

Hillclimbing and Sprinting 2015 Report – For SACC Nov 15 meeting

We had five speedsport championships running in Scotland this year, counting results from 28 speed events spread across 3 hillclimb venues and 4 sprint venues;

- **Gyuson Scottish Hillclimb Championship – overall winner Les Mutch, GWR Raptor**
- **Gyuson Scottish Sprint Championship – overall winner Stuart Sugden, GWR Mini**
- **Gyuson Scottish Speed Championship – overall winner Ronnie MacGregor, Honda S2000**
- **Plenderleith Runcie Highland Speed Championship – overall winner Leslie-Ann Scoular, Mazda MX5**
- **Maxsport Competition Tyres (Scotland) Lowland Speed Championship – overall winner Andrew Connell, Mazda MX5**

2015 has been up and down with regards to entry levels – events around the North East of Scotland have seen a reduction in number of competitors due to the down-turn in the oil and gas industry, whereas some of the lowlands events have seen almost record levels of entries. Averaged out, I believe we've had a similar level to last year. I do believe we will see a reduction in 2016 as the number of redundancies in the oil and gas industry continue to grow and spread the effects wider across our sport.

Four of the five championships above offer free entry for newcomers – and we do see this working, albeit only matching the numbers of non-returning competitors resulting in the similar overall numbers.

All the clubs running events continue to struggle to get sufficient numbers of marshals and other volunteers to run their events, and tend to rely upon the same small band of committee members and their regular marshals.

Based on paddock discussions and correspondence received, I believe we will see a significant reduction in numbers for next year based on the additional costs of;

- FHR's (and associated new helmets, harnesses, car modifications required)
- ROP's for modified production classes
- Replacement tyres for the vast majority of road cars (due to the removal of all the popular list 1B tyres)

One positive outcome of the recent rules changes and proposals put forward, is a growing awareness and understanding by competitors of the role of the MSA and the importance of reading and understanding the relevance of the MSA Year Book and how this feeds into Championship and event regulations. Awareness of the rule change consultation process has also helped with the overturn of some recent proposals such as banning list 1B, banning tyre warming, more stringent licence upgrade requirements.

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