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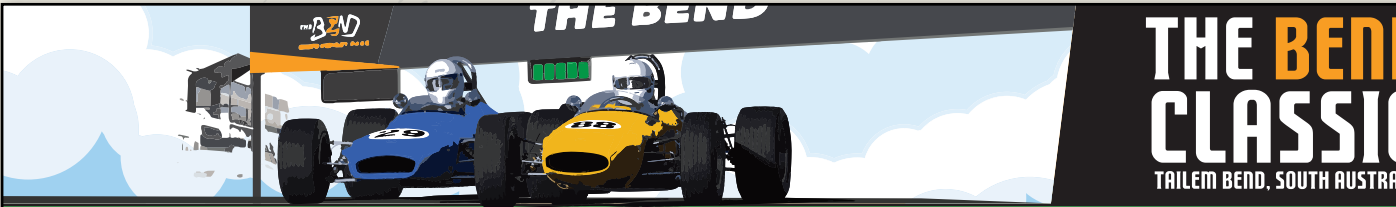
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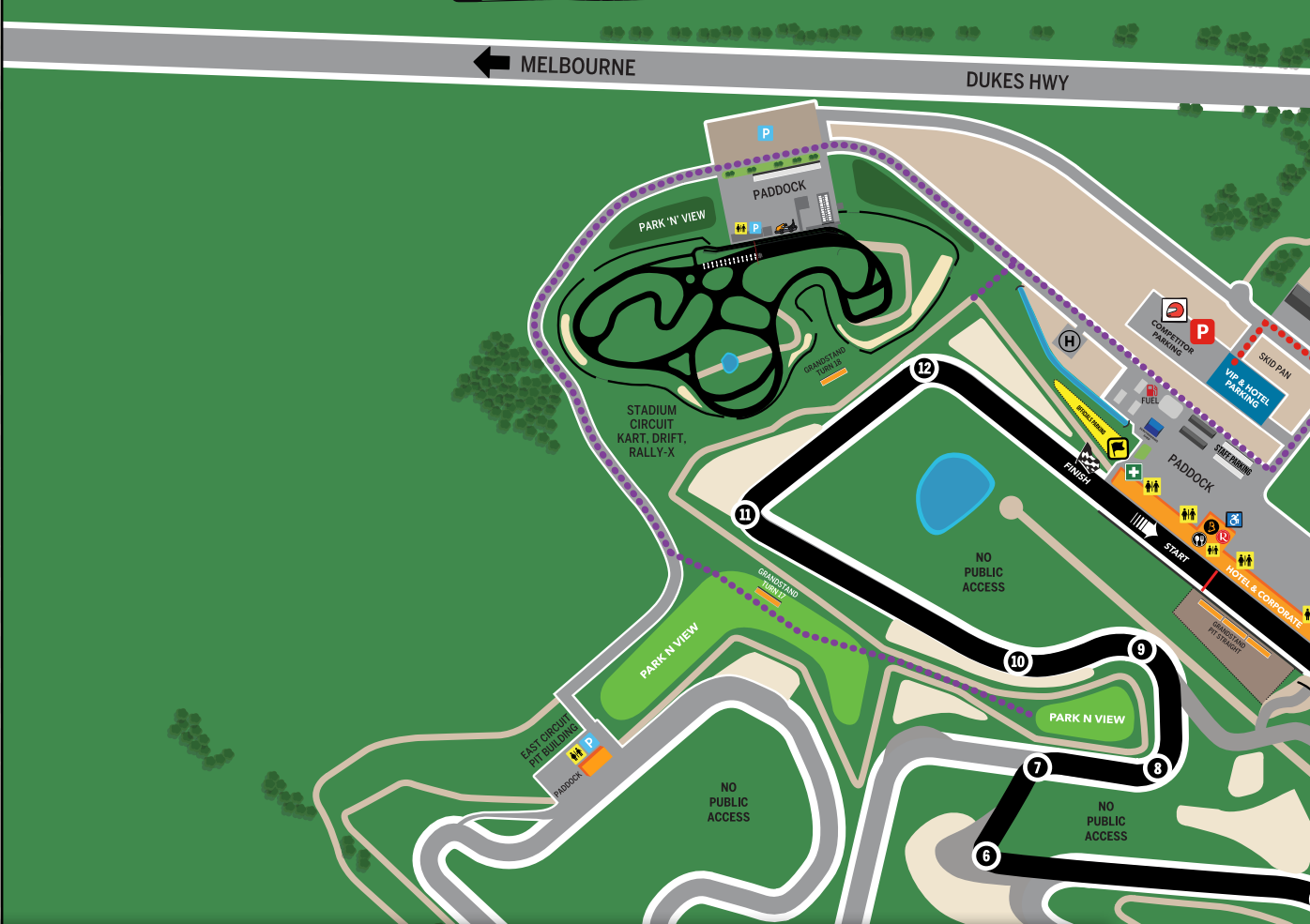
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# A WORD FROM Shaz

