



## A vintage year!

It seems like no time at all since we were looking forward to the start of a new season, then suddenly the final chequered flag has fallen and it's all over! However, we hope that you have enjoyed the season as much as we have and reckon it's been an overwhelmingly good one for the SRCC.

For our Championships it was a vintage year. All of them have been hotly contested and all have benefitted from new drivers and cars. We saw an average grid of 28 cars and, for the first time in many years, reserve entries at the Brands Indy race.

Much of the racing was close and exciting – MSVR were delighted by our continued involvement – and most of driving was top quality. Club rules on driving standards had to be applied on a small number of occasions and we know that the vast majority of the paddock welcomed this. We make no apology for enforcing high standards of on-track behaviour. It's the right thing to do and we know it also makes Sports 2000 more appealing to the growing number of self-funded drivers who have become fed up and impoverished in series that turn a blind eye to contact driving.

You will see elsewhere in this Newsletter the efforts that are going towards growing the Pinto grid. At the time of

writing, we are optimistic about likely numbers for the first two Pinto only races at Donington in April. Clive Steeper has put considerable effort into this as well as the continuing excellent Podcasts plus his work with sponsors and potential sponsors – many thanks Clive.

The Club in its new form as a "Company Limited by Guarantee" has its first full AGM in January. In advance of this we were pleased to hold the open discussion with drivers on the Saturday of the Snetterton meeting. Several issues raised there are now being actively considered for adoption and others are likely to be discussed at the AGM. We will provide an overall view on the state of the Club then but in summary we are pleased with the growth in competitor numbers, the continued quality of circuits this enables us to visit and the financial stability this is providing.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at the AGM, then at then at the awards evening. In the meantime, seasonal good wishes and many thanks for supporting the SRCC in 2021.

*Roger, Colin and Mike*

Roger Donnan, Colin Feyerabend, Mike Turner  
*Directors*

# Final Championship positions



## Duratec Overall

Position	Driver	Car
1	Tom STOTEN	Gunn TS11
2	Joshua LAW	MCR S2
3	Dominic LESNIEWSKI	MCR S2
4	Michael GIBBINS	MCR S2
5	Giles BILLINGSLEY	MCR S2
6	Richard JOHNSON	MCR S2
7	David HOUGHTON	MCR S2
8	Nick BATES	MCR S2
9	Neil BURROUGHS	GUNN TS12
10	Tony & James BARWELL	MCR S2

## Duratec B Class

Position	Driver	Car
1	John OWEN	MCR S2
2	Grant GIBSON	Van Diemen RF94
3	Andrew BUTLER	Van Diemen RF02P
4	Richard COOKE	Carbir CS2

## Duratec Derek Bell Class

Position	Driver	Car
1	Giles BILLINGSLEY	MCR S2
2	Roger DONNAN	MCR S2
3	Peter WILLIAMS	MCR S2
4	Mike TURNER	MCR S2

## 2022 calendar

2-3 April	Donington Park National
23-24 April	Silverstone National
21-22 May	Brands Hatch GP
18-19 June	Snetterton 300
9-10 July	Thruxton
13 August	Oulton Park International
17-18 September	Brands Indy

## Pinto Overall

Position	Driver	Car
1	Ross & Nick HYETT	Lola T88/90
2	Trevor WELSH	Lola T492
3	Clive STEEPER	Tiga SC80
4	Josh & Peter NEEDHAM	Van Diemen RFSC02
5	Mike FRY	Tiga SC79
6	Chris SNOWDON	Tiga SC81
7	Paul STREAT	Lola T87/90
8	Nick BAILEY	Royale S2000M
9	Mike DODD	Tiga SC79

## Pinto Championship

Position	Driver	Car
1	Ross & Nick HYETT	Lola T88/90
2	Josh & Peter NEEDHAM	Van Diemen RFSC03
3	Paul STREAT	Lola T87/90
4	Chris SNOWDON	Tiga SC 87

## Pinto Historic Championship

Position	Driver	Car
1	Trevor WELSH	Lola T492
2	Clive STEEPER	Tiga SC80
3	Chris SNOWDON	Tiga SC 81
4	Mike FRY	Tiga SC 79
5	Nick BAILEY	Royale S2000M
6	Mike DODD	Tiga SC 79

We hope members will be pleased with the circuits and scheduling we've been able to secure for next season. The whole process of compiling the calendar is fraught but the support of MSVR is very helpful, with an end result that we believe stands comparison with any other championship outside the elite professional tier.

The calendar should be considered as fixed but do keep an eye on the SRCC website in case F1, Moto GP or the BTCC suddenly change their fixtures meaning that races like ours could be impacted in the re-shuffling of dates.



then please register your interest in the 'Pinto Only' races at;

[sports2000.co.uk/pinto-survey](https://sports2000.co.uk/pinto-survey)

If you have already done this then you do not need to re-register.

