

**South Australian
Motor Racing Officials Association
Newsletter
June 2019**



A CAMS affiliated Organisation



Website: www.samroa.org.au

Next General Meeting:

Wednesday, 12th June @ 7:30pm

Royal Terrace Hotel, Kent Town – come early and join us for a drink and meal prior to the meeting. We hope to see you there!



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SAMROA

Formally Invites you to the 41st Annual Dinner

To be held at The Sporting Car Club of SA

51 King William Road, Unley

On

Saturday, 21st September 2019

6pm for a 6:30pm start

Cost

Members: \$40

Non-members: \$60

BSB: 633 000 Account Number: 157 234 915 Message: "Name" of SAMROA

Please advise us of any dietary requirements that you may have. If you have any queries, please contact social@samroa.org.au or Janelle on 0427 155 909

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The South Australian Motor Racing Officials Association (SAMROA) Inc. is a volunteer organisation affiliated with the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS) Ltd.

President's Report

Welcome to the June newsletter. The end of year change over dinner is approaching rather quickly. This year will be held at the SCCSA Club rooms. (Reg Sparks Room). The cost is a lot cheaper than the 40th last year so it would be great to see a lot more guests that evening to help celebrate the award winners and have a great social night. **Cost for members will be \$40.00 and non-members \$60.00.** An account for payments has been set up for anyone who wishes to use it. This worked well last year and helps if you want to put a bit away at a time. See the invite on page 2 for more details.

From **1 July 2019**, South Australia's current child-related employment and volunteer screening processes will be replaced with a **Working with Children Check (WWCC)**, conducted through the Department of Human Services. There is a transition period for people with existing working with children clearances. As currently stated on the Screening Checks website, '*No immediate action is required by most people*': The Committee are in discussion over this subject and will keep you informed with any development.

It is that time of the year again when we need to think about nominations for the committees. If you wish to nominate please contact Paul Bonnett or myself. This is a good place to learn about the behind the scenes of Motorsport. All Committees look to have fresh ideas every couple of years so things don't get stale. It is the beginning of June and our **memberships are due as of the 30/6/19**. Memberships can be paid via a few ways, EFT, payment at a General Meeting or post. Please be sure to complete the Membership Renewal form and send to our treasurer at the same time as the payment.

Don't forget, the club has beanies for sale to help with those winter blues. I still have some available at \$20.00 each. This has the 40th Anniversary badge sewn on them. Also, the 40th badge is available separately for \$10.00 enabling you to sew these onto your overalls if you wish.

Coming up soon we have 3 events to be conducted at the Bend Motorsport Park. One State round for the SCCSA and two National events. All these events will have camping available and at present the State round and the Shannon's events will have no power but for the Supercar event, I believe there will be. Discussions are still being held between the organisers and owners regarding all the details so the moment we find out, we will let you know more. All these events will of course need a lot of volunteer power to cover the 19 points around the circuit so please consider your availability.

We believe there may be some overalls missing from the cupboard in the shed at Mallala. These are there for any new people that come out to have a look at what we do, and to help make them look part of the team. Some people have borrowed them for the day and maybe taken them home to clean. Thank you, as we do appreciate this, but they need to be brought back to the next race meeting. Anyone who has taken a pair home, please return them ASAP so the next person can make use of them.

The Committee have had a lengthy discussion over the supply of lunches at race meetings such as Super karts and Modern Regularity. We have been very lucky the way the Social Committee have gone out to do all the shopping for the lunches to keep everyone full and happy. However, there is an issue for those members with special dietary requirements. With the number of different dietary requirements, it is impossible to fully cater for all the individual needs. Hence, it is a decision of the committee to only provide a "normal" dietary selection and ask that those with special needs provide for themselves.

In addition, if anyone feels that the SAMROA supply is not sufficient, we suggest you bring a few things along with you so you can snack through the day.

All for now, **Steve Lewis – SAMROA President.**



Happy birthday to our members who have already celebrated or will be celebrating milestones in June.

Sarah Kenyon – 7th

Bronwen Williamson – 12th

Gerry Geue – 24th

Adam Litchfield – 29th

Demi Lavranos – 30th

David Marshall – 9th

Jason Thiele – 12th

Sean Grimmond – 27th

Ashleigh Bennett – 30th



Membership Renewal due on 1st July

Just a reminder to all members that your financial membership ends on 30th June each year.

This year we have increased our membership fee to \$45, the first increase in 8 years, but there is good news for multi member families.

From July 1st onwards, SAMROA is offering FAMILY memberships, offering a discount on second and subsequent family members. If your spouse, partner or children are also members of SAMROA then the discount will apply to them.