## THE BEND CLASSIC 2020 5-6 September

Well what a hell of a year for us all - who would have ever thought - a pandemic that has literally brought most of the world to its knees. So much has changed about how we live, how we exist, how we have adapted, or not. Sadly many have died, families and friends have missed important family milestones, businesses have been lost and so many have and continue to suffer the effects of loneliness and self isolation.

So a bit of insight for Whiteline Racing and how it has been effected - The Adelaide 500 round which was the first for the 2020 series was hugely successful for us and saw Sydney based Adam Bressington win the round in the 95 Fabre Camaro. Adam Garwood from Tasmania, in the 85 Giraffe Civil Camaro in 5th, both in Pro Masters.

From that point on, meetings scheduled continued to be cancelled one by one as the borders closed.

Whilst not an option for both the Adam's due to border closures and length of time required for quarantining, welcomed was the initiative by The Bend to run an event of Time Trials, The Bend Classic, mixing up some incredible machinery in events together to put on a fantastic spectacle for motor sport fans - this was great for car owners, teams and racing fans. The event was free to spectators and being Father's Day weekend, was a nice way for Dad's to spend a special weekend with family.

As I mentioned, with both Adam's unable to travel, Bobby stepped up and we entered the 85 Whiteline Nascar and the 85 TCM Giraffe Civil Camaro.

The Nascar looked very retro, with all the branding from the last time it ran some two decades ago !!

Team Engineer Pete Jones got to work to prepare them for The Bend and the nascar in particular was singled out as a star drawcard, singled out for attention from Channel 7 news for a report to promote the event.

**Friday** Bob drove the transporter up to The Bend, long time mate and ex. Speedway champion Gary Reuter went along for support and Pete Jones was assisted by Day-mo Andersen for the weekend.

So let me deviate for a moment to explain the Bend - for those of you who haven't been there this place is world class, both for competitors and spectators. For the teams, well appointed garages down pit lane

await you - painted floors, great power supply - as many of you know some tracks we are running leads into generators, power off and on, not at the bend - each team has a professional garage to work from. For spectators, great stands for viewing, restaurant, clean and well appointed rest rooms. The main building is like a car museum, with many of the Shahin family cars on display, merchandise store, big screens, music playing, good PR system - seriously this place rocks. There is accommodation nearby and so many things to do there external of racing, weekends of Karting, laps in drive cars - great place for celebrations, particularly if it is for a revv head.

Friday was a designated practice day, perfect for Bobby given the long break since he had been behind the wheel. The nascar doesn't have doors, drivers climb in the window, so the fact over the last couple of months Bobby had dropped 10 kilos was a big help in being able to do this !! Friday was busy, with Bobby doing 9 sessions, 4 in the Nascar and 5 in the Camaro !!

Friday Gary was reporting back to me at Whiteline headquarters. 9.30 am the nascar was fired up and to use his words, sounded sweet - the first run there were no problems, circulating at speed and enjoying himself. The Camaro was next - again ran with no problems and was pretty clear Bobby was enjoying himself.

Pete and Day-mo beavered away, with adjustments to the front end of the Camaro and altered the position of the gear lever, bringing it closer to his body as he found he was at full stretch for changing gears.

