

## SECRETARY'S REPORT 2011

Annus horribilis or El Nino, whichever way you want to look at it, it has been one of those years. Fortunately El Nino only happens on an average between 3 and 7 years. Unfortunately it has had a far reaching affect over the whole country with the majority of tracks having had the worst washed out season for many years.

Thank you to Premier Speedway for giving us an excellent venue to hold the 49<sup>th</sup> running of the Australian Championship and congratulations to Brooke Tatnell. I must also thank all of the officials for a job well done and all the competitors entered.

Thank you also to Murray Bridge Speedway for holding another successful Australian 360 Sprintcar Championship and congratulations once again to Ryan Jones and our officials. It was very pleasing to see so many competitors even though the nominations were a long time coming in it looked a bit worrying for a while.

It has been a very busy season with registrations. Congratulations to AWSR reaching their pre-nominated number of 270 last weekend. Unfortunately the open cars in NSW have shown a slight downturn in numbers due to various reasons and are likely to see a few more cars drop out in 2010/2011 while other States/Territories have grown or stayed the same. Obviously the State holding the Title always has more registrations in that season.

Our nominated WSS chief steward, Gary Pendlebury, had a very busy tour which included Tasmania, Kalgoorlie and Manjimup in WA but with travelling in the WSS truck to some of the venues and sharing accommodation with friends at various places came in well under our budgeted cost of \$20 000.

It was very sad to hear of the tragic accident which caused fatal injuries to Ross Tulloch. My thoughts go out to his wife Irena and his family.

Congratulations to Wendy Turner and her team at Speedway City for attaining the rights to host the 50<sup>th</sup> Australian Sprintcar Championship in 2012. I am positive she will put on a show to remember.

Thank you to Ross Allen for all his hard work and his eye to detail, what did we ever do without him. Thank you also to the SCCA Executive, Sprintcars Australia Management Board and State Secretaries for their assistance over the past 12 months. It has been greatly appreciated.

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Secretary