



SPORTING TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIP 2012



Ian Bell / Russell Sharpe (Hamilton)
Stone Trough Trial
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2012 BTRDA® SPORTING TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIP

Sporting Regulations General

1.1 Title and Jurisdiction

The Championship is organised and administered by the BTRDA® Ltd., in accordance with the General Championship Prescriptions of the MSA and these Championship Regulations. The Championship is subject to the General BTRDA® Championship Rules.

1.2 Officials

1.2.1 Championship Secretary and Scorer: Jonathan Gibbs, 82 Oliver St., Rugby, CV21 2LE.

1.2.2 Eligibility Scrutineer: Josh Veale, Dave Oliver and/or Richard Robarts

1.2.3 Championship Stewards: See BTRDA® General Championship Rules.

1.3 Competitor Eligibility

1.3.1 Drivers must be registered in the Championship and be in possession of a valid MSA Competition Licence, minimum Clubman's.

1.3.2 Registration will be by the issue of a membership card which certifies entry, bears a registration number and date of receipt of the entry form and registration fee by the officials. It must be signed until which, points cannot be claimed.

1.4 Registration

1.4.1 Registration is by completing the form attached to these regulations which must be sent, with the appropriate membership and championship registration fees to: Mrs. Liz Cox, 19a Oxford St., Lambourn, Berks RG17 8XS.

1.4.2 The Championship registration does not guarantee an entry to qualifying events and the BTRDA® cannot enter into any correspondence or discussion on the matter of event entries.

1.5 Championship Calendar

1.5.1 The Calendar of Events qualifying for the Championship will follow the calendar year.

1.5.2 A provisional list of qualifying events forms part of this leaflet. Any changes will be published in *The Clear Round*, BTRDA NEWS and/or www.BTRDA.com.

1.6 Championship Classes

1.6.1 In each Championship event there will be 3 classes, Red, Blue and Green as defined below, drivers will be classified before the first event of the year based on their average score on last year's championship events. Drivers will remain in the same class for the whole of the Championship year, unless re-classified by the committee.

Red Class will consist of drivers whose average BTRDA Championship trial event score (as defined in 1.7) is greater than twenty.

Blue Class will consist of drivers whose average is between ten and twenty.

Green Class will consist of competitors not qualified in either the Red or Blue classes as defined above.

Drivers may appeal to the Committee, who retain the right to re-classify any driver at any point during the championship year. A Driver can only automatically move up or down one class between years and can only be reclassified having competed in a minimum of three trials, else they remain in the same class.

1.7 Championship Scoring

1.7.1 In each Championship event 30 marks will be awarded to the winner, 29 to second, and 28 to third and so on in General Classification.

1.7.2 Final marks will be taken from each competitors best 12 performances.

1.7.3 Ties will be decided in favour of the competitor with the greatest number of highest scores.

1.8 Championship Final

1.8.1 At the conclusion of each Championship Year the BTRDA® will arrange a Championship Final ('Experts Trial') at a venue and on a date to be announced.

1.8.2 This Championship Final will be held under the GCR's and SSR's and such Regulations and instructions as may be required.

1.8.3 Invitations to take part in this event will be sent to all competitors who qualify but on accepting they will be required to pay an event entry fee.

1.8.4 Qualification for the Championship Final is as follows:-

a) Gold Star® Category – The first 25 in order of merit in 1.7 above and the first three qualifying members in Class A of the Northern Ireland Trials Championship. Should a qualifying competitor be unable to take part in the Gold Star® Category then the place may be offered to the leading Silver Star® qualifier in qualifying order.

b) Silver Star® Category – The second 25 in order of merit in 1.7 above and the first two qualifying members in Class B of the Northern Ireland Trials Championship.

c) Red Class Drivers are not eligible for the Silver Star® Category.

1.8.5 Should a qualifying competitor be unable to take part in the Championship Final then the place may be offered to a reserve in qualifying order or to any other invited member.

1.8.6 The Championship Final is only open to BTRDA® members and registered entrants in the BTRDA® Sporting Trials Championship during the qualifying year.

