

## **Scottish Sprint & Hillclimb Championship – Chairman’s Message #17** (June ‘14)

As you read this we are already into June and have 6 championship events under our belts! With CCC’s Golspie Sprint coming up and LCC’s Doune in a few weeks the championships are hotting up!

I’m delighted to be able to tell you all that we have the highest number of Championship entries for a number of years;

125 total entries which comprise of 114 for the Hills, 114 for the Sprints, 108 Speed entries, 15 newcomers and 9 ladies.

The SSHC Committee held their pre-season meeting at the end of March and ratified the entry list for this year’s championships – which has since been sent out to all competitors.

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank one of our previous Championship Stewards – Alastair Fraser, for his contributions. He, along with our current Stewards and all our Championship officials and committee members are volunteers and give up their time to support our sport. In a similar way that our events require stewards, the MSA also require the Championship to have nominated stewards listed in our regs – their duties and responsibilities detailed on the MSA Yearbook (Section G if you’re interested!).

Our annual awards dinner has been held in Pitlochry for many years now, but based on feedback received from you all on the 2013 event as well as requests from some to consider an alternative location, the Committee has agreed to hold the 2014 awards dinner and dance in Aviemore. Lesley Sheridan kindly spent a considerable amount of time investigating possible locations and venues and negotiating a suitable deal and we have chosen the MacDonald Highland Hotel in Aviemore for this years awards dinner and dance – to be held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The room deal arranged will also apply to Friday for those who want to make a weekend of it.

I’ve previously talked about the committee’s wish to expand the A7 classics and thoroughbred class into H0 to include racing cars (using similar rules/vehicle age restrictions etc). The committee would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in this expanded class to get an idea of the level of interest. There are many eligible cars out there as can be seen at Forrestburn and Doune so it would be great to have a Championship class for them. The Committee has agreed to hold an additional meeting in July to specifically address the regs for 2015 so please speak to your club reps in order that they can come prepared to voice your thoughts at the meeting.

Those of you who frequent Flatchat will have seen Roy Napier’s thread opening up discussions on the Sprint Championship scoring system. The Sprint Championship is a class-based system using the class records as the basis of scoring and with a Top Ten Championship for the fastest-overall positions. This means that all competitors who are able to better their class records are in a position to win the Overall Sprint Championship. Many of you take part in other championships including your own club-championships and will therefore know that there are countless different ways of scoring – each with their pros and cons!

Do you as competitors like the current Sprint Championship scoring system? If so, please let us know. If not, please let us know! Do you have any suggestions to improve the scoring system? What are your views on a run-off system? The Championship Committee represents you all through your club reps and the current Champions David Reid and Jonathan Rarity. I would ask all of you with views on the scoring to make them known to your reps so that we can get a full representation at the July Committee meeting.

While on the subject of scoring, the committee wanted to bring to your attention the following rule within our Championship regs;

Section 3.4 "When class structure permits, a competitor must compete in the class registered in order to score Championship points".

We have a number of competitors registered in class A8 (Marque sports cars) driving Mazda MX5's. Some of our qualifying events are also counters for other championships and there may therefore be the possibility of a choice of classes for these cars to be entered in, so please be aware of the above rule.

Our next committee meeting will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

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