

# Blackwood Plant Hire Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship

## March Report

### 2017 CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING ROUNDS

12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Grant Construction Stages, Knockhill	<a href="http://www.borderecossecarclub.com">www.borderecossecarclub.com</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> April	DCC Stages, Ingliston Edinburgh	<a href="http://www.dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk">www.dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk</a>
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Granite Rally, Leuchars	<a href="http://www.admc.org.uk">www.admc.org.uk</a>
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Kingdom Stages, Crail Airfield	<a href="http://www.glenrothes-msc.com">www.glenrothes-msc.com</a>
15/16 <sup>th</sup> July	Mach 1 Stages, Machrihanish	<a href="http://www.dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk">www.dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk</a>
5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Solway Coast Rally, Dundrennan	<a href="http://www.solwaycarclub.co.uk">www.solwaycarclub.co.uk</a>
6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Tyneside Stages, Otterburn	<a href="http://www.alnwickmotorclub.co.uk">www.alnwickmotorclub.co.uk</a>
10 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Pendragon Stages, Warcop	<a href="http://www.pendragonstages.co.uk">www.pendragonstages.co.uk</a>
13/15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Beatson's Mull Rally, Isle of Mull	<a href="http://www.mullcarclub.co.uk">www.mullcarclub.co.uk</a>
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Crail Stages, Crail Airfield	<a href="http://www.glenrothes-msc.com">www.glenrothes-msc.com</a>

**Presentation of Awards Dinner Ceremony** (Date and Venue to be confirmed)



### Round 1 Grant Construction Knockhill Stages 12<sup>th</sup> February

With the bubbles barely settled from the 2016 championship prize giving champagne it was time to warm up those engines for the first round of the 2017 championship, the Grant Construction Knockhill Stages organised by Border Ecosse Car Club.

The first round at Knockhill got off to a very slippery start with overnight temperatures freezing overnight leading to treacherous conditions in the morning, a decision was made on the grounds of safety to delay the start by 1 hour and also have a procession of competing cars drive the route to review the conditions, thankfully stage 1 started at 09.31. The first of 8 stages were treated with caution by most crews due to the conditions but all coped well with the changeable conditions. A full report of the event can be found on [www.dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk](http://www.dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk)

Overall Winner	Arron Newby/Andrew Leach	Subaru Impreza
Class 5	John Marshall/Scott Crawford	Subaru Impreza
Class 4	Alan Kirkaldy/Cameron Fair	Ford Escort
Class 3	Kenny Moore/Richard Wardle	Hillman Avenger
Class 2	Gareth White/Harry Marchbank	Peugeot 208 R2 VT1
Class 1	Michael Robertson / Ellie McAuliffe	Peugeot 106

Thanks go to event sponsor Grant Construction, Knockhill Racing circuit who were excellent hosts and to Border Ecosse Car Club for organising a superb rally. Special thanks to the marshals and especially the time control marshals deserve a special mention, as every time the cars turned up at arrival control the snow started, let's hope Ingliston is a little bit warmer.

### Round 2 DCC Stages, Ingliston 1<sup>st</sup> April

Dunfermline Car Club looks forward to welcoming yet another full entry at Ingliston for the DCC Stages at Ingliston on the 1<sup>st</sup> April. Once again the support from competitors was immense with over 90 entries received for 75 spaces within a couple of hours.

In addition to this event, the Club are also proud to support the first round of the Junior 1000 championship by hosting and running a Junior only event at Ingliston the following day, on the 2nd April. This event is also going to incorporate a training session, thanks to Rupert and his team, with some classroom modules undertaken, and delegates will practice elements of training whilst marshalling at the event. There will also be an opportunity over the rally week-end for new and existing marshals to undertake the MSA marshal's accreditation

### Blackwood Plant Hire Scottish Tarmac Championship standings after Round 1

With already 80 registrations, we would like to thank all the competitors who continue to support the championship in whatever weather, but and hope that the sun will shine upon us on the 1<sup>st</sup> April at Ingliston.

The leading drivers, all on 22 points are:

Michael Robertson	Class 1
Gareth White	Class 2
Stuart Walker	Class 3
John Marshall	Class 5

With Michael Cruickshank following with 19 points in this year's newly formed Class 0 for cars up to 1000cc

Last, but not least, the club would also like to congratulate Julie and Gavin Brown from West Coast Photos on the birth of a gorgeous baby girl Talla Brown on Friday 10th February, both Mother and Talla are doing well.