

SAMSC Race Discipline Report - November 2018

SMRC have run 6 race meetings during 2018 but the year has undoubtedly proved to be a challenging one with entries slightly down. The Celtic Speed Mini Cooper Cup is undoubtedly the biggest success story and produces grids in the 20's at every meeting but a number of classes are working hard to increase theirs. The new Citroen C1 budget class for 2019 is already bringing in some brand new competitors and even a few 'golden oldies' are building cars.

Major changes to the Club's structure are already taking place and the appointment of our first ever full-time employee is a quantum step for a Club in Scotland but we see it as the only way of moving forward as volunteer's time is precious and many of those involved are heading towards retirement age. Rory Bryant started his motorsport career with SMRC in the Fiesta Championship and has now joined us as Business Development Manager, taking up his post at the start of next year. His focus is on bringing in new competitors, sponsorship and marketing opportunities and working with our Competition Director, Steve Burns, to take the Club to another level. Some of our younger members are being encouraged to get involved in the running of the club and hopefully there will be some new Committee Members in the near future under the age of 60 !!!

The Club had the Annual Dinner and Awards on Saturday night and this was once again a great event hosted by our TV presentation team of Joe Tanner & Fiona Wallace plus our guest BTCC presenter, Paul O'Neill, brother of Mel C. in the Spice Girls.

Hopefully next year will be our first step towards a bright future with some younger involvement and allow the Club to flourish with this new vision.

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