

# CLAY PIGEON

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An encouraging start to the season with many new faces on this year's committee and an evident commitment to improve the facilities at the track. The AGM, held in January, was particularly well attended. A broad variety of items was discussed and Club Chairman, Neil Hann, outlined the need to continue the introduction of fencing around the track within RAC guidelines so that the quantity of tyres could be reduced. This will be the major improvement scheduled for this year.

The 1989 committee were voted in unanimously and, with membership at a higher level than previous years, the omens look good. Masterminded by the energetic Gren Tye, some 20 painters, brickies and chippies carried out a myriad of cosmetic and constructional tasks in February. The end result was excellent and our thanks go to those whose efforts allowed us to start the season with the track surrounds in better shape than for some time.

The first meeting of the season, on Sunday 12th March, was declared wet and there was a fog which reduced visibility to a few hundred yards all day. However, thanks to the officials, our competition secretary and her lap scorers the racing went very smoothly. There was a little confusion about pit spaces. Please remember that the numbered spaces are reserved. If you have any doubt whether or not you are entitled to a pit space then check with the treasurer, Clive Shuttler.

**Cadet.** A grid of six, with four novices, meant Peter Clark and Marc Hynes competing for the lead and the other four fighting for the remaining places.

In the final Marc had pole and we saw all six aquaplaning through to a win for Peter from Marc and Scott Cooper, with Louise Colin, Gareth Penn and Stuart Lane further back.

**Junior Britain.** With 24 drivers competition was keen. Heat winners were Matthew O'Hara, Richard Whiteley and Julian Thomas.

In the final Thomas got away to a good start from pole and went on to take the flag. Behind him, Whiteley tried so hard that he went round Billy's on the grass. O'Hara got past Michael Simpson on the outside then he was himself overtaken on the same lap before eventually spinning out and losing four places.

**Senior Britain.** Six heats were required. Andy Clarke and Anthony Cleal both won two while Stephen Hall and Gary Frost took one each.

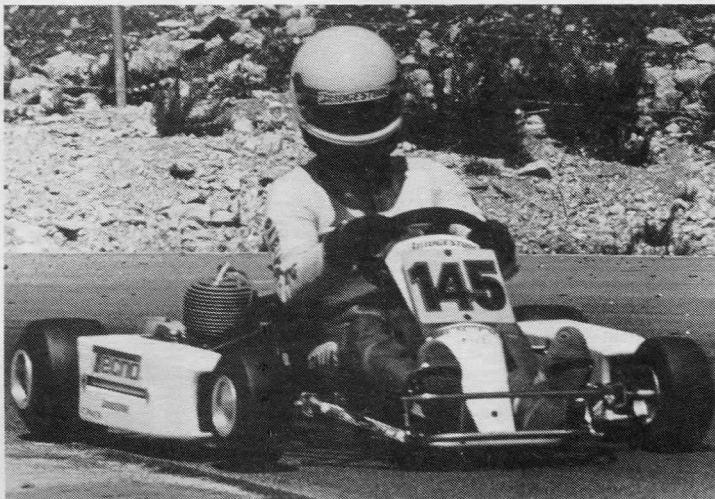
From the green light Cleal streaked into a comfortable lead and stayed there without any serious challenge although, as the race progressed, Andy Clarke was creeping up and Simon Hart was always ready to get in there had either of the front two made a mistake. As always the action was in the middle and Mike Horder drove well to earn his place while Robin Chuter found that little extra to get past both Richard Page and Gary Anderson on lap 4.

**100 National.** 35 drivers from seven different clubs had entered although the numbers did reduce when some decided they were not too keen on the water sport aspects. In the heats Andrew O'Hara took three of the honours, David Cuff and Bobby Game the other two while Robert Schirle and Jeremy Cotterill both gained good 2nd places.

O'Hara and Cuff were on the front row for the final and they got away with Cuff in front, then O'Hara with Game and Cotterill in hot pursuit until Jeremy went into the tyres at the end of the straight. It stayed neck-and-neck at the front, while further back there was some fine racing between Simon Barrett and Christina Baker, both of whom were pushed by Richard Hewland who eventually got through to 6th place. We lost Cuff on lap 6 so at the flag it was O'Hara with Game on his heels. Exciting to watch but those over-fast flying starts just cannot be accepted.

