



Manawatū Blokart Club

SH1 Sanson Domain, Sanson

Club History 2006 - 2023

The first blokart club in the Manawatū was called Top Knots and had approximately 6 - 8 members. They sailed mainly at Coronation Park, Massey University and Foxton Beach.



Coronation Park Palmerston North



Massey University Carpark

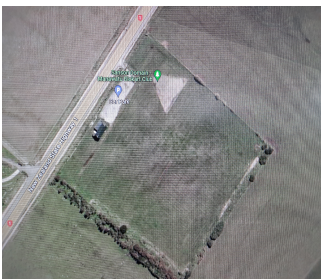
Manawatū blokart club was formed in 2008 with 18 members and was incorporated on the 12th november 2009, membership had grown to 22 by the 31st of March 2013.

The inaugural AGM was held in 2010. A Club committee was elected, with Colin Cook as the first president. Membership continued to grow and by 31st March 2015 there were 40 members. Since then, membership has steadily grown and is currently standing at 110 members, as of 31st March 2023

Land before development

The Club executive approached Manawatū District Council to see if we could use the Sanson Domain, they agreed in 2011 and a 33-year lease was drawn up for the use of the land. The MDC were only too keen to have the domain being used for sports and have been a great supporter of the club ever since. This has included mowing the grass, sealing the carpark, upgrading the entrance and installing public toilets.

At first racing was carried out on a very small piece of seal, called the diamond, and on grass.



Track development 2013

In 2013 the first stage of approximately 8100m² was started. Initially having a metal surface, it was soon covered with a cement slurry to seal the surface to make it smoother for racing.



The first club room was a portable shelter, which stills forms part of the club buildings today.

In 2015, as club membership numbers grew, funds were raised to extend the original area to a total of 5093m², finished with a chip seal. Funds for this were raised through support from Manawatū District Council, E&CCT, NZCT and donations from members. Also, a grant of \$5000 and a loan of \$5000 from NZBAI.



The completion of a sealed track saw membership quickly grow to 72 by 2017. This bought about two significant decisions. The first was a goal to aim to host the 2020 Blokart World Championships on the club's track. In order to achieve this goal the second decision taken was to proceed with further extensions to the track.

This was achieved in two further steps spread over two years, as we were only permitted to shift a maximum of 500 cubic metres of topsoil per year without going to the trouble of obtaining a Resource Consent.

Stage 3 comprised 3186m² and stage 4, 3618m²

Track as it is today



The Club track Sanson Domain 2022 - 2023



Club Sailing



Club facilities, covered social/ meeting area and storage.

Manawatū Open 2023



World's 2022



Youth Academy and Kart Hire



The club now has a number of karts available for group and casual hire, also hire by new members. These karts are used by the Youth Academy, who sail on Saturday mornings. Karts have been acquired through generous donations by members, Mega Mitre 10, Capital Blokart Club and more recently through a grant from Pub Charity. Kart hire is a very popular and significant fundraiser for the club.

The **Manawatū Blokart Club** is affiliated to **NZBAI** and has had the pleasure to host, over the years; New Zealand Open, North Island Open, Age Games, Worlds 2022 plus its own Manawatū Open held annually.

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Club Days for racing.

Wednesdays from 12 noon

Saturday from 12 noon.

Hire / casual sailing by arrangement

