

## STAGE RALLY REPORT AFTER 6 ROUNDS – END OF SEASON 2015

The cancellation of the Merrick earlier in the season and the McRae at the end, are not the outcome anyone would have wanted. The 2015 championship therefore was decided over 6 well contested rounds with Jock Armstrong a worthy winner of the ARRCraib Scottish Rally Championship for 2015.

The final event in our calendar is the SRC Dance and Awards Ceremony which will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> November; organisation is more or less complete and ticket sales are going well.

Turning now to the lack of entries we have seen during this year, the north/south divide in entry numbers were discussed at length at our Competitor Forum in Perth and in our online survey. There is a sizable northern contingent with a budget for only so many events and they choose to spend that on the local events, leaving a considerable shortfall for most of the southern event.

The safety review and its impact on organising committees as reported in the last Rally Report, continues to have an impact and may have been a contributory factor, together with low entry levels in the cancellation of the McRae Rally this year.

The recent SRC forum in Perth to gauge the mood and thoughts of our competitors and other interested parties, together with an online survey to all registered members of the 2015 championships, have been taken on board by the MC and several of the initiatives are included in the 2016 championship. - See SRC press release below.

There are 10 SRC registered competitors going south this week to compete in the National event of Rally GB with David Bogie competing in the International event- we send them off with our best wishes and hope for good results.

Gordon Adam

Championship Vice Chairman



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## Provisional 2016 Scottish Rally Championship Calendar released

Organisers of the Scottish Rally Championship have revealed provisional details of the 2016 series, with the final calendar to be confirmed at the 2015 Awards Evening on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November in Glasgow.

### Provisional Championship Calendar

The programme of events for 2016 has numerous changes;

- Calendar features 7 rounds from February to September
- Speyside Stages moves from August to April
- Jim Clark Reivers Rally reverts to its traditional tarmac format
- Round 6 of the Championship to be confirmed at the 2015 Awards Evening in Glasgow on 28<sup>th</sup> November
- Galloway Hills joins the Championship as the final round, moving to September.

Date	Event	Location
20 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2016	Snowman Rally (Gravel)	Inverness, Highlands
19 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2016	Border Counties Rally (Gravel)	Jedburgh, Scottish Borders
23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr 2016	McDonald & Munro Speyside Stages (Gravel)	Elgin, Moray
5 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2016	Jim Clark Reivers Rally (Tarmac)	Duns, Scottish Borders
25 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2016	RSAC Scottish Rally (Gravel)	Dumfries, Dumfries & Galloway
13 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2016	To be Announced (Gravel)	To be Announced
10 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2016	Armstrong Galloway Hills Rally (Gravel)	Castle Douglas, Dumfries & Galloway

### Format & Structure

All events, with the exception of the Jim Clark Reivers are 45 mile, predominantly gravel based rallies, run on Saturdays, with Scrutineering available on the day of the event. The Reivers will offer 60 miles of closed road rallying, to be run on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June and as with the RSAC Scottish Rally will be a major part of a rally weekend alongside the British Rally Championship.

Following successful changes made to the class structure for the 2015 season the Championship will continue to offer categories for all types of competition car, from almost standard 1000cc 2 wheel drive to full specification World Rally Car machinery.

To help develop & maintain good competition throughout the field, plans are in place to introduce a number of initiatives;

- Re-introduction of the famous Challengers Championship, open to competitors who haven't previously finished in the top 10 on an SRC counting round in the last 10 years
- An SRC Subaru Cup, for controlled specification clubman 4wd cars
- An SRC 205 Cup, providing a home for the cars which have previously provided close competition in the Ecosse Challenge
- Rebranding the Clubman 2WD Championship to the Scottish 2WD Rally Championship
- A Northern Challenge, catering for the high number of Clubmen in the North of Scotland

The championship management team are working on incentives for all of these schemes and look forward to providing a championship which appeals to competitors throughout Scotland & beyond.

#### Next Steps

The Championship hope to release further details of the 2016 series along with the final championship calendar later this month. Regulations & registration forms should be available from the Championship website by the end of December.

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