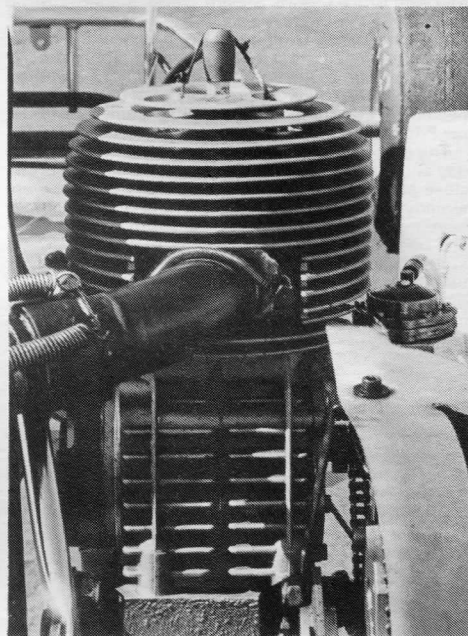
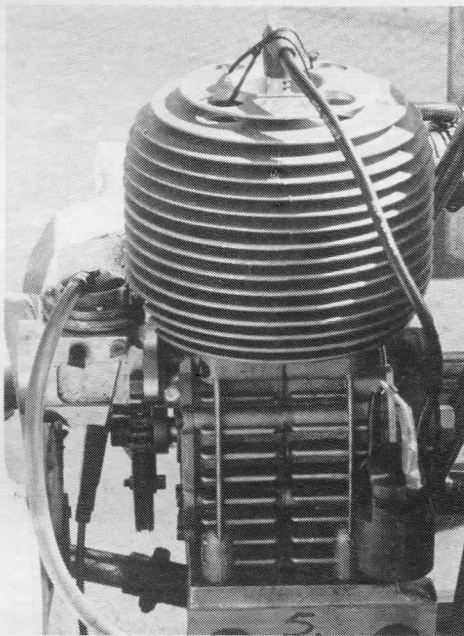
**Gearbox.** 15 of these drivers made a grand spectacle throughout the day but there was a high attrition rate in the fog when back end slides were as frequent as gear changes. Paul Studley won the first heat and the remaining top spots were taken by A. Coleman, Richard Leitner and Andy Hall who persisted in passing the flag in 3rd place — though of course first in his class.

For the final we were able to see across the track during a lull in the weather and after the start they all stayed very close round Billy's and into bottom straight. Leitner was first into the hairpin with Philip Maycock close behind until Coleman nipped through on inside bend to take the number 2 slot. On lap 2



## THE NEW TECNO MOTOR

Looking like a stack of saucers perched on a DAP crankcase, the newly homologated 100cc rotary valve Tecno Motor from the famous Italian kart frame manufacturer showed promise at Montpellier with an 8th and 11th in the CIK final.



Richard just lost it by going rather too fast into bottom straight and his excursion into the mud allowed Coleman to have his share of the lead until he also took to the grass on lap 4. With only two laps to go Ian Williams drifted to a halt but recovered sufficiently to win his class, followed by Steve Lee and Andy Norsworthy.

### Vic Sirett

**Late News.** All recognised kart clubs in the South West and Wales have expressed a desire, through the Wessex Association, to encourage the introduction of the 100 UK class as being economical and more within the financial reach of the majority of karters. As a contribution to this encouragement 100 UK entries at Clay will be at a reduced fee similar to that used when the 100 Britain class was originally introduced.

### Results

**Cadet**  
1 Peter Clarke—DAP/Comer  
2 Marc Hynes—Allkart/Comer  
3 Scott Cooper—Allkart/Comer

**Junior Britain**  
1 Julian Thomas—Wright/Parilla  
2 Michael Graham—Dino/Parilla  
3 Matthew O'Hara—Sprint/Parilla

**Senior Britain**  
1 Anthony Cleal—Dino/Parilla  
2 Andy Clarke—Sprint/Parilla  
3 Simon Hart—DAP/DAP

**100 National**  
1 Andrew O'Hara—Sprint/Rotax  
2 Bobby Game—PCR/Rotax

**125 National**  
1 Ian Williams—Anderson/Rotax

**250 National**  
1 Andy Hall—Zip/KTM

**250 International**  
1 Philip Maycock—Dino/Rotax



## to the editor

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### GALLANT EFFORTS

Sir,  
We would like to thank all those concerned at Clay Pigeon on Sunday 2nd April when Mr Donald Payne suffered a fatal heart attack. Your gallant efforts were much appreciated by his family and friends.

Steve and Roy Prickett

### THANKS

Sir,  
May I, through the pages of your magazine, thank Alf Salter who has mechanised for me for the last five years, particularly at Nuthampstead and Rye House where we raced 100 National, and his help was invaluable.

May I also wish him and his 'new driver' good luck in the coming season.

Yours faithfully, Mike McAleer, London, W3.