



ANDY PARSONS - # 46



Date of Birth: 01st December 1963
Height: 1.74m
Weight: 63kg

Andy started racing in 1973 on a Honda 50cc in Club Championship. Andy also was a test rider on a superbike for Midmacor – the original Honda importers.

From 1979 onwards Andy did road riding as opposed to circuit racing.

In 1986 Andy had quite a bad accident on his 750cc Honda on a road and this left him uninterested in motorcycles for quite some years (14 years).

In the year 2000 he was convinced by Gilbert to purchase a Suzuki 600cc purely as a track school bike. After his first track school his interest was peaked and he purchased a 600F3 Honda to enter racing.

Andy's first race was in June 2000 aboard the Honda F3 600, in the Superbike Class. He did not finish in the points, however greatly enjoyed his outing. He was however disappointed to be lapped during the race, and this led to his first ambition: **Not Being Lapped Again.**

Andy campaigned a Honda (again) F4 600 for the 2001 season in the Regional Championships with a view to compete on a more competitive bike. Andy finished 29nd in the championship after taking a serious tumble at Kyalami in March. This accident left him out of racing for 6 months. The 600cc Silver Cup class is one of the most competitive racing classes in the Championship and is based on the rules of the National Superbike specifications.



Towards the end of 2002 Andy switched over from the 600cc class to the **Battle Of The Twins** (BOTTs) class (He actually did both classes for the year). He invested in a Honda VTR1000 SP1. Andy has achieved very good positions in this class and has had a best finish of 6th out of a field of 30 riders in June 2003. At the same time his lap times are starting to improve dramatically. He has also achieved his goals of:

- Not being lapped
- Finishing top 10
- Elbow down while cornering



In 2003 Andy finished a creditable 8th in the Botts Championship and was awarded the prize for **Most consistent rider for the year**, a feat he repeated in 2006.

Due to his many commitments with his Protea Gymnast daughter (many hours of training and many overseas travels), and his other daughter (Also a Federation Gymnast), this coupled with his commitment to Sheridan Morais, he has been unable to truly focus on his racing and has to inevitably not achieve the results he desires. His racing has taken a back seat to his other commitments and he races purely for the enjoyment thereof.

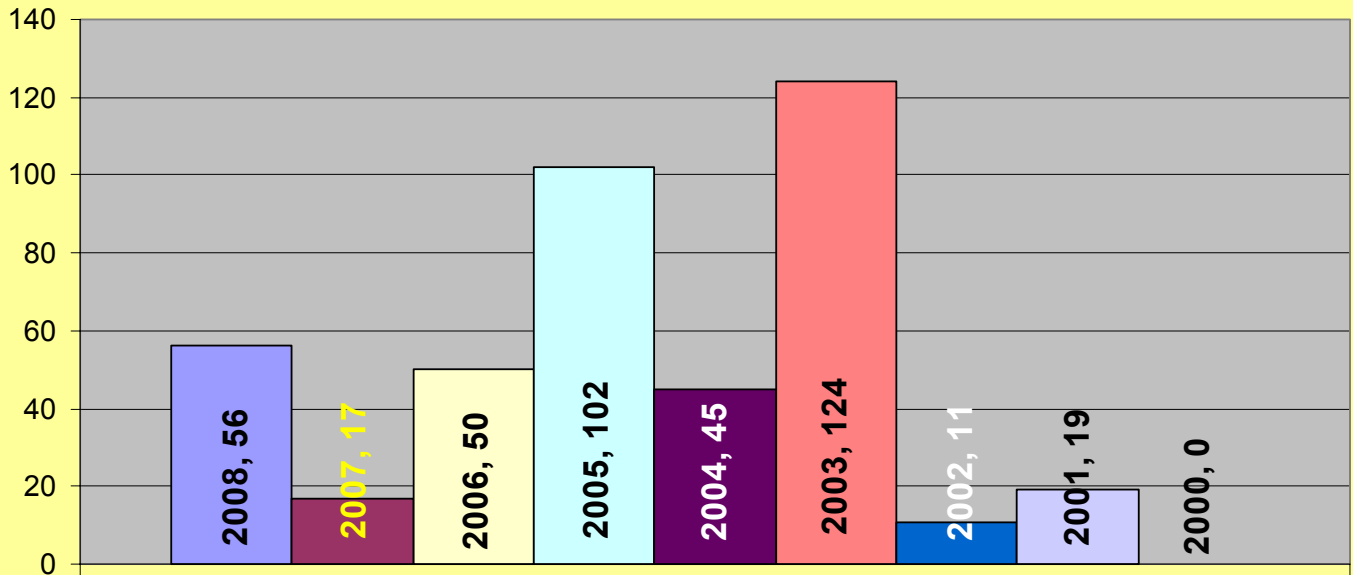


In 2008 after many many months of “nagging” from Ricky, finally changed to a Kawasaki ZX10 for the ZX10 Masters Cup.

May take quite a while to get used to the new bike.....but until then quite happy with reliability and cost.

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Year on Year Points



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Year	Points	Placed
2008	56	0
2007	17	22
2006	50	16
2005	102	10
2004	45	18
2003	124	8
2002	11	27
2001	19	29
2000	0	48