Further practices got a little more exciting as Bobby 'was having a go' and would see a bit of 'cutting the track' in the nascar and contact with gravel in the TCM - but no damage and brought a smile to Bobby's dial - The laps in the nascar in particular he said were reminiscent of early speedway years !!





The Camaro had developed a front end wheel wobble and the crew were looking for the cause, was it alignment, at this stage they weren't sure, Saturday they planned to put new rubber on and believed this would make a difference.

Bobby said that throughout the Friday, Pete and Day-mo were on the phone to Adam G in Tassie to discuss the new electronic dash that has been fitted - Bob said this latest device is certainly technical and a lot easier to check on what the engine and the car overall is doing so helpful in feedback to the crew to get the best out of the car and the driver style.

Bobby also commented that the set up was more for a flat track, but The Bend has several tricky up and down hills - he likened it to a 'mini Bathurst'.

Bobby also said his last session of the day in the Camaro he was really honking, and had received lots of comments of how quick it was circulating, despite at one stage being towed back to pit lane when a bolt broke that holds the starter motor into the engine bay, causing a severe rattle.

I was yakking to Gary Reuter on the Saturday morning on my way to the track, he said Bob drove like 10 men on the Friday - he really was impressed how well and at pace he drove.

Let's not forget, nascars were built for round banked tracks like thunderdome, they are heavy, not great on brakes and definitely not designed for braking late into corners.

**Saturday** morning first up the boys were hard at work on the Camaro - they were reworking the pedals for the brake and clutch - these pedals are very close together and one theory for the shudder was that maybe Bobby's foot was applying brake and clutch at the same time and could be causing the shuddering issue. They shaved some metal off the sides to give greater clearance. A check of valve adjustment on engine was performed also.

Practice on the Saturday in the nascar started off with Bobby a bit concerned with the low temperature, but as this righted itself, he started to get into it and was on the pace. The first sprint was a bit eventful with a specky loop, when going a bit wide onto the rumble strip, tyres lost traction on the paint - no damage and as quick as he was off he was back on !! Bobby had a grin ear to ear on return to the garage ! Pete and Day-mo would soften the back up to rectify the taily handling issue.

As for the Camaro, they were still chasing the brake shudder and the boys changed the rotors, post practice. The first race was exciting with Bobby holding his own down the straight in a sandwich between a Lamborghini, a Ferrari and a Porsche !! Unfortunately the brake issue was prevalent especially in corner 6.

The second sprint for the nascar resulted in a slight off at turn 8/9, but again no damage with Bobby back on track in no time.

The Camaro had become a bit of handful with no rear grip and resulted in Bobby coming into pit lane mid trial for tyre pressure adjustments.

The boys did a few jobs on the cars in readiness for an early Sunday morning start.

Saturday had been full on - 6 sessions as a result of running the two cars, The Camaro was running against the likes of GT3 and Porsche - with all the modern and latest technology while the Monte Carlo Nascar was running with Sports Sedans, 4th at this stage but just a whisker off 3rd.

TCM Camaro 1.3195 seconds, Nascar 1.3292 seconds.

**Sunday**, Father's Day, the weather was perfect - mid 20's brilliant sunshine ! The Nascar was first on the track, but was cut short for Bobby when it became stuck in first gear ! Before the 2nd sprint, Pete and Day-mo changed the selector - they took one off

the spare, to get Bobby out there for another run. The second run, the Nascar really sounded sweet - distinctive, you can pick it from the rest. Fair to say Bobby was having a real go, probably trying a bit too hard causing a slight off T8/9, but exciting to watch. Let's not forget as I mentioned earlier the Nascar is quite heavy with small brakes, designed for bank track racing where use of brakes is minimal, so running hard and deep into corners a tough ask, plus steel wheels not aluminium so take a while to get rid of heat.

