

# IPRANT NEWSLETTER



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*We are now looking for 2018 club partners!*

# IPRANT PISTON CUP

At the 2017 Supercar round in Darwin, IPRANT kicked off a new round-by-round award called 'The Piston Cup'. The Piston Cup is an award that goes to either a Driver, Official or Pit Crew that shows the true spirit of motorsport either on or off track. The winner of the award then chooses the next winner and the award continues.

A big shoutout and thank you must go to John Newman for his efforts in creating the award and adding a great addition to the club!

## **Here is a list of The Piston Cup winners so far:**

2017 Supercars:	Carl Weinands
2017 NT Titles:	Jake Burgess
2017 Round 4:	Anna-Lise Smith





# 2017 SUPERCARS RESULTS

## Over 2.0 Litre Improved Production Results:

1st	Adam UEBERGANG
2nd	Tim PLAYFORD
3rd	Adam CHAMPION
4th	Barry SMITH
5th	Jake BURGESS
6th	Simon BULASCH
7th	Keven STOOPMAN
8th	Ross SALMON
9th	Carl WEINANDS
10th	Graham CRAIG
11th	Steve JOHNSTONE



## Under 2.0 Litre Improved Production Results:

1st	Peter CUSATO
2nd	John NEWMAN
3rd	Ebone COATS
4th	Richard PURNELL



**Congratulations to all competitors on a great weekend of racing!**

# SUPERCARS GALLERY

Big shoutout to Tim Nicol Photography for supplying us with all these great images! You can view more on our [Facebook Page](#)!





# NT TITLES RACE REPORT

Well the 2017 NT Titles has been run and won for another a year! This year it was held in conjunction with the Bucket List Cup Challenge.

The day saw some quick times and some consistant race cars. The pace kicked off early in qualifying with Simon Bulasch in his Over 2.0L Ford Escort setting a 1.18.8 with the next closest driver being Ross Salmon in his HSV Clubsport setting a time of 1.20.8. Head Gasket issues with Richard Purnell's Under 2.0L Gemini saw his unfortunete early retirment for the days racing.

Race 1 once again provided some great times with Bulasch and Salmon recording very consistant and close times. Craig Wright in his under 2.0 Litre Ford Escort battled his way through the mid pack to finish 3rd ahead of under 2.0Litre rival John Newman. Jake Burgess in the #100 VH Holden Commodore had a close battle with Carl Weinands in his Toyota Celica after Weinands ran wide and off the track at turn one on lap 3. Adam Champion was unable to finish with engine issues hindering his ability to continue in the race meeting.

Race 2 was a reverse grid race based off the drivers times from qualifying and race 1. Wright was placed off Position 1 and held the positon for the duration of the race taking home the chequered flag. Salmon held off Bulasch to finish 2nd and 3rd respectively with Weinlands and Burgess rounding out the field.



Race 3 was the deciding race with point scores very close in both the over and under category. After an error by Bulasch who went off the track at turn 1, Salmon was able to take the lead and subsequently the Over 2 Litre NT Title. Bulasch regained time and brought it home in 2nd followed by Wright who took out the Under 2 litre title.



# 2017 NT TITLES RESULTS

## Over 2.0 Litre

- |     |                |
|-----|----------------|
| 1st | Ross Salmon    |
| 2nd | Simon Bulasch  |
| 3rd | Carl Weinlands |
| 4th | Jake Burgess   |
| 5th | Adam Champion  |



## Under 2.0 Litre

- |     |              |
|-----|--------------|
| 1st | Craig Wright |
| 2nd | John Newman  |



## Bucket List Cup Winner:

- |     |             |
|-----|-------------|
| 1st | Ross Salmon |
|-----|-------------|





# ROUND 4 RACE REPORT

Qualifying was interrupted with a red flag for a stranded car after turn 6 hairpin. At this time, Ross Salmon in his VY Clubsport was holding pole position followed by Carl Weinands (Celtica) in second. John Newman in his Corolla was putting the pressure on his title rival Craig Wright (Escort) by holding positions 3 and 4 but a penalty issued after the session resulted in the starting positions being reversed. The current point score leader Barry Smith had been struggling to find clear track and was back in 5th position before the red flag. Once the session was restarted, Smith was the only one to return to the track and put in a single lap flyer to take pole position from Salmon by almost a second. Jake Burgess (Commodore) and Richard Purnell (Gemini) rounded out the field.

## **Race 1:**

Salmon won the race to turn one from Smith but could not break away from Smith. With a better run off of the final corner, Smith was able to dive up the inside of Salmon at turn one and take the lead and ultimately the win. Wright was able to hold off Newman to come home in 3rd and reduce Newman's lead in the championship. Weinands and Purnell experienced mechanical difficulties (Suspension and failed fuel pump) and were unable to finish the race.

## **Race 2:**

Race 2 started as a reverse grid handicap start, with three groups of cars being released from the grid at different intervals. Unfortunately Weinands and Purnell were unable to make the grid but were working hard to make race 3. Burgess was released as the first car, with Wright and Newman starting 20 seconds behind and Smith and Salmon a further 20 seconds wait. Newman was able to get the jump on Wright until lap 3 when Wright managed to find a way past and that is the way they would finish. Salmon was also able to get the jump on Smith who made

a few early errors which allowed Salmon some breathing room. While Burgess was clear out in front, Salmon and Smith started making their way forward past Newman and Wright on lap 5 and 6 respectively. The traffic helped Smith close in on the back of Salmon and eventually make a pass on the last lap to steal second place. Burgess drove a clean race out front and was unable to be caught, celebrating his first IPRA race win.

