

FINAL STAGE RALLY REPORT, SEASON 2016

Roundup –

2016, has in the main been a good year for the Scottish Rally Championship, this came after a difficult 2015 season. Even allowing for the cancellation of the Jim Clark Rally earlier this year (main reasons for that are detailed in earlier reports) 2016 has seen a buzz to the championship with overall entries up from an average of 95/event last year to 107/event this year.

As reported earlier, competitor entry fees are still a big issue in Scotland and one of the reasons we see Tarmac entries ballooning while on Gravel we have to be ever inventive to attract the numbers to enable Forest Rallying to go ever forward, with that in mind costs are ever on our mind.

END OF YEAR AND INTO 2017

Again this year on the Rally GB National an SRC registered competitor took top spot and although this year's SRC champion did not make the event (due to a mishap during testing week before event) there was still a very strong contingent travelled south. The SRC M.C. took the opportunity to organise at Rally GB a central service area for all Scottish crews. This was used as a banner focal point for the SRC championship for 2017, where folks could come along get an insight on our championship with a pie and a pint; this proved to be very successful and drew good interest from both competitors and fans

Looking forward, to close out the year we have our final event SRC awards and Dinner Dance on the evening of the 26th Nov.

As of now it is our intension to take a stand at Autosport International at NEC 12-15th Jan, to publicise the Scottish Rally Championship to a wider audience. This will be our second year and we hope to build on last year's success

Below is our provisional calendar for 2017 this will be confirmed at awards ceremony, next year's calendar happily has an event included not seen for many years, the Dunoon Rally, we all have high hopes this event will become a permanent fixture in the SRC calendar.

2017 SRC will consist of 7 Rounds (Provisional)

- Snowman Rally - 18th Feb
 - Border Counties Rally – 18th March
 - Speyside Rally – 22nd April
 - Scottish Rally – 20th May
 - Dunoon Rally – 24th June
 - Grampian Stages Rally – 12th Aug
 - Galloway Hills Rally – 9th Sep
- Reserve event Jim Clark Rally – 3rd June

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