



Even better than last year!

It was always going to be a challenge for 2022 to be a better racing season than 2021 but we reckon that's how it turned out for the SRCC. We had even bigger grid numbers and with the welcome support from Locks4Vans were able to do much more promotion of our activities – notably the very popular live streaming of race meetings.

The Pinto only initiative exceeded our wildest expectations over the initial four races. This has encouraged us to extend separate grids to eight races in 2023 – with this all being underpinned by the fantastic, continuing support of Apsley House. At the time of writing we don't yet have specific sponsorship for the Duratec series. This will go ahead whatever but the non-track aspects of meetings (such as live streaming, Podcasts etc) will have to be curtailed if we cannot bring in some extra funds. If anyone can provide introductions to any potential sponsors then please

contact Roger or Clive Steeper who is doing great work for the Club on the commercial front.

We are hoping we won't have to raise 2023 race entry fees but we have yet to be notified by MSVR whether their track hire will be going up. With so many cost pressures around we will not be too surprised if additional costs are necessary but, members should be assured, these will be kept to a minimum.

During the season we introduced six data-logging devices that were randomly assigned to cars generally at the front of both grids. The data gathered is still being analysed and we hope to give an overview of the findings at the AGM. However the introduction of the devices has reduced the grumbles and cheating accusations reported to the Directors. Whether this is because of the deterrent effect of their introduction, or is due to something else, only time will tell.

At the Drivers meeting held during the final Brands Hatch event we reported that Yokohama are likely to cease manufacturing our current tyres within the next couple of years. We have been able to place an order with Yokohama for 2023 – but with a significant price rise for front tyres – and are actively reviewing options for 2024 and beyond. We will provide a full update at the AGM.

We look forward to seeing you at the Radisson in January but in the meantime, seasonal good wishes and many thanks for supporting the SRCC in 2022.

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Mike and Nick*

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Directors

Final Championship positions

To see all of the Championship tables click: <https://sports2000.co.uk/events/2021-event-results/>



Duratec Overall

P	Driver	Car
1	Joshua LAW	MCR S2n
2	Michael GIBBINS	MCR S2
3	Richard JOHNSON	MCR S2
4	James/Tony BARWELL	MCR S2
5	Tom STOTEN	Gunn TS11
6	Timothy TUDOR	MCR S2n
7	David HOUGHTON	MCR S2n
8	Paul TRAYHURN	Gunn TS11
9	Colin PEACH	Van Diemen RFS02
10	Peter BROUWER	Lola Fox 88/90

Duratec A Class

P	Driver	Car
1	Joshua LAW	MCR S2n
2	Michael GIBBINS	MCR S2
3	Richard JOHNSON	MCR S2
4	James/Tony BARWELL	MCR S2
5	Timothy TUDOR	MCR S2n
6	Tom STOTEN	Gunn TS11
7	David HOUGHTON	MCR S2n
8	Nick BATES	MCR S2
9	Steve OUGH	MCR S2
10	Ashley LAW	MCR S2

Duratec B Class

P	Driver	Car
1	Peter BROUWER	Lola Fox 88/90
2	Colin PEACH	Van Diemen RFS02
3	Grant GIBSON	Van Diemen RF94
4	John OWEN	MCRS2
5	Joshua NEEDHAM	Van Diemen RF02p

Duratec Derek Bell Class

P	Driver	Car
1	Mike TURNER	MCR S2
2	Paul TRAYHURN	Gunn TS11
3	Roger DONNAN	MCR S2n
4	Peter WILLIAMS	MCR S2

Historic Class A

P	Driver	Car
1	Paul STREAT	Lola T87/90
2	Nick HYETT	Lola T88/90
3	Peter NEEDHAM	Van Diemen RFSC02
4	Tim JACOBSEN	Shrike
5	Richard COOKE	Lola T87/90

Historic Class B

P	Driver	Car
1	David MUSE	Shrike P15
2	Rob HALL	Shrike P15
3	Agi EUGENIO	Royale RP37

Historic Class C

P	Driver	Car
1	Jon HARMER / Marc NOARO	Tiga SC80
2	Charlie HYETT	Tiga SC83
3	Chris SNOWDON	Tiga SC81
4	Trevor WELSH	Lola T492
5	Nicholas JOHNSON	Lola 592S
6	Mike FRY	Tiga SC79
7	Clive STEEPER	Tiga SC80
8	Nick BAILEY	Royale S2000M
9	Mike DODD	Tiga SC79
10	Paul TICKNER	March 81S

Driver of the Day awards

Donington Park	Tim JACOBSEN (Historic Award) Richard JOHNSON (Duratec Award)
Silverstone	Josh LAW (Duratec Award) Charlie HYETT (Historic Award)
Brands Hatch GP	Peter BROUWER
Snetterton	Paul TRAYHURN
Thruxton	Nick HYETT
Oulton Park	Roger DONNAN
Brands Hatch Indy	Michael GIBBINS



