

The Cobble Shop Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship

June 2019 Report

2019 CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING ROUNDS

24 th Feb	BECC Knockhill Stages, Knockhill, Fife Single Venue www.borderecosseclub.com
30 th March	The Cobble Shop DCC Stages, Ingliston, Edinburgh Single Venue www.dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk
13 th Apr	RM Condor Memorial Garden Stages, Arbroath Single Venue (mixed surface) www.condormsc.co.uk
4 th May	Granite Stages @ Leuchars, Leuchars Airfield, Fife Single Venue www.admcclub.com
15 th June	UK Rally Scene Summer Stages, Crail Airfield, Fife Single venue www.glenrothes-msc.com
13 th /14 th July	The Cobble Shop Mach1 Stages, Machrihanish Single venue www.dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk
3 rd Aug	Used Car Parts Solway Coast Rally, Dundrennan Ranges Multi Stage (Route Notes) www.solwaycarclub.co.uk
4 th Aug	Tyneside Stages Rally, Otterburn Multi Stage (Route Notes) www.alnwickmotorclub.co.uk
25 th Aug	Pendragon Stages, Warcop Single Venue (Route Notes) www.pendragonstages.co.uk
11 th /13 th Oct	Beatson's Building Supplies Mull Rally, Isle of Mull Closed Road www.mullcarclub.co.uk
2 nd Nov	Kingdom Stages, Leuchars Single Venue www.glenrothes-msc.com
Reserve event	
22 nd Sept	Cheviot Stages Rally, Otterburn Multi Stage (Route Notes) www.cheviotstages.org.uk

Presentation of 2019 Awards Date to be confirmed **ALL WELCOME**



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SCOTTISH TARMACK RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

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UK Rally Scene Summer Stages, Crail 15th June

With 4 very successful rounds of the Cobble Shop Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship already completed, the 5th round, the UK Rally Scene Summer Stages, took place at Crail last Saturday, the 15th June. With 66 starters and 34 displaying Championship decals, the event was well supported by Championship contenders. The Championship now has 102 registered competitors which is absolutely fantastic.

Although rain was forecasted, the event lived up to its name, and the Summer Stages enjoyed a sunny and warm day after a misty start. 40 crews managed to finish the event with others suffering a combination of clutch and driveshaft failures/wheels falling off/battery failure/and not just one owing up to talent failure. But all who participated enjoyed the event which offered some new layouts including a 'doughnut'.

Event Overall and Class winners

1 st Overall	John Rintoul/Ross Hynd	Ford Fiesta R5	61.59
2 nd Overall	Colin Gemmell/Pete McCallum	Ford Escort Mk2	63.06
3 rd Overall	Greg Inglis/Colin Harkness	Lotus Exige	63.39
Class 1	Stephen Bethwaite/Ann Foster	Vauxhall Nova	68.12
Class 2	Kyle Adam/Fiona Moir	Ford Escort Mk2	65.46
Class 3	Greg Inglis/Colin Harkness	Lotus Exige	63.39
Class 4	Colin Gemmell/Pete McCallum	Ford Escort Mk2	63.06
Class 5	John Rintoul/Ross Hynd	Ford Fiesta R5	61.59

The leader board of The Cobble Shop Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship is now as follows:

1 st Overall Driver	Colin Gemmell	Class 4	1 st Overall Co-Driver	Fiona Moir	Class 2
2 nd Overall Driver	Kyle Adam	Class 2	2 nd Overall Co-Driver	Cameron Dunn	Class 1/2/3/5
3 rd Overall Driver	Michael Robertson	Class 3	3 rd Overall Co-Driver	Jim Rintoul	Class 3
4 th Overall Driver	Alan Wallace	Class 5	4 th Overall Co-Driver	Darren Robertson	Class 5

Mach1 Stages, Machrihanish 13th/14th July

The next round of the Cobble Shop Tarmac Rally Championship is the Mach1 Stages being organised by Dunfermline Car Club for the 6th year, in beautiful Kintyre, and the journey to Machrihanish takes you on the most scenic roads in the West of Scotland.

On offer for the competitors, for an entry fee of £290, is 95 stage miles, 99% on sealed surface, and on offer for the marshals over the 2 day event, are hot rolls both days, and an epic carvery meal at the popular Saturday social event. Although entries at many stage rally events are down on last year, we are still hoping for a good entry, and with the calibre of competitors already entered, it will be an exciting and entertaining week-end for all who attend.

The Cobble Shop Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship is growing in popularity each year and for that, we thank all marshals, officials, medics, rescue and recovery crews, scrutineers, photographers, sponsors and especially the competitors who have provide us all with entertainment throughout the year.

The STRC is a class-based Championship which encourages and support motorsport enthusiasts with varying budgets, to compete and enjoy a variety of events North and South of the Border. Clubs organising events, especially single venue multi use events, are constantly striving to offer value for money for the competitors, but for a variety of reasons this is becoming increasingly difficult, With single venue multi use events providing stage miles of between approximately 40 and 60, and in some cases even more i.e at Machrihanish, an event offering over 90 stage miles, entrant numbers required are between 60 and 90 to make events viable, but with the cost of the permit accounting for nearly 30% of the entry fee (avg £265), clubs resources are now being stretched.

There are many more eloquent than I, who give us informative and entertaining reports on the many motorsport events throughout the year, our thanks go to our championship media reporter Davie Hatrick, and of course everyone's favourite motorsport guru, John Fife www.johnfife.co.uk, Bob Irvine of Scottish Rally Scene Magazine and those who capture the action in colour, Eddie Kelly and Gavin Brown.

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

We are fortunate with the good communication between event organising clubs and championships, North & South of the Border, mainland & Island based, in determining dates of motorsport events. This has to been done to ensure that competitors have a varied choice of events, both off-road and tarmac, and also to ensure the diminishing number of marshals, officials, rescue, recovery and medical teams and personnel are not stretched to breaking point.