As for the Camaro, adjustments made to the front end to try and rid it of the shudder issue, in fact had made it worse. Bobby reported he only just had to touch the brake and the steering would be taken from his hands - with this in mind, Bobby allowed the field to go through then drove into the pit garage. Unfortunately, whatever is going on in the front end persisted in the 2nd run, this issue combined with the rear tyres having no grip was enough for Bobby to call it a day.

The team got busy packing up - Jonesy has come up with this trolley design which stores crates, oxy bottles, vice - a little mini workshop on wheels that can be easily loaded and unloaded into the trailer.

So that was the weekend - was well worth the effort and no question Bobby did Whiteline Racing proud.

We were able to share a lot through social media with Richard Craill putting in car cameras in both the Nascar and the Camaro which meant all could get a birds eye view riding with Bobby.

Where to now, like everything, we are waiting for the daily and weekly updates regarding restrictions and the impacts of them - we are hopeful November we will get to run in Bathurst.

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# UPDATES & OTHER NEWS



## THE BEND - GO KART CHALLENGE

Another Middleton was at the Bend on the weekend, competing in the Go-Kart challenge, youngest son Andrew drove up to Tailem Bend in his totally hot Monaro to take part in the event and to top it off took out first place ! Congrats Andy.



## SUNDAY AT THE BEND - FATHERS DAY





# A WORD FROM ADAM GARWOOD ...

Well after a successful round for the team at Adelaide, we definitely didn't walk away thinking it would be so long before we would be back at a racetrack... It was 7 months between races for me, having just competed in a local round at Baskerville Raceway in our baby blue Ford Capri. This year has thrown many curveballs, and after committing to a full season in Touring Car Masters with Whiteline Racing, with the aim to win the 2020 championship, it's crazy to this that we've only achieved one round and it's already mid-September.

Throughout the last few months, we've been fortunate to be in a very good place in Tasmania - our restrictions are getting less by the day, and we really only had a few weeks of lockdown in this time - which thankfully for my own sanity, my work is considered an essential service which means I was able to continue working 5-7 days a week to ensure I wasn't sitting at home getting itchy feet not being able to race. We've been fortunate to be as busy as ever in our families Civil Contracting business - where I have spent most of my time in the last few months carting sewage between Northern Tasmania's sewage lagoons (yes, human poop)! Plenty of long days, but plenty of time to accomplish the things I haven't had the chance to do in a long time - including purchasing a new Motorbike which it's been a long time between rides, let alone since the last bike I purchased. I have hit the Go Kart track a number of times, as well as jumped on our Simulator at home, just to keep my mind sharp and busy when I need to, in preparation for the next time I race, whenever that may be...

We have some exciting movement in the Speedway world of Garwood Motorsport, however the season has continually been delayed due to restrictions, so we are unsure when we'll be back on the dirt track at this stage also!

On a personal front, Isabelle & I have sadly had to postpone our November wedding to late 2021, due to her family being stuck in the VIC lockdowns - but we've been keeping ourselves busy as we embark on the build of our new home, after nearly 12 months since buying the land and 9 months in design & planning, we're pretty excited to go through this journey, although stressful at times, we're excited to be in our new house in the early months of next year! Ernie, Western & Willow have thoroughly enjoyed us being home every night, and not watching us pack our bags for another trip away without them - but like everyone, have had their crazy moments where they're bored from being stuck in the house so much, so it's been a long winter and we're all ready to welcome some sunshine in the coming months!

While the unexpected break has been nice, and we've been lucky to accomplish enough to keep us busy during this time, it's still so strange to realise how close we are to the end of the year, and have so little racing under my belt for the year of 2020... it wasn't the year that anyone ever had planned, but a reminder that we can't plan everything, only find a way to deal with the cards we're given. I'm looking forward to jumping back behind the wheel more regularly, and being back with the Whiteline team - it was exciting to see Bob jump behind the wheel of my Camaro a few weeks ago at The Bend, and while it sucked that I couldn't be there, we still felt like we were apart of it with the constant phone calls to discuss how the car was feeling and going, providing the feedback that I could from afar! Let's hope the countdown can begin soon enough to be back on the racetrack again, and we're excited to continue this journey with Whiteline Racing and their incredible team we're lucky to be apart of.