Historic Overall

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1	Jon HARMER/Marc NOARO	Tiga SC80
2	Paul Streat	Lola T87/90
3	Nick HYETT	Lola T88/90
4	Peter NEEDHAM	Van Diemen RFSC02
5	Charlie HYETT	Tiga SC83
6	Nicholas JOHNSON	Lola 592S
7	Trevor WELSH	Lola T492
8	Chris SNOWDON	Tiga SC81
9	Tim JACOBSEN	Shrike P16
10	Mike FRY	Tiga SC79

2023 calendar

15-16 April	SILVERSTONE NATIONAL	Double Header Separate grids
13-14 May	BRANDS HATCH GP	Double Header Combined grid
10-11 June	CASTLE COMBE	Double Header Separate grids
15-16 July	DONINGTON PARK NATIONAL	Double Header Separate grids
19 August	OULTON PARK INTERNATIONAL	Enduro Combined grid
16-17 September	DONINGTON PARK GP	Double Header Separate grids
6/7/8 Oct	DIJON-PRENOIS	Triple Header Combined grid

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.

We're also pleased to have concluded matters earlier than anyone can previously remember. 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.

Pinto only racing initiative

The Club was delighted with the response it had from drivers to last season's four Pinto only races providing separate grids for the Duratec and Historic Championships. We are keen to build on this success and are able to do so in 2023 thanks again to the generosity of Ross Hyett and sponsorship from Apsley House. Consequently in 2023 the Pinto only mini-series will take place over 8 races at the Silverstone, Castle Combe and the two Donington Park meetings.

We think/hope we are in touch with all potential competitors but please spread the word to any current, former or hibernating Pinto cars and drivers!

For those planning major changes to their cars...

Some members will be aware of an issue that arose in the latter part of the season over a radical re-design of one of the Duratec cars. This led to hurried deliberations and arguments that we'd prefer to avoid in future. So, we'd strongly urge anyone who has significant changes to their car in mind over the winter to have an initial

conversation with a member of the Technical Committee (via Roger) or with the Series Scrutineer. Either will provide advice on a wholly confidential basis.

We are keen to promote innovation and optimising of chassis and engine performance, but this must be within the Club's Technical Regulations that govern Sports 2000 racing and underpin its enduring success.



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Sponsorship matters

Locks4Vans will no longer be the overall Championship sponsor in 2023 but we hope to be able to continue their relationship with SRCC into the future.

As mentioned in the Director's column we are looking for sponsorship for the Duratec series.

Thanks to the sterling efforts of Clive Steeper, Raceparts and Lifeline have agreed to continue with the discount deals for Club members. (For details see the website).



Overseas race

The SRCC overseas races were a highlight of the calendar for many years until the onset of the Brexit-related complications of taking cars to Europe and then the difficulties caused by Covid. Hence it is with real pleasure that we were able to announce the resumption of our travels with an outing to the legendary Dijon-Prenois circuit over the weekend of 6-8 October 2023.

Our grid will be shared with the Dutch YTCC Club who now have a Prototype only section. In addition to a 25 minute qualifying session there will be three 30 minute races. Entry fee will be circa £750 per car but this will be reduced if we are able to field more than 20 cars.

24-hour adventures

By the time you read this Newsletter seven SRCC drivers will have competed in the second most famous French 24 hour race – Les 2 Tours d'Horloge – at the Paul Ricard circuit over the weekend of 4-6 November.

They were again racing under the "Equipe Rosbi" banner but this year have a two car entry. In the first are Charlie, Nick and Ross Hyett. In the second are Chris Snowdon, David Houghton, Josh Law and Mike Fry. Both cars are Tiga SC83s – one being the car that Charlie has been racing this season and the other has been imported by Chris from the USA specifically for the race.



The presentation of entrants at the 24 hr – Les 2 Tours d'Horloge. Results to follow!



Annual General Meeting

All members will receive formal email notification of the Club AGM in November this is to be held on:

21st January 3pm at the Radisson Blu Hotel close to Donington Park.

An agenda will be issued to members two weeks beforehand.

Any proposals from members for discussion/adoption at the AGM need to be formally sent to the Club secretary no later than 21 days before the AGM.

The only rule changes that the Club will be proposing will be:

- Clarification of the current technical regulations concerning Duratec floors
- Extending the potential length of bans for drivers excluded by the Club (currently a maximum of 12 months)

We hope to give an update on tyre options for 2024 and beyond, and also provide feedback on the data gathered during the 2022 season from the data-logging units deployed by the SRCC.

And finally...

A big thank you and a pictorial tribute to The Pink Ladies who have kept us fed so well this season and have brought a welcome splash of colour to the Sports 2000 paddock.



Awards evening

The Club awards and dinner will be held on the evening of 21st 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!

Following the success of the format trialled last year, we are planning on a similar streamlined presentation of awards and other formalities. The fund-raising auction will again be replaced with a raffle before our live party band strut their stuff. If you didn't attend last year then you're in for a treat with The Gatsby Band.

Tickets are very reasonably priced at £55 per person and are available through the SRCC website. 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 and certainly before 7th December when the discount arrangement ends.