

SACC Student and Young Persons Report - 15th September 2015

Brick and Steel Junior 1000 Ecosse Challenge

It was a busy in summer in this championship with 5 rounds being completed in 3 months. Finlay Retson followed up his win in Round 1 back in May with another victory in Round 2 at Crail on the 13th of June. Finishing second was Peter Bennett with Harry Chalmers matching his 3rd place from Knockhill.

Rounds 3 and 4 were held over the weekend of the 4th/5th July at Kames Motorsport Complex. Holding 2 rounds over one weekend was a first for the championship and was widely considered a great success. It also resulted in a momentum change in the championship with Peter Bennett winning both rounds to close up on Finlay Retson at the top of the points table. Retson managed a second place finish in round 3 in front of Ewan Tindall in 3rd but then slid off the track in round 4, eventually finishing 8th. The podium places in round 4 were taken by Harry Chalmers (2nd) and Brodie Balfour (3rd).

Round 4 of the championship was held at Solway on the 9th of August. Peter Bennett took his 3rd successive round win, followed by Finlay Retson in Second while Craig MacIvor was on the podium for the first time since Round 1 in third.

Round 5 was held on the 29th of August and saw the championship return to Knockhill. Peter Bennett continued his amazing form to make it 4 wins in a row which, combined with Finlay Retson being one of 3 non-finishers, gave him a real boost in the Overall Points table. Two Novice drivers rounded out the podium with Ewan Tindall finishing 2nd and Jude Macdonald earning their first podium in 3rd.

There are still two rounds to go and the championship fight between Bennett and Retson looks like it could go all the way. The final dates are:

18th October – Kames

31st October – Anglesey

Full details and results at www.j1000ecossechallenge.co.uk

SRC Junior Award Scheme

After six rounds, the junior drivers' championship is being led by Thomas Gray on 63 points. He is followed in second by Caroline Carslaw on 46 with Andy Struthers on 24 in third. The junior co-drivers' championship is led by Ross Hynd (46 points), followed closely by Scott Young (40) in second with Katie Stimpson (28) third.

For more information see the SRC Junior section on www.scottishrallychampionship.co.uk

With students being away from university for summer break there is no news to report regarding student competitions.