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Pirelli Southern Downs Road Race Series Round 2 Preview

Points are on the board from Round 1 and the class leaders will be looking to assert their authority, while everyone else looks to take over at the top! It's been only a short four weeks between rounds and a number of club members also squeezed in a trip to Phillip Island for the World Superbikes - many of them on track and/or officiating. Congratulations to all club members that took part!

Now our focus is on Round 2 of the Southern Downs Road Race Series. It takes place this weekend the 7th and 8th of March at Morgan Park Raceway in Warwick - the host track for the five-round series. Entry numbers are once again incredible, with a number of classes setting records for competitor numbers. The Motorcycle Sportsmen of Queensland look forward to hosting a fantastic meeting in honour of the late Bill Campbell.

"While we as a club look forward to putting together an event all participants will enjoy and remember, it is with a heavy heart that we farewell Bill Campbell. As the man that shaped Morgan Park Raceway, his dream and efforts made it the venue it is today, and his hospitality has enabled our club to continue to run meetings and foster the talent displayed by our racers and officials. Bill's sudden passing was a great shock to all that knew him and he will be missed by those surviving him. So let's have a great weekend on his track and continue his dream. I look forward to seeing the 'Racing for Bill Campbell' stickers on many of the bikes this weekend." - Simon Dickson, Vice President



The nation's top road racing series, the Australian Superbike Championship (ASBK) will be making its first appearance at Morgan Park Raceway next month. A number of ASBK regulars will be competing this weekend, taking advantage of this opportunity to learn the track. This will be a great opportunity for club regulars to compare themselves against the big boys of the Australian racing community.

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The Formula 3 and Sidecar ladies and gentlemen will be competing as part of the Queensland Road Race Championships, so expect them to be bringing their A game! There is nothing like having a state title on the line to encourage a rider to do their best.



(Formula 4 riders race to turn 1) Photo Credit: Osella Photographics

Classes Competing at Round 2

- Formula 1 (Superbikes)
- Formula 2 (Supersport)
- Formula 3 (400cc and twin sport)
- Formula 4 (Up to 500cc, pre 1995)
- Formula 6 (Over 500cc, pre 2000)
- Moto3/125GP
- 250/300 Production
- Supermoto
- Sidecar
- Club Racer (introductory class, open to all bikes)

The classes on offer at Round 2 give riders of a wide variety of machinery types and an opportunity to test their mettle on track. So give them a wave and if they have any energy left on their cool down lap they will try to wave back.

In a club first, the Formula 2 (Supersport) grid has hit capacity, and the Formula 1 (Superbike) class has record entry numbers. With 22 Formula 1 bikes, from 8 different manufacturers, fans have a real variety of bikes and riders to enjoy in the top tier class! This weekend has turned into a real preview of what's to come in April when ASBK comes to Morgan Park Raceway.



(The club welcomes some new faces) Photo Credit: Osella Photographics

The Club Racer class continues to impress with many riders from Round 1 coming back to continue to learn the ropes. Many of them will make their way into the championship classes as the season continues. More new riders will begin racing by taking advantage of the fantastic first time racer discount, which has been extended to include all five rounds of the Pirelli Southern Downs Road Race Series. If you think you have what it takes, come out and talk to the officials or riders to see if racing interests you!

Spectator entry is free, so jump in the car or hop on a bike and drop out to Morgan Park Raceway. You are welcome to walk around the pits and meet the guys and girls that have a passion for racing! There is a canteen on site with great value food. Qualifying kicks off at 8:30am on Saturday morning, while racing commences after lunch, ending around 4pm. Sunday is racing all day from 8:30am till 4pm. See you out there!

About the Motorcycle Sportsmen of Qld

The Motorcycle Sportsmen of Queensland Inc. is a Motorcycling Australia affiliated Road Racing and Supermoto club based in Brisbane, Australia.

The Club has been in existence since 1958 and has a long history of promoting motorcycle racing. A great many number of champions, both international and national have been members at some time or another.

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