



# How sports 2000 has bucked the National Trend

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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 a good one for the SRCC.

We ended up with two very worthy overall champions.

In Duratecs Michael Gibbins was the man to beat from the very first race. His outright pace now being complemented by consistent finishes meant that Team Gibbins was a mightily impressive outfit that will take some beating in 2025. However former champion, Josh Law, went especially well in the latter stages of the season and was either snapping at Michael's exhaust pipes or beating him. Consequently, we can look forward to highly competitive Duratec racing when battle recommences in April.

The Historic grid was slightly depleted in numbers but very competitive at the pointy end of the grid. Will Schryver was in his first full season of Sports 2000 racing after a glittering career with the HSCC and elsewhere. His beautifully turned-out Royale proved to be the class of the field despite a season-ending problem at Donington in the penultimate meeting. We already know that Gavin Wills, who was a double winner at last year's Silverstone National meeting, will be doing a full season with us in 2025. He will take some beating, together with competition from Nik Johnson in his beautiful Lola and 2023 joint champion, Jon Harmer who is also already committed to the SRCC for next season. Consequently, whilst Will can rest on his laurels for the next few months he can expect some very close competition from the start of the 2025 season.

Below you will see a summary of the highly constructive Drivers Meeting held at Snetterton. This has

given us plenty to think about as well as a much-appreciated vote of confidence in how the Club is being run. Thank you.

Finally, many of you will already have seen the very welcome coverage the SRCC recently received in Motorsport News. The two page article captured many of the features we are most proud of in Sports 2000 racing and has already drawn admiring comment from other clubs and also the CEO of Motorsport UK, Hugh Chambers. This is very gratifying to us but we also hope will help us to further promote our Championships within the motor racing fraternity.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at the AGM, then at the awards evening on 25th January. In the meantime, seasonal good wishes and many thanks for supporting the SRCC in 2024.

*Roger, Mike,  
Nick and Colin*

# Final Championship positions

## Duratec Class Results



### Duratec Overall

	Pts	Driver	Car
1	153	Michael Gibbins	MCR S2n
2	122	Joshua Law	MCR S2
3	97	Tim Tudor / Patrick Sherrington	MCR S2
4	82	Colin Peach	Van Diemen RFS02
5	73	Roger Donnan	MCRS2n
6	65	Ashley Law	MCR S2n
7	58	Peter Williams	MCR S2n
8	45	Ben Cater	MCRS2n
9	45	Steve Ough	MCRS2n
10	43	John Iley	MCRS2n



### Duratec A Class

	Pts	Driver	Car
1	155	Michael Gibbins	MCRS2n
2	123	Joshua Law	MCRS2n
3	103	Tim Tudor / Patrick Sherrington	MCRS2n
4	87	Ashley Law	MCRS2n
5	73	James Barwell / Tony Barwell	MCRS2n

### Duratec B Class

	Pts	Driver	Car
1	148	Colin Peach	Van Diemen RFS02
2	126	John Owen	MCRS2
3	75	Grant Gibson	Van Diemen RF94
4	72	Josh Needham	Van Diemen RF02
5	46	Richard Cooke	Carbir CS2



### Duratec Derek Bell Class

	Pts	Driver	Car
1	152	Roger Donnan	MCR S2n
2	124	Peter Williams	MCR S2
3	79	Mike Turner	MCR S2n
4	77	Rollo Tomasi	Van Diemen
5	69	Steve Ough	MCRS2n



## Historic Class Results

To see all of the Championship tables click:  
[sports2000.co.uk/events/2021-event-results/](https://sports2000.co.uk/events/2021-event-results/)



### Historic A Class

	Pts	Driver	Car
1	64	Nik Johnson	Lola 88/90
2	23	Peter Needham	Van Diemen
3	2	Andy Chittenden	Tiga SC 87

### Historic B Class

	Pts	Driver	Car
1	144	William Schryver	Royale RP37
2	60	David Muse	Shrike P15
3	4	John Deane-Bowers	Tiga SC 85