The Family Membership fee will be \$45 for the 1st member, \$35 for the 2nd member, and \$25 for each subsequent member. A family of three will therefore pay \$105 (\$45 + \$35 + \$25), down from \$120 (3 x \$40) that would have been paid in 2018-19.

A new Family Membership Renewal Form will be placed on our website in the next week for use for the 2019-20 year.

Ray McGuiness
SAMROA Treasurer

Events of Interest

Name	Date	Venue
Superkarts and Regularity	23 rd June	Mallala
State Round 2	29 th – 30 th June	The Bend
Superkarts and Regularity	21 st July	Mallala
State Round 3	3 rd – 4 th August	Mallala
Superkarts and Regularity	8 th August	Mallala



Shannon's Nationals - The Bend Motorsport Park **12th -14th July**
Check your inbox for registration details or contact Janelle at jorrocksc@bigpond.com



The Bend SuperSprint – The Bend Motorsport Park – **23rd – 25th August**
Check your emails for registration details or request via: tbssofficials@bigpond.com



2019 Challenge Bathurst

28th Nov – 1st Dec 2019

2x days of Supersprint + 2x days of Regularity.

Breakfast, lunch & dinner provided each day!

Hot lap for new officials to the event!

Event Info: [http://challengebathurst.com/event-info/officials-and-](http://challengebathurst.com/event-info/officials-and-volunteers)

[volunteers](http://challengebathurst.com/event-info/officials-and-volunteers)

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Lock in the dates – February 20th to 23rd

https://superloopadl500.com.au/blogs/2019/05/29/superloop_adelaide_500_to_open_2020_supercars_series

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The [Editor](#) welcomes contributions from any person interested in motor sport. Therefore, views expressed in this Newsletter are not necessarily those of the South Australian Motor Racing Officials Association or any of its members.

T&CC Report

Hey everyone, wow this year has gone fast! Last time I wrote this article, we were all eagerly awaiting our Adelaide 500 allocations and now we are awaiting our Shannon's Nationals allocations.

A big thank-you from the T&CC for the members that have attended all recent events. All chief flag reports that have come through have been positive and we are getting great feedback on members stepping up and helping train others during events.

Firstly, upcoming events, we have **Superkart and Modern Regularity at Mallala motorsport park on the 23rd of June**. The chief flag for this event will be Grant Paproth, please check your diaries and see if you are able to attend this event. Please support the small clubs that always supports us.

Secondly, we have the **State Circuit Racing Championships Round 2 at The Bend on the 29th & 30th of June** and the Chief Flag will be Rod Mountifield and Assistant Chief Darren Matiske. As always, we encourage as many members to attend as possible, numbers are always needed at the state rounds particularly at The Bend. This will be a good opportunity to hone your skills for the upcoming Shannon's Nationals.

Please contact the chief flag of these two events, register on the database or contact a T&CC Member if you wish to attend.

A reminder that the CAMS Calendar can be found at www.cams.com.au/events/event-calendar for all upcoming events, Some hard copy booklets are still floating around in the SAMROA shed.

Some of you may remember almost two years ago the T&CC ran a communications training course at the Sporting car club. As a refresher for everyone we will be sending out the booklet from this course created by myself and Nathan Fenn in an email form in June. We had good success at the vehicle information day and the Club are looking at putting on more training courses in the future however the remainder of the year is jammed packed as it is but watch this space. CAMS has asked that all clubs be reminded that Online and Face to Face courses are now listed on the CAMS Web site – here's a link: <https://www.cams.com.au/membership/officials/training>

Finally, the R&R Scheme, points are still accruing for every member and both committees are working together to reward club members for their hard work and dedication. We are trying to run the scheme a little differently, watch this space.

If you have any issues or questions at all, please feel free to contact myself or any member of the T&CC to have a chat. That's all for now, I look forward to seeing you all at Mallala on the 23rd of June.

"It is literally true that you can succeed best and quickest by helping others to succeed." – Napoleon Hill

Chris Hutchinson – T&CC Secretary.

Flags and their intended purpose:

(a) **Red flag:** This should be shown waved only on instruction from the Clerk of the Course when it becomes necessary to stop a practice session or the race by other than the chequered flag. All drivers are required to slow down immediately and proceed to the pit lane (or the place foreseen by the regulations of the Event) and must be prepared to stop if necessary. Overtaking is not permitted.

(b) **Yellow flag:** This is a signal of danger and should be shown to drivers in two ways with the following meanings:

Single waved: Reduce your speed, do not overtake and be prepared to change direction. There is a hazard beside or partly on the track.

Double waved: Reduce your speed significantly, do not overtake and be prepared to change direction or stop. There is a hazard wholly or partly blocking the track and/or marshals working on or beside the track.

