

## Drift Karts Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August

After a night out we got up and organised for our trip to Rotorua for Drift Kartz. We were happily thinking that 10 am was a much more civilised time to be going somewhere, so at 9am we made a cup of coffee. Soon we were interrupted by a text saying "Are you coming?" oops I wrote the wrong time down and we were going to be late – a 1st for us!! But then there were a lot of firsts this day!

We texted when we got to Oropi roundabout and then joined the other 4 cars. We had a good drive through to Rotorua on a beautiful morning.

Once at Drift Kartz of course we got a bit of a ribbing for being late – only what we expected though, and we learnt that Graham & Debra were first to arrive – another 1<sup>st</sup>!! We all went into Drift Kartz; we had to sign an idemnity form and then after a nervous 'peewee' we had drivers briefing.

There were 11 drivers in all, so we were divided up into teams. First team was Gus, Graham, Glen & Barry, they had 15 practice laps and then the race. This track is the most slippery track in NZ and it certainly was all that as there were lots of spinning and slipping around. Gus won that race – another 1<sup>st</sup>!

Next race saw the 5 ladies; Wendy, Debra, Vicki, Lisa & Katie. This was going to be fun and it sure was. Lots of spinning out and bumping into each other and the tyres. The competition was on between Debra & Wendy which Debra went onto to win followed by Wendy in a close 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Next race was Duncan & Grant. For a good part of the race Duncan led but one slip up saw Grant take the lead and Duncan – well I think he gave up! Grant went onto win the race – another 1<sup>st</sup>!

The last race was the winners race, so it was Gus, Grant, Debra & Wendy.

Watch the lights and we were off. Gus shot through in front of me but had slight hiccup and I shot through to pass him on the inside. My kart had lots of vibration which made it quite exciting for me! I kept the lead for a good part of the race but then took one corner too wide allowing Grant to slip through and take the lead, but he then did a similar thing in the next corner allowing me to sneak through and take the lead back and then went onto win the race. Yahoo!! "Such fun" (as Miranda would say!)

I did my victory laps doing donuts all over the place and the last one I did I hit the tyres and just about gave myself whiplash!!

It was an awesome day enjoyed by all those who attended. Once we had had photos taken with the checkered flag, we then proceeded to the 'Essence Cafe' in Ngagotaha for a well earned lunch and coffee.

Duncan & Lisa won the fuel draw

Dipstick – Me I think as I got the time wrong!

Best Presented – must have been Graham & Debra as they had forgotten to bring the trophy!

Oh and did I mention **I WON Drift Kartz???!!!** (Beat the boys!)

Signed 'Winner Old'

