

SAMSC STAGE RALLY REPORT, NOVEMBER 18

FOLLOWING 2018 AWARDS CEREMONY AND 50 YEAR CELEBRATION AT AVIEMORE

Traditionally the wrap up of the season is the SRC Awards Ceremony, which this year again was held at Aviemore arena, and went down as a great success with around 350 attendees, including around 20 former champions, the day was kicked off with a very competitive Go-Kart endurance race with 10 teams of 4, which saw a no holds barred tussle that went to the wire with a very competitive Andrew Wood barged of on the last corner

Registered competitors are up very slightly on 2017, however average entry per rally is slightly down on 2017 levels.

Sponsorship in the season just finished has held up well enabling the Management Committee to offer good incentives to competitors, whichever class they run in. Our top junior and overall winner got free entry to Rally G.B. with the junior prize also included a days tuition with Tapio Laukkanan

Winner of Star Driver overall received a sponsored entry to rally of their choice in 2019, together with a days tuition in the forest with Tapio Laukkanan, both the Junior and Star Driver's benefited greatly from there day in the Forest with Tappio and funds allowing we would hope to repeat this in 2019

The final part of the championship The Galloway Hill Rally produced our overall champions, who in our 50th year are Andrew Gallacher and Jane Nicol, they also claimed top spot in their sponsored entry to Rally GB national event

There are many challenges ahead:

- be they the reorganization of Forestry Commission Scotland and what that may mean to stage rallying in Scotland, a series of meetings are in progress with FCS to keep abreast of their forward thinking.
- Increasing costs and what that does to competitor budgets and eventually, numbers entering rallies.
- SRC have with the sale of ARR Craib lost their headline sponsor after 6 years

PROVISIONAL DATES FOR 2019, subject to MSA approval

- SNOWMAN 9th Feb
- Border Counties 16th march
- Speyside 20th April
- Scottish 18th May
- Argyle 22nd June
- Grampian 10th Aug
- GHR 14th Sep
- Reserve event Jim Clark Rally (date to be agreed)

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