Yellow flags should normally be shown only at the marshals' post immediately preceding the hazard. In some cases, however the Clerk of the Course may order them to be shown at more than one marshal's post preceding an incident.

Overtaking is not permitted between the first yellow flag and the green flag displayed after the incident. Yellow flags should not be shown in the pit lane unless there is an incident of which the driver should be made aware.

(c) **Yellow flag with red stripes:** This should be shown motionless to inform drivers that there is a deterioration of adhesion due to oil, water, dirt etc on the track in the area beyond the flag. This flag should be displayed, for at least (depending on the circumstances) four laps unless the surface returns to normal beforehand. It is not however necessary for the sector beyond where this flag is being shown to show a green flag.

(d) **Blue flag:** This should normally be waved, as an indication to a driver that he is about to be overtaken. It has different meanings during practice and the race.

At all times: A stationary flag should be displayed to a driver leaving the pits if traffic is approaching on the track. (This is done at flag point 3 at Mallala)

During practice: Give way to a faster car which is about to overtake you.

During the race: The flag should normally be shown to a car about to be lapped and, when shown, the driver concerned must allow the following car to pass at the earliest opportunity.

(e) **White flag:** This flag should be waved and is used to indicate to the driver that there is a much slower vehicle on the sector of track controlled by that flag post.

(f) **Green flag:** This should be used to indicate that the track is clear and should be waved at the flag post immediately after the incident that necessitated the use of one or more yellow flags. It may also be used, if deemed necessary by the Clerk of the Course, to signal the start of a formation lap or the start of a practice session.

WH&S Report

Please make sure you are looking after yourself trackside WINTER IS HERE. It has been somewhat wet and miserable lately. Drink plenty of water even when it is cold, you need to stay well hydrated even in the winter months.

It came to my attention at the last Super Kart and Modern Regularity event that some members don't have appropriate wet weather gear in their track bags. I was out on a flag post and due to the wet conditions, used everything in my track bag to stay dry.

An official track bag should contain:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wet weather jacket and pants• A whistle• Gloves & Safety Glasses (Sunglasses)• Note pad and Pen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Snacks• Water Bottle• Hat• Beanie (Optional)• Hi Vis Vest
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SAMROA does have some spare gear in the shed including wet weather jackets. If in need at a race meeting or you have forgotten yours, please ask the Chief Flag if you can borrow some of the club's gear. Reminder that any borrowed club gear is to stay at the track unless approved by the chief flag and documented so we can insure they are returned (Most wouldn't want to return dirty gear).

Please let your senior or the chief flag know if at any stage during the event you feel unwell. If you are scheduled to attend an event and wake up feeling sick, please call the chief flag. Stay home and get better, no point coming out and making it worse.

Deborah Squires - SAMROA WH&S Representative & T&CC Committee



Committee member Shaun Halliday is a franchisee of Mister Minit which specialises in repairs, engravings, cutting services plus much more! Shaun has offered a 20% discount for SAMROA members upon presenting their membership card. His kiosk is located at the Unley Shopping Centre. Come on down and support each other.

Getting To Know You – Steve Lewis

1. **Name and age?**
Stephen Lewis, 51
2. **Occupation outside motorsport?**
Self-employed – ceiling contractor in construction.
3. **First motorsport event attended?**
Sprint Karts back in the late 70s early 80s. As a Competitor. Then as an Official in 1994 after meeting Paul Karomanov on a building site.
4. **First car? And Dream Car?**
My first car was a white over blue 1968 HK Holden and my dream car would have to be an Aston Martin V8 Vantage S Coupe / Roadster.



Steve and his wife Sue.

5. **Favourite team/driver/ event/ category?**
I have no favourite Driver, Team Event or Category. I love motorsport across the board. All disciplines of the sport have their place. I even get a kick out of going to a Motorkhana or Khanacross every now and then.
6. **Why did you join SAMROA and why do you consider it a great club to be a part of?**
I joined SAMROA as it is the next best spot to be without being on the track. It's been very informative, learning new skills over the years to do my best at what ever job I'm given. There are always opportunities given by the club to better yourself as not only an official but as a person. Over my 25-year membership with the club, I've found new long time friendships, not only with the people that are still with the club but with people that have left. SAMROA has been my second family for a long time now and I hope this will continue. It's also great not having to pay to get in to race meetings.
7. **What goals/aspirations do you set yourself in the next 12 months through volunteering?**
My only goal is to continue being the best official that I can be and to continue bettering myself in all aspects my officiating. I have held my silver licence now for some time and I'm satisfied where I'm at with that. I don't feel I need to go for the gold licence as I can fill most positions around the circuit with what I have.
8. **Outside interests/ hobbies?**
Away from motorsport the family and I like to holiday on the River Murray and do a bit of water-skiing. Picture theatre and go out for meals.
9. **The best piece of advice (or quote) that you have received?**
Back in 1997 when I first took up the role of President, I was very nervous. One of the first things I said was, WOW, I have some big shoes to fill here. I was approach by a long-time member after the meeting and he said, "Never try and fill someone else's shoes, just be comfortable in your own. Always be yourself and never try to be like anyone else. I have lived by that since.