Kind Regards,

Adam Garwood



## ADAM & ISABELLE

Covid has resulted in Adam and Isabelle having to postpone their special day - we were all so looking forward to seeing the both of them walking down the aisle, but sadly it has been postponed.

They as a couple have so many exciting projects they are working on and when this day comes it will be truly awesome. Love the way they have handled this situation with this gorgeous card.

xxxx



## IT'S OFFICIAL

Award winning journo and commentator Richard Craill has officially taken on the role of Media Liaison Consultant for the Whiteline Group, which means the range and topics are broad !!! We have our Transport business, our Racing Company, Foundation Shine Inc. supporting Mental Health, all things Trucking following Shaz's role as S.A. Road Transport President, Australian Trucking Association Director and the Dirty Devils Car Club based at Whiteline headquarters with George Cushnie the front man and lead Devil !!!

With so much going on, Richard and his Company The Race Torque are a connection made in heaven ensuring all of these good news stories are out and shared. All who know Richard, would be well aware of the research he does behind every team and every projects he is involved in, which makes a massive difference in adding the humanity and authenticity to everything we are part of.

We've already shared many stories, covering the depot, Bobby at the Bend, staff activities, mental health initiatives and heaps more in the pipeline.

Watch this space 😊





# CHANNEL 7

Prior to the Bend meet, Channel 7 headed down to Whiteline Racing headquarters for a chat, taking advantage of the set up, Richard Craill captured some great shots for the album.









# KEEPING UP WITH THE BRESSO'S!

After an amazing start to the 2020 TCM season! who would have thought 7 months later we are still waiting to hit the track again... in reality we are all hoping that we all can return to a normal life being motorsport or what ever our hobbies are soon.

Saying that the Bresso's have been super busy living life to its full. The girls keep dad going when it comes to Lake life(lake Jindabyne) swimming, mountain bike riding, snow skiing and now horse riding.

We also welcomed 2 additions to the family... Raffles and Rosie B both are just what the doctor ordered in these testing times.

Personally I have been keeping my eye in with some mountain bike riding... with so many false starts including the frustration of the border not opening in time for the Tailem Bend Supercar round. I have my fingers crossed for a Bathurst round in November.

I certainly miss the race weekends with all my Whiteline family... someone has to keep Bobby on his toes.

cheers

Bresso



The girls are picking up Rosie on Saturday... brand new Cavoodle... Very exciting at the Jindy town.

## FUN ON THE SNOW

Covid has interrupted our time at the track, but Jason Walsh managed to catch up with the Bressington Girls at Perisher on the snow slopes !! Can imagine they would've had a fun time.



Girls skiing with Jason and friend Matt at Perisher.





Pops & Raff.

## WHITELINE RACING HEARTLAND

Billie and Pops have a beautiful horse call Raffles...  
he is a chestnut 1/4 horse born and raised in  
Quiridi northern NSW.

He has made the move south to Jindabyne and is  
loving all the attention that the girls are giving him.



Billie on Raffles, Poppy on slippery heading our  
for a trail ride... Gidge is the property owner who is  
also a great friend.





# THE BEND - IN BOBBY'S WORDS

We arrived Friday morning at Tailem Bend, Pete Day-mo and Gaz, the boys unloaded and set up the work area for the cars and started the preparation.

I was really looking forward to this weekend, although very different than the format the cars would normally run at. I did have some reservations on how I would manage to drive both cars in separate events, for the three days, however, I had a talk within myself and decided we would get through hopefully with success and bring both cars home in tact.

Friday, first out in the nascar - she handled very well considering car and myself for that matter hadn't been together for some 19 years. Turn one you are very wary of a sharp right turn and you're at around 260 km before the braking area. If you miss the corner there is a huge sand and gravel trap to stop you. I managed to get into one on one occasion in the Camaro scooping up a few rocks! We managed to improve our times in both cars as the day went on, however, we developed a big vibration under hard braking in the Camaro which we chased for the whole weekend - we tried and checked everything we could to overcome this. Unfortunately we still had the vibration even on the last run on Sunday - the time difference between the 2 cars only about 1.5 seconds.