### Historic C Class

	Pts	Driver	Car
1	151	Mike Fry	Tiga SC 79
2	84	Simon Aldworth	Lola T492
3	77	Marc Noaro / Jon Harmer	Tiga SC 80
4	76	Clive Steeper	Tiga SC 80
5	57	Mike Dodd	Tiga SC 79

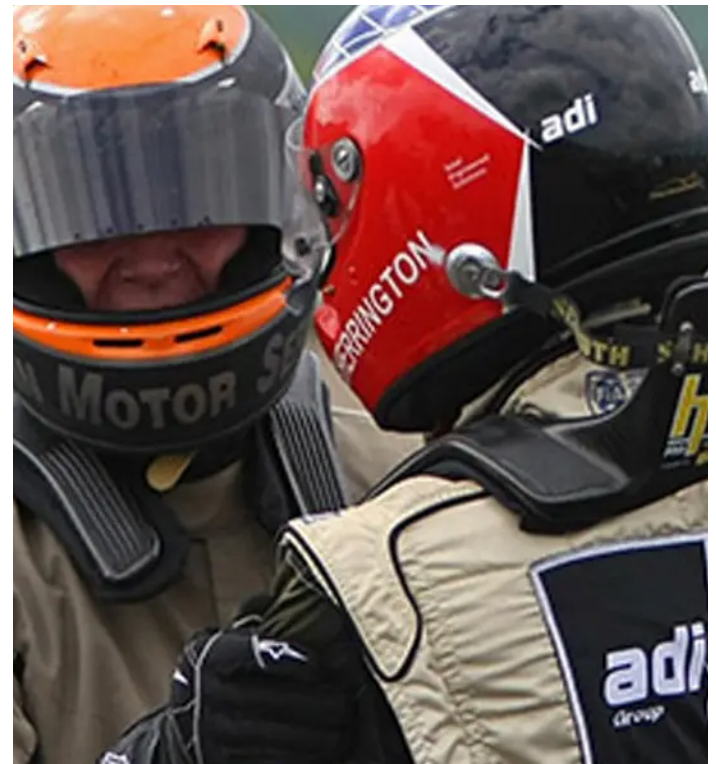
### Historic Overall

	Pts	Driver	Car
1	132	William Schryver	Royale RP37
2	122	Mike Fry	Tiga SC79
3	69	Simon Aldworth	Lola T492
4	68	Marc Noaro / Jon Harmer	Tiga SC80
5	61	Clive Steeper	Tiga SC80
6	59	Nik Johnson	Lola 88/90
7	47	Mike Dodd	Tiga 79
8	31	David Muse	Shrike P15
9	26	Nick Bailey	Royale 2000M
10	20	Chris Snowdon	Tiga SC82



## Driver of the Day Award

SILVERSTONE NATIONAL	Colin Peach
CASTLE COMBE	University of Wales Trinity St David Team
BRANDS HATCH GP	Jon Harmer
ZANDVOORT	Michel Gibbins
OULTON PARK INTERNATIONAL	Tim Tudor
DONINGTON PARK GP	Nik Johnson
SNETTERTON	Roger Donnan



# 2025 calendar

We are pleased to announce another race schedule involving circuits that most other championships can only dream of attending:

19/20 APRIL	SILVERSTONE NATIONAL	Double Header	Rounds 1 & 2
17/18 MAY	BRANDS HATCH GP	Double Header	Rounds 3 & 4
7/8 JUNE	SILVERSTONE GP	Double Header	Rounds 5 & 6
11/12/13 JULY	ZOLDER	Triple Header	Non-championship
16 AUGUST	OULTON PARK	50 minute with pit stop	Round 7
20/21 SEPTEMBER	DONINGTON PARK GP	Double Header	Rounds 8 & 9
11/12 OCTOBER	SNETTERTON	Triple Header	Rounds 10, 11 & 12



## Driver's meeting

On the Saturday afternoon of the Snetterton race weekend the Club Directors and committee had an open meeting with drivers and team members. As in previous years the purpose being to review the season's racing and to discuss issues of interest and concern.

The following is a summary of the key points discussed:

### Calendar for 2025

Roger provided a preview of the circuits and dates he hoped to secure for 2025. This was greeted with general approval by competitors. In order to dissuade drivers from not entering at the end of the season it is planned to make the final event in 2025 a triple header.