The Club has been able to negotiate some discounts from suppliers for registered competitors and guest competitors so be sure to register via our website [www.sports2000.co.uk](https://www.sports2000.co.uk) and don't forget to check the technical regulations on the website so there are no last-minute scrutineering issues! The discounts include key equipment such as harnesses and fire extinguishers.

## Pinto only racing initiative

All Pinto drivers should already know the dates of the four "Pinto only" races but for the benefit of everyone else they'll take place over the first two SRCC race meetings of 2022:

- Donington Park (2-3 April) - Rounds 1 & 2
- Silverstone National (23-24 April) - Rounds 3 & 4.

A big "thank you" to Messrs. Hyett, Fry, Snowdon, Streat, Steeper and Donnan for making the pinto only races possible in 2022.

The start of season 2022 will be busy with plenty of opportunities to race with ONLY fellow pintos in April which is not far away so now's the time to prepare your car for racing. If you have any questions then reach out to the club and we'll try to help.

It is our hope that the four races will:

- provide further impetus to the resurgence in the Pinto grids and revive the speed & close racing that was inherent in the original Pinto racing and we see today through the full Duratec grids.
- persuade more former drivers and cars to come back out and again enjoy racing with SRCC Sports 2000.

We already have more than 24 "expressions of interest" and are still receiving new enquiries as word spreads around the racing community.

The four 'pinto only' races (Rounds 1 - 4) will count towards the overall SRCC championships and are also being showcased as a mini-series in their own right. Special trophies – generously sponsored by Ross Hyett and Apsley House Capital plc – will be awarded to the winners in each class. We also have some ideas about welcoming both newcomers and returnees to the SRCC and more about that will be emailed out to the those who have registered their "expression of interest". If you wish to register your "expression of interest"

## Sponsorship matters

Clive Steeper, in his new capacity as Sponsor/Partnership Liaison Lead, has been very active in recent months and we're delighted to be able to announce that Yokohama, VMEP and Varley Batteries have confirmed their continued involvement with the SRCC Championships. As we prepare this newsletter our discussions with Creative Funding Solutions to continue as Title Sponsor for 2022 are going well, as are discussions with other new partners. As agreements are reached we'll be putting the news up on our website and social media (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn) so keep checking in!



## Overseas races

With continued uncertainty surrounding how UK-based competitors can transport race cars to mainland Europe post-Brexit, the Club has reluctantly taken the decision to defer plans for any overseas rounds of our championships. Motorsport UK is continuing to press the Government for a workable carnet arrangement for national/club racers – both to enable the likes of the SRCC to again hold events on overseas circuits but also to assist European drivers to compete in the UK.

Watch this space... But don't hold your breath!

## 24-hour adventure

Many congratulations to Club members Ross and Nick Hyett, Chris Snowdon and Mike Fry who, under the team banner of "Equipe Rosbif" took part in the recent Paul Ricard 24-hour race in a 1983 Pinto Tiga. The foursome finished a highly creditable third in the Sports 2000 class that was headed by two highly experienced endurance racing teams – one of which took the outright win.

The classic race which had not been run since 2013 is to be run again in November next year and rumours are already swirling over another entry – or even entries – from Equipe Rosbif! The organizing club – V de V - are offering specially discounted entry fees of Euros 9,500 for any team that signs up before 26th December.



## Annual General Meeting

All members should now have received email notification of the Club AGM:

**22nd January 3pm at the Radisson Blu Hotel close to Donington Park.**

An agenda will be issued to members a couple of weeks beforehand.

## Awards evening

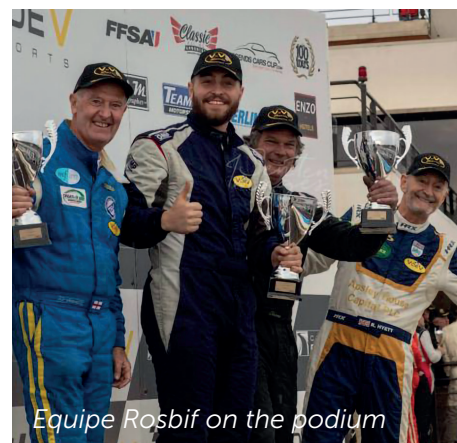
The Club awards and dinner will be held on the evening of 22nd January and we are pleased to report that tickets are selling fast for what is after all one of the most glittering events in the whole of the SRCC calendar!

We've listened to comments about previous events and this time are making the evening deliberately more friendly for families, friends and sponsors. So the presentation of awards will be streamlined (no long emotional acceptance speeches

guys), the fund-raising auction will be replaced with a raffle and we have also, for the first time, live entertainment in the form of The Gatsby Band.

(Search "Gatsby Band" on YouTube for a taste of the treat we are in for).

Tickets are very reasonably priced at £45 per person and are available through the SRCC website. <https://sports2000.co.uk> We have access to a number of specially discounted rooms at the Radisson Blu Hotel but these are going fast so book soon to avoid disappointment.



*Equipe Rosbif on the podium*



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