

## Southern Section Slot Car Racing Event

### Pinewood Raceway

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On a drizzly Sunday afternoon, in Wokingham, 14 members of the Section gathered at Pinewood Raceway to recreate their youth and race a little car around a very large track.





Some members did try using the weather (outside) as an excuse for the lack of grip on their tyres which resulted in numerous cars leaving the track. Steve, the track owner and event organiser, refused to accept this as a valid excuse and put it down to over enthusiastic and competitive racers.

The members were split into 2 groups and each group alternated between the 6 cars every 4 minutes. Each group raced 3 cars and then swapped with the other group. Whilst you weren't racing, you were positioned around the track, at specific points (primarily bends) to replace those cars that were thrown from the track due to the poor weather conditions (not).

After the first round of racing for each group, the drivers were allowed to rest their fingers and have a coffee/tea break. It was at this point that the finer art of racing and the differing opinions of which colour car/track was the fastest were discussed. I'd like to be able to report that after a well-deserved break, the racing resumed with less cars being ejected from their lanes/tracks but unfortunately..... I can't.

Pos	Predicted	Total Laps	Laps	Driver
1	155.89	155.89		Dean
2	148.94	148.94	25.93	John
3	147.78	147.78		Lewis
4	146.45	146.45	26.92	Chris
5	145.01	145.01	23.99	Noel
6	144.76	144.76	20.85	Terry
7	144.51	144.51		James
8	143.05	143.05	25.43	Mike
9	141.95	141.95		Erica
10	136.54	136.54		Nick
11	134.81	134.81		Adrian
12	130.07	130.07	22.28	Anne
13	128.38	128.38		Lesley
14	95.16	95.16		David

After approximately one and a half hours racing, the event came to an end and the racers gathered to hear the results and final standings:

Group A winner – James Carpenter

Group B Winner – Dean Carpenter

Overall Winner – Dean Carpenter

I would like to thank everybody who attended and Steve for hosting the event. I hope to organise this gathering again next year and hopefully have the same response.

