



[www.nelsontigers.co.nz](http://www.nelsontigers.co.nz)

**N  
E  
L  
S  
O  
N  
  
T  
I  
G  
E  
R  
S**

**NEWSLETTER NO 1 NOVEMBER 2011**

Hi and Welcome Tigers Fans to the first newsletter of the 2011/12 race season. We have got a fantastic season ahead of us with 5 team meetings this year and all the drivers are ready and itching to get back racing! Please read on to find out all the latest from the Tigers...

**CHANGES**

Firstly, Sandra Birdling has decided to step down this year as Team Manager. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sandra on behalf of the team and all their fans for everything she has done during her 5 years as manager - she has done an outstanding job and her shoes are certainly very big ones for me to fill!

My name is Vanessa Kennedy and I now have the position of Team Manager. After many years of being a big Speedway fan both here and in my hometown of Napier, I thought it would be good to give something back to the sport and help the team out at the same time. I look forward to meeting our fans - please come and say Hi when you see me with the team.

**SPONSORS**

A big thank you to our sponsors who have all joined us again for this year. They are Stables Restaurant & Tavern, Bays Brewery, Collision Centre Richmond, Discover NZ Motorhomes and Nelson Speedway. If you have an opportunity to do so, please support our sponsors as without their help we would be unable to race. We would also like to gratefully acknowledge the help of the McCall family who remain one of our major sponsors.

**TIGERS HOT SEAT**

Each newsletter will feature a team member. This gives them a chance to tell fans what they've been up to & share any news they have. First in the Hot Seat is Dale Ewers current 1NZ and Team Captain, this is what he has to say -

"I am really looking forward to this year's racing and intend to focus on teams racing events. It's been good to have a lengthy off season to let the body have a rest and focus on my business. During the off season I have freshened my motor and made 1 or 2 small adjustments to the car. Over this season I will defend my 1NZ title in Huntly in January and would like to race on some tracks that I haven't raced before, mainly Napier and Wellington. It's great to see some younger drivers coming through after the retirement of Brendan Higgins and to be able to help them learn to teams race and I look forward to racing with them this year. It's great to have the local support we always get and the team loves to hear the cheering and see the sea of orange in the crowds. Thanks to all our sponsors and supporters and see you at the track!"

**CALENDAR 2011/12**

**12 November** - vs Glen Eagles at Nelson for McCall Trophy

**19 November** - vs Glen Eagles at Christchurch for McCall Trophy

**10 December** - vs Panthers at Palmerston North for Challenge Cup

**4 & 5 February 2012** - Teams Champs at Palmerston North

**9 & 10 March** - Teams Nationals at Auckland

**FUNDRAISING**

Our major fundraising drive for this year is a raffle - prize is a trip for 2 to the Teams Champs in Palmerston North. The winner will travel with the team, stay with the team and be a part of the team at the 2 day meeting and will also receive 2 t-shirts! Great prize for the lucky fan who wins. Tickets are \$10 and will be on sale from team members, selected outlets and via the website from early next week.

**TEAM FOR 12 NOVEMBER**

Daryl Peterson is sole Selector this season & has selected the following drivers for our first race

- Dale Ewers
- Jared Gray
- Blair Cunningham
- Shane Harwood
- Ian Clayworth

Well done all of you!

**LAST WORD...**

T-shirts are on their way now - keep an eye on the website for details of these and a new item!

Thanks for your support Tigers Fans we look forward to seeing & hearing you all at our races over the season!