The format of SRCC events was discussed. It was generally agreed that 2024 had seen too many single day events and there was

a general preference for double header events to be held over two days when possible.

### Entries and finances from the 2024 season

The Club had anticipated 30 cars per race and had planned on this for a financial breakeven across the year. In practice grids averaged 28 with disappointing turnouts at Castle Combe, Snetterton and, to a lesser extent, Oulton Park.

The grids for Brands Hatch and Donington were 30+.

The consequence for the Club is a loss of almost £5000 that will have to be funded from reserves.

Tim Tudor and the UWTSD volunteered to step up social media coverage of the SRCC and its races in an attempt to raise the profile and increase grid sizes.

There was discussion over ways in which to increase entries together with likely entry fees for the future recognising the increased costs of circuit hire already indicated by MSV and BRDC.

Roger invited views over SRCC visits to less expensive circuits but the resulting debate failed to generate anything approaching a consensus.

## Data logging

This was continuing with use of the V-Box loggers and scrutiny of results by Paul Streat (for Duratecs) and John Iley (for Historics). No signs of illegality had been found .... Just some alarmingly talented driving at the front of both grids!

## Race starts

There was discussion over the arrangement for Pintos to have a separate start approximately 10 seconds after the Duratecs. Whilst not universally liked, on balance there was a general view that this was a safer format as opposed to a fully mixed grid.

## WhatsApp Event group

In order to limit traffic on this group it was agreed to limit those who are able to post.



## Trophies

There was a wide-ranging discussion on the type, number and arrangements for race trophies. Suggestions were made by competitors with various useful ideas drawn from other clubs and series. These will be considered by the Directors.

## Live-streaming

Roger explained that live streams cost around £900 per event and are only financially feasible when grids exceed breakeven numbers, as for example this year at the Silverstone National races. The Club will adopt a similar approach in 2025 unless individual sponsorship offers are received.

## Sponsorship generally

A vote of thanks was agreed for David Gorst who had generously supported the Club through his business "BS Burner Services".

Clive Steeper has been working energetically in the hope of identifying further sponsorship for 2025; so far without success. All members were asked to rack their brains and contact lists for anyone or any business that might be persuadable to support the SRCC. Clive Steeper has volunteered to follow up any such leads.

## Scrutineering

Various comments were aired mainly linked to the absence of a regular scrutineer for the SRCC Championships. Roger was pleased to announce that such a scrutineer has been identified for the 2025 season – Peter French, who was in attendance at the Snetterton meeting to get a feel for the cars and drivers.

## Safety Car interventions

There was general agreement and frustration over the number of safety cars seen across the season. After discussion it was felt that there were no common

denominators responsible for recent SRCC events requiring safety cars. Seemingly this is mirrored across national racing and is thought to be linked to a general shortage of trackside marshals and a reluctance by Clerks of the Course to sanction "live recoveries" during races on safety grounds.

## Annual General Meeting

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

**25nd January 3pm at the Radisson Blu Hotel close to Donington Park.**

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

## Parish News

Congratulations to Nick and Anca Hyett on the arrival of Oscar – a brother for Olive and a grandson for Ross.

Congratulations also to James Sherrington (son of Patrick) who recently had a victory at Brands Hatch in his first ever car race – in the Junior Saloon Car Championship. Remember the name and watch this space.



## In conclusion

Roger thanked Team Law for the use of their awning for prize givings and hospitality, The Pink Ladies for their excellent catering, Kevin Gibson for his much valued photography and Jack Purnell for the important social media coverage.

Those present gave a round of applause to Roger for his work for the Club and there was general agreement that the meeting had been worthwhile and conducted in a positive, comradely spirit.



## Awards evening

The Club awards and dinner will be held on the evening of 25th 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 motorsport calendar!

This year we will again have live entertainment from "Madison Avenue UK" and as with the previous few years the formalities will be kept to a minimum.

- Dress code: Black tie
- Tickets cost £65 per person and include a pre-dinner drink, a four-course evening meal, raffle and awards presentation.
- To book your rooms call the Sales team on 01509 670575 or alternatively you can book online.