

Blackwood Plant Hire Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship

Report November 2015

Qualifying Rounds 2015

4th Jan	Grant Construction Knockhill Stages
25th April	DCC Stages Ingliston Edinburgh
13th June	Crail Summer Stages
11 th /12 th July	Mach1 Stages ,Machrihanish
2nd Aug	Wilkinson Tyneside Stages, Otterburn
8th Aug	Used Car Parts Solway Coast Rally
9 th -11 th Oct	Beatsons Mull Rally
14 th Nov	Kingdom Stages, Crail

The end of season Dinner and Awards ceremony is being held at
The Lovat Hotel, Perth on the 5th December 2015.

ALL WELCOME



Yet again, the Kingdom Stages at Crail on Saturday 14th November gave us an exciting climax to the Blackwood Plant Hire Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship. And on behalf of the Championship Committee I take this opportunity to thank Glenrothes Motor Sport Club for an excellent run event, even the weather was kind to us, which I am sure delighted the band of merry marshals without whom these rallies would not be possible. This event, like many of the events in Championship ran with a maximum entry, and with an exceptionally high calibre of competitors. The spectators were treated to some spectacular driving. The well-deserved winners were John Rintoul and Ross Hynd, with Bruce Edwards and Jim Smith in 2nd place and Gary and Gordon Adam in 3rd. With less than 2 minutes between the top cars made for a nail biting finish.

The overall champions had already been decided after the previous event, and congratulations go to the Class 2 team of John Marshall and Scott Crawford in their Mk 2 Escort, but the 2nd and 3rd places went to the wire. After a quick number crunching by Raymond Mann, Nigel Feeney in his class 5 Subaru Impreza grabbed 2nd place Championship honours in front of Ross Carbry in his class 1 Vauxhall Corsa. Both gained maximum class Championship points, and the team of Nigel Feeney and Shona Hale were awarded event 3rd in class, and the team of Ross Carbry and Kyle Livingstone picked up event 1st in class.

Going into the event, class 2 co-driver Ian Parker and class 1 co-driver Kyle Livingstone were neck and neck in points, but 2nd place honours went to Ian by only one point over Kyle.

The Juniors featured highly in the Championship, with Greg Inglis in his Class 2 Saxo achieving Junior driver award and Junior co-driver award goes to Ian Parker. Great to see that 3 Juniors featured in the top 4 co-drivers.

As I have said before the Blackwood Plant Hire Tarmac Rally Championship is growing in popularity each year and for that, we thank you, the competitors. The Class 1 team of Ross Carbry and Kyle Livingstone have competed in every round of the championship, finishing and gaining good results in all events except one, which is a fantastic achievement. Another team well deserving of their terrific result is the class 2 Lochgilphead team of Donald Bowness and Ian Parker. Donald also competed in every round of the Championship gaining 4th overall and 1st in class and co-driver Ian missed only one round. The Junior team of Greg Inglis and Cammy Reid have also been committed championship entrants competing in 6 rounds.

The championship organisers are delighted that this year has recorded the highest number of registered competitors for quite a few years of 119. 2015 has been an exciting year to be involved in this sport. There were many highlights, especially the organising and running another successful Mach 1 Stages at Machrihanish in Kintyre. There unfortunately have also been some exceptionally sad occasions. This is a sport that is loved deeply by all those involved, but we are confident that, as a family, we will continue to make this sport seriously good fun – and just as importantly, strive to ensure it is safer than ever.

We look forward to welcoming all the awards winners, friends, families, club members, marshals at the Awards Dinner on the 5th December when we acknowledge the triumphs, efforts and contributions of those who have made our sporting season the success it has been.

2015 Championship Award winners

Award	Driver	Co-driver
O/A	1st John Marshall	Scott Crawford
	2nd Nigel Feeney	Ian Parker
	3rd Ross Carbry	Kyle Livingstone
Class 1	1st Eamonn Kilmurray	Derek Cassells
	2nd Archie MacCallum	
	3rd Steven Hay	
Class 2	1st Donald Bowness	Cammy Reid
	2nd Greg Inglis	Gary McDonald
	3rd Iain Miller	Richard Stewart
Class 3	1st Chris McCallum	Dave Robson
	2nd Stuart Walker	Peter McCallum
	3rd Craig Gibson	Chris Lees
Class 4	1st Bruce Edwards	Nicola Ritchie
	2nd Fergus Gray	Gordon Adam
	3rd Ian Shiells	Robin Laird
Class 5	1st Colin Gemmell	Allan Paterson
	2nd Ian Paterson	Chris Hunter
	3rd Lee Hastings	Helen Brown

Junior(under 25)

Driver	Richard Hemingway Memorial Award to Greg Inglis
Co-driver	Graham Lewis Memorial Award to Ian Parker

On behalf of all clubs involved in the Blackwood Plant Hire Scottish Plant Hire Tarmac Championship we take this opportunity to express our thanks for the support of our 2015 sponsors, Tom Blackwood of www.blackwoodplanthire.co.uk, sub sponsors, Bob & Vicky Grant of www.grantconstructionservices.co.uk, Gerry Gaffney of www.facebook.com/HQgarage, John & Fiona of www.johnyoungsigns.co.uk, Ronnie & Daisy Thom of www.wheelsaround.com and Tim Finch of www.rallycarparts.org

The Championship Committee is also indebted to Raymond Mann who 'number crunches' the results from each round and produces the points table. Raymond also provides a results service for many events in Scotland www.scotresults.co.uk

Looking to the future, it's a pleasure to confirm that all of the 2015 sponsors will be continuing with their support of the 2016 Blackwood Plant Hire Scottish Tarmac Championship.

We hope to have next year's Championship Regulations available for release at the Awards Dinner on the 5th December.

Qualifying Rounds 2016 (Subject to MSA approval)

Sunday 10 th January	Grant Construction Knockhill Stages, organised by www.borderecosseclub.com
Saturday 2nd April	DCC Stages, Ingliston organised by www.dunfermline.co.uk (confirmed)
Saturday 18th June	Summer Stages, Crail organised by www.glenrothes-msc.com
2 nd /3 rd July	Mach 1 Stages Machrihanish organised by www.dunfermline.co.uk
Saturday 6th August	UsedCarParts Solway Coast Rally, organised by www.solwaycarclub.co.uk
Sunday 7th August	Tyneside Stages Rally organised by www.alnwickmotorclub.co.uk
Sunday 28th August	Pendragon Stages, Warcop organised by www.pendragonstages.co.uk
14/15/16th October	Beatsons Mull Rally, organised by www.mullcarclub.co.uk
Saturday 5th November	Kingdom Stages, Crail organised by www.glenrothes-msc.com