Saturday had an off in the nascar, touched the rumble strip coming out of turn nine and did a 360 degree spin. In the Camaro we were still chasing the steering wobble, best time we could do was 1.31, nascar 132.5.

Sunday had an off in the nascar coming out of 5 in one heat, cut grass, saving the lawn mower a job!

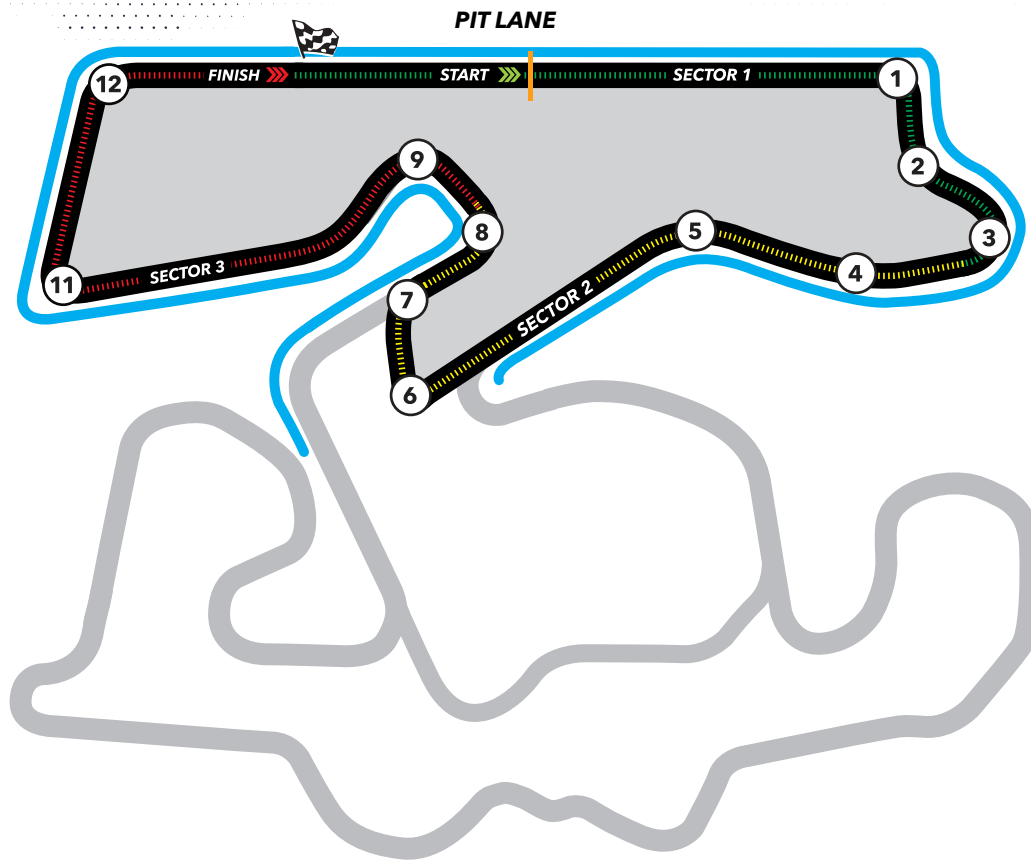
The track was very different than what I have ever been on, lots of corners, lots of up and down areas, its very difficult on some corners to see the corner apex. So a lap in the Camaro, Main straight starts turn 12, 2nd gear in then shift light change in each gear. Turn one doing an approach of 260 km, hard barking, Turn two left hander to Turn 3, left hander again both these corners 2nd gear, up hill to Turn 4, fast corner through to Turn 5, 3rd gear run down to Turn 6 down hill heavy braking into Turn 7, right hander to Turn 8 and 9. Great corner to get car to flow through in 2nd gear, out of 9 up to 10 in 3rd, run down to 11 then back to 1st for run down to 12, in 2nd gear.

