



For Immediate Release:

*Team Titan Motorsport win the  
2015 Henry Surtees Foundation Team Karting Challenge*



The fourth annual 'Henry Surtees Foundation Team Karting Challenge' took place at Mercedes-Benz World on Tuesday 30 June and raised an estimated £59,500 for the Henry Surtees Foundation and Brooklands Museum (before direct costs to contractors).

The prestigious event received incredible support from the worlds of business, motorsport and media. Five-time Le Mans winner Derek Bell officially started the race proceedings, which saw an impressive grid of 32 teams - consisting of 128 competitors battling it out on the Mercedes-Benz World test track for the 120-minute endurance race, each hoping to secure their place on the podium. Also pledging his time and support to the foundation was 'Great British Bake Off' TV presenter Paul Hollywood who flagged off the F1/F2 car parade.

The karting challenge saw exciting racing all down the field two-hour session, teams Titan and KartForce dominated the race at the front of the pack throughout. On the final lap Former Formula 1 World Champion, Damon Hill OBE dropped the chequered flag, as Titan Motorsport raced into victory securing first place, with their four-man team comprising of Martin O'Neil, his sons Jack O'Neil, Andy O'Neil and Owen Jenman

Team Manager of Titan, Martin O'Neil said: 'we are delighted to win the 'H Trophy once again, it's a great event, ran on a fabulous track, with excellent commentary. We always enjoy taking part, meeting the celebrities; racing against the pro's and helping raise money for a great cause. I'm sure we will be honing our skills in preparation for next year!'

In hot pursuit and in second place were KartForce with its team on injured servicemen Mark Allen, Martyn Compton, Danny Holland and Pete Hobbs. Dave Player, founder of Kartforce said 'as the lads have so many different injuries,

including missing fingers and thumbs, KartForce had to design a new set of hand controls that give the lads full performance from the karts and allows them to race on a totally level playing in mainstream races. The team always look forward to participating in the Henry Surtees Foundation Team Karting Challenge and are absolutely thrilled to secure their place on the podium, the lads are a testament that you don't need all your limbs to race... just British Bulldog spirit'.

An exciting dual took place between Carlin Motorsport and EFG Private Banking battling it out for the third position. EFG Private Banking completed the podium with its drivers Robert Crofton, Anthony Reid, Toby Sowery and Mark Lawrence.

Other awards included the Fastest Lap which was presented once again to Titan Motorsport and a new Corporate Award, which was presented to Aquafuel Research Ltd for a team, as considered by the judges to have demonstrated outstanding racing prowess for a corporate team that had competed without a driver who had been a race license holder.



During the karting interval Damon Hill OBE took to the circuit in the 1965 Tasman 2.5 litre Climax Lotus type 32B that Jim Clark won the Tasman Series with (Courtesy of Classic Team Lotus) to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Jim Clark winning his second Formula One World Championship.



Derek Bell MBE was reunited with the Surtees TS7 that he successfully raced for the team; racer Scott Malvern drove the Surtees TS10 Formula 2 car that John Surtees won the Japanese Grand Prix and Imola Gold Cup in 1972 and Oliver Rowland a Formula Renault driver for Fortec Motorsport drove the recently restored TS19 Durex sponsored car.

Speaking at the event Oliver Rowland said 'having raced with Henry Surtees throughout my karting career it gives me great pleasure to come to this fabulous event and remember him every year'.



Throughout the day novice racers mixed with motor sport professionals. Phoenix Consulting returned once again, along with the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance Trust, one of the beneficiaries of the HSF, plus The Racing Steps Foundation with Ben Barnicoat and guest driver Sky Sports F1 presenter Simon

Lazenby. Other teams included Carlin, Ginetta, Mercedes AMG Petronas F1, Motorsport Magazine, MSV All-Stars and the Met Police Motor Club.

John Surtees OBE commented that: 'it's been a great atmosphere today with plenty of good humoured team spirit. I particularly enjoy seeing different professions taking part and the range of karting abilities. Whilst the main reason of the day is to raise money for the Foundation, it's important that people enjoy the event and continue to support it. We are grateful to all the teams, competitors, sponsors and volunteers that have made the event such a success'.

The prize giving Champagne reception (courtesy of G H Mumm) took place in the impressive state-of-the-art Mercedes-Benz World, trophies were presented by five-time Le Mans winner Derek Bell. The evening was hosted by Former F1 commentator Steve Rider, and included interviews with competitors, and special guests including Loutfi Menasri, from Brooklands Motorsport, who came to share his story of how the foundation saved his life. A welcome surprise came during the evening when the Metropolitan Police Motor Club presented to the Foundation a cheque for funds they had raised of £636.41. The evening culminated in a fundraising auction by Malcolm Barber of Bonhams featuring exclusive artwork, memorabilia and experiences raising £18,580 alone.

The Henry Surtees Foundation would like to say a special thanks to the teams, sponsors, supporters and auction lot providers that helped made the fourth annual karting event so successful:

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#### **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:**

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