

SACC Student and Young Persons Report - 5th June 2012

Junior 1000 Ecosse Challenge

The first round of the Junior 1000 Ecosse Challenge was held at Chaterhall on 31st March. This was won by Alexander Vassallo, with second place taken by Harry Marchbank, closely followed by Michael Dickie. The rest of the field came in close behind, with Andy Struthers 4th, Blair Brown 5th, Scott Murray 6th, Linzi Henderson 7th and Georgia Shiels 8th. Unfortunately Alex Adams and Stephen McClory were both forced to retire.

The second round was the Junior DCC Stage at Ingliston on 5th May. This was won by Alexander Vassallo, with Harry Marchbank in second, followed by Callum Kitt. Ryan Weston was close behind in 4th, with Andy Struthers coming in 5th, Alexander Adams 6th, Georgia Shiels 7th, Scott Murray 8th and Alasdair Currie 9th. Michael Dickie, Blair Brown and Linzi Henderson sadly had to retire.

The next rounds are: Junior Summer Crail Rally 16th June
AlBar Junior Kames 15th July
Solway Coast Junior Rally 12th August
Kames Junior Rally 15/16th September

Full details and results are in the Junior 1000 Challenge section at www.ecosse205challenge.co.uk

SRC Junior Award Scheme

After three rounds, the championship is being led by Craig Rutherford, closely followed by Graeme Smith and then Greg McKnight.

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

Colin McRae Vision Junior Programme

The next course is being held on Sunday 28th October at Stirling University and is free to all MSA licence holders 23 and under.

More information and contact details are in the SRC Junior section on www.scottishrallychampionship.co.uk

British Schools Karting Championship

Stewarts Melville College, Williamwood High School and Jewel & Esk College all qualified at the regional final at Xtreme Karting Edinburgh on 13th March. They then travelled to compete with a total of 34 teams at Daytona in Milton Keynes on 1st April. Stewarts Melville College finished 12th, Williamwood High School finished 10th with a best heat result of 1st, and Jewel & Esk College finished 18th with a best heat result of 1st.

University West of Scotland Motorsports Club

This newly formed club is showing its strength, winning the 'Best New Club' award at the UWS Sports Ball. Members have attended a Marshal Training day and are often out marshalling at rally events. They plan to attend WRC Wales in September as well as participating in inter-university events, as they continue to expand and develop the club.

Edinburgh University Motorsport Club

The club has had a successful year, with a good turn-out for rallying, marshalling and karting. Events organised by the club have included a karting championship and navigational rallies (notably the Nuit Blanche as part of the SACC Navigational Rally Championship). Members also shadowed organisers at a GMSC autotest with the hope of being able to organise their own next year.

The club has members competing as co-drivers in the Scottish Rally Championship, with Katie Stimpson finishing 2nd in class at the Border Counties, and lifer Ewan Leeming finishing 4th in class at the Granite City rally which also awarded him 1st in the 205 Ecosse Challenge for the event.

There has also been success for members in the British University Karting Championship. Teams have attended the Rookie Championship events, first in Llandow in Wales managing a team result of 4th with the best heat results being 1st for Finn Moore, 5th for Stephen Walls, 6th for Sally Skinner and 20th for Robert Edward Starr. The second event was at Buckmore Park in Kent, with a team result of 14th and heat results of 9th for Calum Hughes, 10th for Gary Brown, 11th for Felipe Pinzón and 19th for Sean Gibson.

Heriot-Watt University Motorsport Club

The club competed in this year's British University Karting Championship. With an average of 55 teams competing per round, the Heriot-Watt teams have achieved the following results: 27th, 31st, 43rd, 29th, 45th, 7th and 42nd, meaning they finished the season with an overall 36th place. They also competed in the Rookie Championship at Buckmore Park, with a team result of 3rd, and heat results of 1st for Neil Haliwell, 1st for Tony Strachan, 12th for Ian Sutherland and 12th for David Jordan.

The club is looking to develop and grow throughout next year, and is working on gaining Sports Union Affiliation.

Oatridge

Oatridge student Alex Orr has been competing in the Scottish Rally Championship, with a result of 5th in class and 35th overall at the Border Counties.

Scotia Winch Challenge - Andrew Guinan Memorial Winch Challenge Scholarship

The scholarship has been awarded to Joe Thompson, 18. The Scotia Winch Challenge will be his first major event, with his father as winchman/co-driver.

Full details of the Scholarship and the event can be found at www.scotiawinchcc.org.uk/scotia2012.htm

International

John MacCrone (22, Dervaig) currently lies 7th in the standings in his maiden WRC Academy campaign, with a 4th place on the Acropolis Rally. Lewis Williamson (22, Golspie) has been competing in Formula Renault 3.5 lying 22nd out of 25 after the first two events in Aragon and Monaco. Gregor Ramsay (15, East Kilbride) has competed in Formula Abarth, currently sitting 9th out of 11 after the first two events in Valencia and Hungaroring.