MINUTES OF SAMROA GENERAL MEETING - APRIL

Meeting Details

Date & Time: 10 April 2019 @ 1930 (7:30pm)
Location: Royal Hotel (Cnr North and Dequetteville Tce,
Kent Town)

Meeting Opened: (07:35pm)

Present: Steve Lewis, Ray McGuiness, Shaun Halliday, David Castrechini, Janelle Orrock, Bruce Morisset, Brad Morrison, David Ryan, Deborah Squires, Matt Avery, Tony Aloj, Andrew Robinson, Steven Kaczmarek, Tom Westin, Elise Weston, Jackie Schlein, Helen Teases, Peter Ruth, Darren Mattiske, Lisa Totani and Daniel McIntosh.

Apologies: Paul Bonnett, Rod Mountfield, Peter Cirrillo, Shaun Grimmond, Kim Wilson, Graham Church and Peter Stevens

Visitors / Guest: Jack Holding

Announcements / Reminders:

1. Return to the Royal Hotel.

Previous Minutes:

Copies of the previous minutes were printed in March Newsletter. Minute Taker Shaun Halliday moved that minutes be accepted and seconded by Brad Morrison. All members present, voted in favour that minutes be accepted. Carried.

Business arising from the minutes:

- No business arising from the previous minutes.

Incoming / Outgoing Correspondence:

Correspondence as per list tabled at the meeting. (Copy Attached)
Moved by Minute Taker (Ray McGuiness) and seconded by Bruce Morisset that the correspondence list be received. All present voted in favour. Carried.

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

- Hill Climb (Falcon GT Nationals) Email read out to all attending.
- No further business arising from the Correspondence List.

Reports from Other Committees:

WHS (Presented by Debbie Squires)

- Cold Weather will be setting in shortly, we have had a taste, now is the time to check your race bags and ensure that you are equipped for the change in weather.

T&CC (Presented by Brad Morrison)

- Vehicle day was well received with 35 people attending including drivers and potential members. Downside was a total of 9 No Shows who had put their name down and failed to show on the

day. Informative day with a wide range of vehicles planning for another similar event later in the year. T&CC would like to see more Senior members attending training days to encourage new members. Well done to all those involved, Drivers and Participants engaged well with each other with participants taking away some valuable knowledge.

- T&CC is actively allocating Mentors to New members and is looking to expand mentoring to more new members in the future.
- Survey Monkey Trial appears to be going well all surveys have now been finally returned and the T&CC will continue to trial over the next couple of meeting before making a decision whether to keep or not.
- Upcoming Events, Superkarts and Mod Reg 14 April, All Historics at Mallala 27 & 28 April followed by the Peter Hall Memorial 6 hour 05 May.
- Chief Flag Reports have been reinstated and are required by the T&CC ASAP after an event.

CAMS (Last Meeting Held 19 March 2019)

- Nothing in minutes concerning SAMROA

STATE OFFICIATING PANEL (SOP) REPORT

- No Meeting

MOTOR RACING PANEL (MRP) REPORT

- No Meeting

WEBSITE / IT

- Website being updated as quickly as possible when new information received. No issues in regards to Website from members in attendance.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- SAMROA Dinner 21st September 2019. Invites have been sent.

PROMOTIONS

- Superloop 500 Promotion: Thank you to Shaun Grimmond, Peter Tann & Ian Williams for manning SAMROA Display. Only 2 names taken and Steve Lewis sent Emails to both people:- one bounced back and the other had no response.
- Not many people in area where display was set up may be a contributing factor for low numbers.
- Earlier planning in future be prepared for upcoming events.

SCC-SA (Provided by Ray McGuiness)

- No Meeting

General Business

- Application Forms for the upcoming Shannons Nationals have been emailed out for those interested in volunteering for this event. If email not received please speak to Janelle Orrock. Applications for Supercar event at Taillem Bend in August will be distributed soon.
- More Officials are required for the Superkart & Mod Reg this Sunday, 14 April.

- Darren Mattiske questioned the upcoming LeMans event at Tailem Bend in January 2020; no information at this stage. Also mentioned the upcoming events for excels, round 3, Ryan Pannowich Trophy with 2 or possibly 3 SAMROA members competing.

With no further General Business, the meeting was closed at (08:05 pm)

Next Meeting: **(7:30 pm) on 12 June 2019**

Venue: Royal Hotel



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