

# SAMSC STAGE RALLY REPORT, NOVEMBER 19

FOLLOWING 2019 AWARDS CEREMONY AND 51 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 250 attendees, 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 Pirelli team taking the Honors

Registered competitors are down slightly on 2018, average entry per rally running at circa 75, which is non sustainable going forward

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 Laukkanen

Winner of Star Driver overall received a day's tuition in the forest with Tapio Laukkanen, both the Junior and Star Driver's benefited greatly from there day in the Forest with Tapio and funds allowing we would hope to repeat this in 2020

The final part of the championship The Galloway Hill Rally produced our overall champions, who in our 51<sup>st</sup> year are Euan Thorburn and Paul Beaton.

Again this year a Scottish crew took the honors in Rally GB National event, with John Wink and Neil Shanks

There are many challenges ahead:

- be they the reorganization of Forestry and Land Scotland and what that may mean to stage rallying in Scotland, (a series of meetings are planned to undertake a root and branch review of what was the master agreement, first of these are planned for week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> Dec, Robert Reid with chair the joint meetings).
- Increasing costs and what that does to competitor budgets and eventually, numbers entering Rallies, as indicated above at circa 75 this is not a number that enables rallying in forests at current Forestry costs

**PROVISIONAL DATES FOR 2019, subject to MSA approval**

- SNOWMAN 7<sup>th</sup> March
- Speyside 18<sup>th</sup> April
- Jim Clark Reivers 31<sup>st</sup> May

- Scottish 6<sup>th</sup> June
- Argyle 20<sup>nd</sup> June
- Grampian 8<sup>th</sup> Aug
- GHR 19<sup>th</sup> Sep
- Reserve event Carlisle Stages 17<sup>th</sup> Oct

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