

2010/2011 MAX CRANES TRI SERIES COMPLETED AT STEEL CITY – 20/03/2011

Over 80 teams made their way to Whyalla in South Australia's mid north for the final round of the 2010/2011 Max Cranes Tri Series last weekend.

This season's series opened last November at the Sunset Strip in Mildura, and then moved to the famed vineyards of Coonawarra near Naracoorte in the south-east of South Australia for Round Two in January.

After finals finishes in the first two rounds Josh Voigt from Loxton (SA) survived an early exit in Whyalla to take the Modified Eliminator series win. Second place was shared by Sue Piddington from Adelaide and Frank Boseley from Wentworth in NSW. In honour of one of their long time members who passed away late last year, the Crusaders Drag Racing Club commissioned a perpetual memorial trophy recognizing the contribution of Glenn Tozer. Glenn had raced often in Tri Series rounds and as the Modified winner Josh was a worthy recipient.



The Voigt family with the Glenn Tozer trophy

Another driver to feature in two finals through the series was Adelaide's Hernan Tosti. His 548 cubic inch Pontiac was a popular car at all rounds and his series win was well deserved. Mildura's Anne Jones, a regular Tri Series competitor took the second spot, ahead of Rod Jackmann, also from Mildura.

In between work on the Whyalla track surface, local Archie Fabian rode his Honda to a semi finals finish at home to clinch top spot, after finals finishes at the first two rounds. Second place went to Adelaide's Howard Brown on a Harley Davidson, after racing at all rounds.

After competing everywhere from Top Fuel to Super Street Adelaide's Bob Sherry celebrated turning 60 by winning the 2010/2011 Tri Series. Sherry had an anxious wait after going out early at Whyalla, but an early exit by Kylie Tanner and even a win from Mildura's Anthony Diwell couldn't knock Sherry from a series win.

With no bias, seven of the twelve Junior Dragster drivers in the Max Cranes Tri Series were girls. Brother and sister Matt and Emily Scheill raced each other at all rounds with Matt taking the series win at home in Whyalla. Adelaide's Melissa Piddington took second spot with sister Justine ending in seventh place, while Michelle and Kelly Donnelly, also from Adelaide, took fourth and sixth place respectively.



L-R Archie Fabian, Mark Kuhn, Hernan Tosti, Harry White, Matt Schiell, Josh Voigt, Tim Reidy, Bob Sherry.

The Max Cranes Tri Series has done a great job of sustaining Group Three brackets in South Australia since 1998, as well as providing experience and support to the three regional venues in the Division.

South Australian Division Director Harry White said the support of Port Augusta based Max Cranes had been crucial in the continued operation of the Tri Series. "The clubs running each of the tracks involved have done a fantastic job over a long period in building the series and we thank every official and volunteer."

"Dragster Australia has also been a long time supporter and we thank Geoff and Denise Crisp for their help." White said. "This year RV Trailers have joined the team at event level and we appreciate Geoff and Jo's contribution."

The calendar is yet to be finalised, but next season's format will commence at the Sunset Strip in Mildura in November, followed by the Coonawarra Dragway in January 2012 and the final in Whyalla on the Adelaide Cup weekend.