Overall we had a great weekend, really enjoyed it, lost three more kilos and it was great that we could give our sponsors some great coverage. Pete and Day-mo did an awesome job looking after me and the cars.

Looking forward to the next event for our team. It was a surprise to quite a few of the other cars that were running in our class how quick our cars are in a straight line speed, matching lamborghini's, Porsche and GT cup cars, it would be good to have their brakes and weight to make it a fairer competition, however, we still enjoyed running against them including a Ferrari.

## BOBBY #85 NASCAR





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# 2020 THE BEND CLASSIC STANDINGS

## Historic Sports Sedans ( Bob racing in the NASCAR )

Pos	Car#	Competitor	Total Time	r1	r2	r3	r4
1	17	Simon Podlewski	1:21.332	1:22.003	1:21.332	1:23.578	0.000
2	36	Simon Pfitzner	1:28.817	1:28.817	1:29.669	0.000	1:29.245
3	89	Mark Haig	1:31.068	1:31.652	1:31.647	1:31.303	1:31.068
<b>4</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>Bob Middleton</b>	<b>1:32.838</b>	<b>1:33.694</b>	<b>1:32.916</b>	<b>1:32.838</b>	<b>1:33.339</b>
5	4	Alistair Brown	1:43.641	1:44.594	1:43.641	1:44.906	1:44.822
6	179	Graham Boulter	1:43.672	1:43.716	1:45.840	1:43.672	1:44.468
7	37	Charlie Carter	1:45.046	1:46.279	1:45.525	1:45.046	1:46.846
8	47	Jason Waye	1:46.238	1:50.281	1:48.077	1:48.220	1:46.238
9	151	Peter Kruger	1:47.255	1:53.776	1:54.891	1:52.464	1:47.255
10	69	Larry Kavanagh	1:50.333	1:50.333	0.000	0.000	0.000
11	13	Graham Shiell	1:52.998	0.000	2:00.001	1:52.998	0.000
12	61	Sergio De Luca	2:10.586	2:10.586	0.000	0.000	0.000

## Modern Sports ( Bob racing in the TCM Camaro )

Pos	Car#	Competitor	Total Time	r1	r2	r3	r4
1	33	Yasser Shahin	1:15.548	1:16.382	1:15.548	1:16.728	0.000
2	43	Benjamin Runciman	1:17.684	0.000	0.000	1:17.684	1:18.144
3	62	Josh Kean	1:19.569	1:19.569	0.000	0.000	0.000
4	991	Kevin Weeks	1:22.019	1:23.296	1:22.885	1:22.019	1:23.335
5	3	Chris Meulengraaf	1:24.066	1:24.298	1:24.811	1:24.362	1:24.066
6	45	Malcolm Ramsay	1:25.023	1:25.164	1:25.023	1:25.615	1:26.347
7	13	Grant Perryman	1:25.337	1:25.337	1:26.823	1:25.960	0.000
8	88	Paul Russo	1:26.391	1:26.391	1:26.512	1:27.142	1:26.993
9	14	Peter Gazzard	1:27.193	1:27.193	1:30.531	1:33.569	0.000
10	46	Martin Farkas	1:31.275	1:32.055	1:31.851	1:32.188	1:31.275
<b>11</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>Bob Middleton</b>	<b>1:31.593</b>	<b>1:32.948</b>	<b>1:31.593</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>1:32.787</b>
12	1	Daniel Amadio	1:35.857	1:36.305	1:38.383	1:38.339	1:35.857
13	427	Daniel Rutgers	1:38.814	1:40.067	1:38.814	1:47.650	1:48.009
14	5	Daniel Rutgers	1:40.586	0.000	0.000	1:41.177	1:40.586
15	2	Matt Zimmermann	1:41.126	1:41.340	1:41.126	1:42.229	1:42.940
16	23	Andrew Owen	1:42.114	1:48.363	1:46.218	1:44.651	1:42.114
17	93	Andrew East	1:45.552	1:48.062	1:47.464	1:45.552	1:55.806
18	26	Philip Pirone	1:47.160	1:48.882	1:47.529	1:47.439	1:47.160