided to come into the pits after lap 1, following on from the confusion pre-race start, believing that some of the “late” drivers should not have been allowed out on the track. Unfortunately, the Clerk of Course did not see it the same way so Josh ended up with a DNF and no points for the race, which was a great pity.



Not really the right conditions for slick tyres

Stef and Stuart both salvaged some points in the last two finishing positions.

PRB Series Management, both at the behest of some drivers and in order to fully-understand the race start procedures, then spent a while looking at the CAMS rules and talking with the Clerk of Course/Stewards to ensure no regulations had been broken or mis-interpreted. In fact, none had (although the call-up was chaotic) and the race result stood.

Final positions in Race 1 are shown below.

Race 1

Position	Car No.	Driver	Laps	Race Time	Fastest Lap
1	50	Malcolm Lee	6	18:17.4	02:15.4
2	44	Warwick Williams	6	18:27.4	02:23.0
3	48	James Dick	6	18:59.2	02:42.3
4	7	John Moyes	6	19:00.0	02:41.7
5	4	Stefan Versluis	6	19:00.2	02:44.3
6	1	Stuart Shirvington	6	19:03.7	02:47.4
DNF	45	Ivan Srejber	1	02:25.6	02:25.6
DNF	52	Joshua Versluis	1	02:49.0	02:49.0

Race 2 (6 laps)

As usual Race 2 is a reverse-grid race. As well as Chris being out, James was waiting in the dummy grid and his car refused to start. So he missed the race and diagnosed it as a slipped timing chain (only had a secondhand one) so decided to not run any risk of damaging the engine.

Again it was a race on wets, and Ivan unfortunately went off on the warmup lap and started from the rear of the field.



Mal and Stuart and a picturesque Philip Island background

At the start Mal got off well but Stuart was soon past into the lead which he held until the end of the race. Mal spent the rest of the race in second but it was obvious Stuart was just going as fast as needed to take a comfortable win. Again it was Warwick in 3rd for all the race, and Ivan was able to get past Josh (who had been running in 4th) on lap 3.

Stef had started his race with R-spec tyres on the rear which ended up being a bad idea as he did not have the traction of wets and although he got past John he was nearly a lap behind Stuart at the Chequered flag.

Final positions in Race 2 are shown below.

Race 2

Position	Car No.	Driver	Laps	Race Time	Fastest Lap
1	1	Stuart Shirvington	6	12:04.3	01:58.2
2	50	Malcolm Lee	6	12:32.8	02:02.3
3	44	Warwick Williams	6	13:05.9	02:07.7
4	45	Ivan Srejber	6	13:15.3	02:03.7
5	52	Joshua Versluis	6	13:30.8	02:07.4
6	4	Stefan Versluis	6	14:21.1	02:18.2
7	7	John Moyes	6	14:22.2	02:19.6

Race 3 (6 Laps)

Race 3 is based upon the results of Race 1, but it was Stuart rather than Mal who got off the line best to soon be leading the field. For some reason all drivers went out on wets, although in many parts the track was dry. This time Stef had “equal” tyres and soon started carving the field up, he took Warwick and Ivan by the end of lap 2 followed by John on lap 3 into 3rd place. His final overtake was Mal on the 5th lap, into second, but he was too far behind Stuart to make any form of challenge.



Stuart carving his way through on lap 1 to catch Mal who is long gone

Josh was also moving forward to 5th on lap 3, and then to 4th on the final lap when he got past Ivan. He closed to within 0.2 sec of Mal at the chequered flag but had to settle for 4th.

Next were Ivan, Warwick and John in that order.



Later in the race Stuart had a good lead over Stef and Mal.....

Final positions in Race 3 are shown below.

Race 3

Position	Car No.	Driver	Laps	Race Time	Fastest Lap
1	1	Stuart Shirvington	6	11:08.1	01:48.3
2	4	Stefan Versluis	6	11:19.3	01:50.0
3	50	Malcolm Lee	6	11:20.4	01:51.5
4	52	Joshua Versluis	6	11:20.6	01:49.9
5	45	Ivan Srejber	6	11:21.9	01:49.9
6	44	Warwick Williams	6	11:44.1	01:55.3
7	7	John Moyes	6	11:54.9	01:55.3

Race 4

Unusually for a PRB round we had been scheduled for 4 races, and as our Regs. allowed for the situation the race started gridded in the Race 3 finishing order.

For once the racing was close, and as the pack emerged onto the main straight Mal, Stef and Stuart were quite close. Stuart then seemed to try to pass Stef on the outside of the track at the end of the long left-hander, put his wheels on the (very wet) grass and proceeded to spear off at high speed.



The first lap with Stuart behind Mal and Stef

Luckily no other car was involved, but Stuart hit the tyre wall back-on and his car spun around and upwards doing at least one 360 if not two. All spectators anxiously waited to see some signs of action from Stuart, and were delighted to see him leave the car immediately, sit on the wall and survey his (very much) damaged car.

Because of this accident and the damage to the circuit the race was immediately red-flagged and declared a no-race.

Stuart was taken to the Medical Centre and pronounced OK, then faced the prospect of collecting the bits of his car and putting them on the trailer for the long trip home.



Lots of work for Stuart but a car can be fixed!

The PRB Series Point Score

Points are awarded for each race in the PRB Race Series based on the number of cars that start in each Class, as specified in the table below, and the driver with the fastest class lap in qualifying and each race gets an extra point.

Place	6 + CARS	4 – 5 CARS	1 – 3 CARS
1st	15 points	14 points	12 points
2nd	13 points	12 points	10 points
3rd	12 points	11 points	9 points
4th	11 points	10 points	
5th	10 points	9 points	
6th	9 points		
7th	8 points		
8th	7 points		
9th	6 points		
10th	5 points		

The point score after the first five Rounds is shown below.

Car No	DRIVER	Rnd 1-4 Total	Fastest qualifying	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Round 5 Total	Series Total
1	Chris Barry	121		0	0	0	0	121
4	Stefan Versluis	0	1	10	9	13	33	33
7	John Moyes	99		11	8	8	27	126
25	Stuart Shirvington	184		9	16	16	41	225
37	Jos Kroon	123					0	123
44	Warwick Williams	69		13	12	9	34	103
444	Trent Shirvington	20					0	20
45	Ivan Srejber	71		0	11	10	21	92
48	James Dick	125		12	0	0	12	137
50	Malcolm Lee	71		16	13	12	41	112
52	Josh Versluis	151		0	10	11	21	172
91	Michael McCosker	18					0	18
Fastest Lap								

The Wrapup

This was not a good meeting – although all drivers love the circuit, the inclement (cold and windy and rainy) weather and the sometimes strange decisions made by the officials, plus the second major accident in 2 years all took the sheen off the meeting.

But the good news was that nobody was hurt over the weekend.

As far as the 2016 PRB Series is concerned, it was Stuart and Malcolm equal on 41 points followed by Warwick with 34 points.

Going into our last round, and without a car to race, Stuart has 225 points which is a lead of 53 points over second placegetter Josh on 172 points. As there is no way Josh can make up this difference, Stuart is our 2016 Series Champion. Congratulations to Stuart on what has been a great defence of his title this year, and we wish him all the best in repairing his car in time for 2017.

Driver of the Meetings was Warwick Williams.