

# SAMSC STAGE RALLY REPORT, SEP 18

## FOLLOWING LAST ROUND OF SCOTTISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

As the 2018 competitive season comes to an end, with only the Awards Ceremony to come on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November at Aviemore, it gives time to reflect on how the past season has gone.

Registered competitors are up very slightly on 2017, however average entry per rally is slightly down on 2017 levels.

Sponsorship in the season just finished has held up well enabling the Management Committee to offer good incentives to competitors, which ever class they run in. Our top junior and overall winner get free entry to Rally G.B. with the junior prize also including a days tuition with Tapio Laukkanan

Winner of Star Driver overall will receive a sponsored entry to rally of their choice in 2019, together with a days tuition in the forest with Tapio Laukkanan

The final part of the championship The Galloway Hill Rally produced our overall champions

who in our 50<sup>th</sup> year are Andrew Gallacher and Jane Nicol.

There are many challenges ahead:

- be they the reorganization of Forestry Commission Scotland and what that may mean to stage rallying in Scotland, a series of meetings are in progress with FCS to keep abreast of their forward thinking.
- Increasing costs and what that does to competitor budgets and eventually, numbers entering rallies.

PROVISIONAL DATES FOR 2019, subject to MSA approval

- SNOWMAN 9<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Border Counties 16<sup>th</sup> March
- Speyside 20<sup>th</sup> April
- Scottish 18<sup>th</sup> May
- Argyle 22<sup>nd</sup> June
- Grampian 10<sup>th</sup> Aug
- GHR 14<sup>th</sup> Sep
- Reserve event Jim Clark Rally (date to be agreed)

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