## **Race 3:**

Purnell was able to replace his faulty fuel pump and took his place on the grid for race 3. As with race 1, Salmon was able to lead Smith into turn one off the start but an issue with his shifter going into turn 5 pushed him wide into the grass and allowed Smith the easy pass and ultimately the race win. The shifter issue would not clear for Salmon which allowed Wright to pass for second and gain some more valuable championship points over Newman who finished fourth behind Salmon. Burgess and Purnell finished the race in 5th and 6th respectively.

The Over 2 Litre championship sees Smith on 854 points, an unassailable 241 point lead over Burgess on 613 points and Salmon a further 113 points behind in third on 500 points. The Under 2 Litre Championship is much closer, with Wright (677 points) assuming the lead over Newman (669) by only 8 points. Purnell rounds out the top 3 for Under 2 Litre on 333 points. The final round for the 2017 championship will be held on 15th October and with 187 points up for grabs, the Under 2 Litre championship is wide open.

# ROUND 4 GALLERY



Photos: Tim Nicol Photography



# IPRANT CHAMPIONSHIP

Current championship standings at the conclusion of Round 4:

## Over 2L:

1st Barry Smith

2nd Jake Burgess

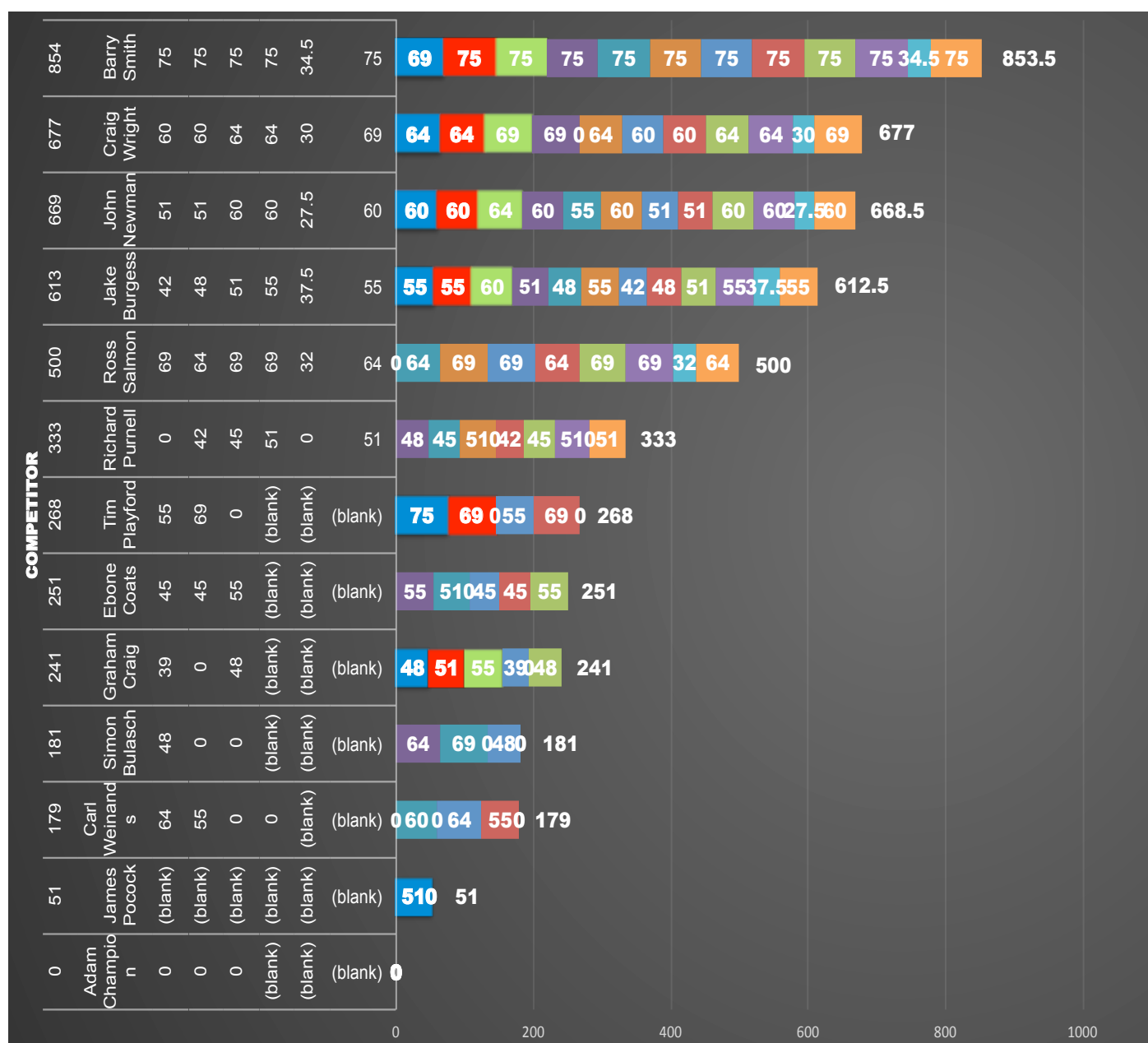
3rd Ross Salmon

## Under 2L:

1st Craig Wright

2nd John Newman

3rd Richard Purnell





# IPRANT QUIZ NIGHT

A great night had by all at the IPRANT Quiz Night at the Darwin Trailer Boat Club. The club managed to raise just over \$1,000 to help support the organisation of our IPRANT Nationals event. Thank you to all the members, friends and families who came along to support the club and gave generously to support us.

**A big thank you to our supporters for their very generous donations:**

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