





Entries Now Open for the Fourth Henry Surtees Foundation Brooklands Team Karting Challenge

Team entries are now open for the fourth annual Henry Surtees Foundation Brooklands Team Karting Challenge which will take place on Tuesday 30 June 2015. The event organised by John Surtees OBE, in co-operation with Brooklands Museum and Mercedes-Benz World will be staged once again at the iconic Mercedes-Benz World, Surrey and is free to spectate.

Each year the HSF Team Challenge receives tremendous support from a host of star names from the world of motorsport, business and the entertainment industry and 2015 will be no exception. Last year the event raised over £60,000 for the Henry Surtees Foundation, which was established by John Surtees, following the tragic death of his son Henry.

John Surtees OBE said "Brooklands not only has a special place in motorsport history but also the Henry Surtees Foundation, as it was one of the first fundraising events organised after the charity was formed. The event has developed over the past 3 years and this year will see the introduction of some exciting format changes. We are now taking entries for teams to participate in the HSF Team Karting Challenge. Why not put a team of four together and come and join us at the original home of motorsport at Brooklands where you will be able to enjoy the superb facilities of Mercedes-Benz World in the company of the Henry Surtees Foundation and star guests".

Racing starts with practice and qualifying. Teams will then have the opportunity to compete in a challenging 2 hour endurance race, where

competitors battle it out in Daytona High-Performance two-stroke DMAX Birel Karts in the hope of securing the conveted 'H' trophy.

The interval features a spectacular display of Surtees built Formula cars and Brooklands Museum exhibits plus 'special' vehicle demonstrations.

John Surtees continued "This year we have organised several 'special' vehicle demonstrations during the racing interval. We are delighted to welcome Derek Bell who will be reunited with the Surtees TS7 that he successfully raced for the team. Plus Classic Team Lotus will be bringing the 1965 Tasman 2.5 litre Climax Lotus type 32B that Jim Clark won the Tasman Series with. It will also commemorate Jim's 50th anniversary of his second Formula One World Championship win.

The HSF Team Karting Challenge culminates in a prize giving Champagne reception courtesy of G H Mumm in the impressive state-of-the-art Mercedes-Benz World venue where the prestigious 'H' trophy is awarded to the 2015 karting champion.

The Champagne and canapé reception will be hosted by Steve Rider and feature interviews with racers and celebrity guest participants, plus an incredible fundraising auction hosted by Malcolm Barber of Bonhams featuring exclusive artwork, memorabilia and experiences. Guests will also have the opportunity to explore the fascinating exhibitions and get up close to legendary Mercedes-Benz vehicles. The reception is open to both competitors and non-racers (paid guests).

G.H. Mumm Champagne will, once again, be poured by generous arrangement with the House and Bernie Ecclestone.

All proceeds from the event will go to the Henry Surtees Foundation and Brooklands Museum Trust.

Event Prices:

Brooklands Team Challenge: Teams are based on four competitors £1,200 per team (including 4 tickets to Champagne and canapé reception)

The Champagne and canapé reception: Tickets are available to attend the reception, at cost of £65 per person.

To register your interest in entering a team or booking tickets for the Champagne reception, please contact: <u>info@henrysurteesfoundation.com</u>

Notes to editors:

The Henry Surtees Foundation: The Henry Surtees Foundation was inspired by motor sport legend John Surtees OBE, following the tragic death of his son Henry, killed aged just 18 years old whilst competing in Formula 2 race at Brands Hatch in 2009.

The Henry Surtees Foundation aims to raise funds to support accident care, with particular emphasis on head injuries, and help educate and train young people with motorsport-related programmes in technology, engineering and road safety instruction for two and four wheels. The worthwhile causes supported by the Henry Surtees Foundation include the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance Trust and Great North Air Ambulance, and its regional Blood Bike groups.

Available for interview:

John Surtees OBE, Founder of the Henry Surtees Foundation

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