

Road Events Report

March 2018

2017 SACC Scottish Navigational Rally Championship

Since the last SACC meeting the Championship finished off with final round, 750MC's BoontreeBirl Rally on 2nd December set in the Angus roads and based at Balkeerie, near Glamis. The winning partnership of Cobb/Crozier confirmed their winning ways by only dropping 3 minutes the whole rally, winning the rally ahead of MacKintosh/Cameron (15 mins) and Merry/Couser (24mins). The non-expert class was won by Wallace/Thomson, only dropping 1 minute with the novice class being won by the Ross twins who just dropped 2 minutes.

Final Championship places for all 8 rounds, including dropped scores, where 46 competitors have competed the class leaders are:

Drivers	Club	Total
Harry Merry	SSCC	58
Dave MacKintosh	SDMC	49
Charlie Brown	750MC	34
Navigators		
Duncan Cameron	SDMC	62
Graham Couser	Saltire RC	59
Richard Crozier	GMSC	46
Non-Expert Drivers		
Allan Patterson	Saltire RC	46
Peter Humphrey	BDMC	12
Craig Wallace	Saltire RC	12
Non-Expert Navigators		
Bob Shearer	Saltire RC	46
Douglas Humphrey	BDMC	12
Niall Thomson	Saltire RC	12
Novice Drivers		
David Heirs	WMC	50
Gary Ross	SDMC	44
John McKay	SDMC	24
Novice Navigators		
Emma Steeley	SDMC	50
Findlay Leask	Saltire RC	50
Alan Ross	SDMC	44

Overall competitors seemed to enjoy the championship with the only negative comments being made related to the amount of information provided to crews on events or the difficulty of some of the clues on some events. I've been in touch with organisers about this and hopefully 2018 will address these issues.

As, technically, there did not seem to be any bespoke awards for this championship and overly full ESACC shields being used in the past, I have, with the permission of the Chairman and Treasurer purchased 6 new shields to be presented annually to the winners of each of the 3 drivers' and navigators' championships.

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This year's championship started with the GMSC Aquarius Rally on 27/28 January. With 19 entries this was an improvement from last year. This year the rally moved from its previous base in Kinross to a start venue in Cupar and a finish venue at McDonalds in Glenrothes. Whilst the former seemed to work OK I'm not so sure about McDonalds, which I do not think was the organiser's first choice! This may have had something to do with the results not being declared on the night, but the following Monday instead, then allowing a week for any protests, of which there were none.

The event winners (& top Experts) were Dave MacKintosh / Duncan Cameron in the Fiesta, narrowly beating top Novice crew of Craig Wallace / Niall Thomson in their Toyota. Third place and top Non-Experts were Gary & Alan Ross in their Citroen.

The next round of the Championship will be the SDMC Gropers Rally running on 17th March. As I write this entries are also up from last year with 16 confirmed and another 2 drivers who want to enter but are struggling to find navigators.

Saltire Classic Targa Rally- Unfortunately the lead up period of w/c 26th February was when the so called 'Beast from the East' hit Scotland and with deep snow drifting over the roads in the area making it highly unlikely that access to the tests would be possible. The organising committee made the correct decision to postpone the event in time for travelling competitors to cancel accommodation booked etc. The good news is that the event had a full entry and I suspect will still have a full entry at the re-scheduled date of 18th November.

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