1.8.7 A competitor in the Gold & Silver Star® Categories must start in a minimum of four trials to be eligible for qualifying for the Championship Final. Though if a championship registrant officiates (Clerk of Course / Secretary / Steward) at a

trial in the championship calendar this may count as one start, scoring 25 championship points. This start is to be claimed by the championship registrant with the championship secretary.

1.9 Championship Final Awards

1.9.1 Open to all Qualifying Competitors in the Championship Final.

- a) Champion – The Gold Star® and an award
- b) Winner's Passenger – Bouncers Cushion and an award.

1.9.2 **Gold Star® Category Awards** - Open only to those who qualify in the Gold Star® Category.

- a) Runner Up - The Fack Brothers Trophy and an award
- b) Third - Lol Hurt Memorial Trophy and an award

1.9.3 **Silver Star® Category Awards** - Open only to those qualifying in the Silver Star® Category.

- a) Winner – Norman Overton Trophy and an award
- b) Winner's passenger – An award
- c) Runner-up – Rex Chappell Trophy and an award
- d) Third place – Bernard Dees Trophy and an award

1.9.4 **Additional Championship Final Awards** – open to all qualifying competitors in the Championship Final.

- a) Best Southerner – Ian Mackenzie and an award.
- b) Best Northerner – Cuth Harrison Trophy and an award.
- c) Best Midlander – Lew Tracey Memorial Trophy and an award.
- d) Best Northern Irelander – FE Lawrence Trophy and an award.
- e) Kemp-Lewis Maturity Cup and an award presented to the competitor whose age on 1st Jan of the championship year is deducted from his/her Score at the Championship Final. Lowest net score to win. In the event of a tie the oldest driver will win. Only competitors who declare their age on the BTRDA® Membership form are eligible for this award.
- f) Pat Thornton Trophy and an award to the highest placed competitor not having previously won an award in the Gold Star® Championship.
- g) Peter Highwood Trophy and an award to the highest placed competitor not having previously won an award in the Silver Star® Championship.
- h) Bill Pinkney Memorial Trophy and an award to the highest placed debutant at the Final.
- i) Sidney Allard Trophy and an award to the highest placed competitor driving a car built by themselves

1.9.5 No competitor may take more than one award with the order of precedence as listed, with the exception of the Sidney Allard trophy which can be won by anyone other than the Gold Star Champion. Trophies may be retained for nine months from the date of the official presentation, providing they are collected at that function, or the BTRDA® Luncheon, by the member in person.

2.0 Championship Year Awards

- a) A Crested Spoon – to the Championship entrant finishing highest in general classification in each of the qualifying events.
- b) Best Event Award – a trophy to the Motor Club which in the opinion of the Championship Committee organised the best event qualifying for the Championship.
- c) The Ian Bell Trophy – and an award.

This will be awarded to the competitor who scores the most championship points from the qualifying events as defined in 1.7 excluding 1.7.2.

- d) The Ron Faulkner Challenge Trophy – and an award.

This will be awarded to the highest qualifier in the Blue Class.

- e) The Colin Taylor 'Rookie of the Year' Award.

This will be awarded to the highest qualifier in the Green Class.

- f) The David Render Bouncer's Trophy – and an award.

This will be awarded to the 'Bouncer' scoring the most points in Qualifying Events (irrespective of driver), and to rule 1.7.2. Scoring is based upon upon drivers class position. 10points for a win, 9 for 2nd and so on down to one for starting. If a 'Bouncer' officiates (as defined in 1.8.7) on a championship round they may claim 5 Render points for doing so. Points must be CLAIMED within 3 weeks of the event with the Render scorer as defined in *The Clear Round*. Minimal BTRDA® Membership is required.

- g) The Mike Harrison Memorial Trophy – and an award.

This will be awarded to a non-competitor at the discretion of the Sporting Trials Committee.

3.0 General Rules

3.0.1 There is a 3 second allowance for the competitor to regain forward motion, with no rearward motion. Marshal to count "and 1 and 2 and 3". With one exception, should a competitor stall an engine in a section this counts as a stop with no time allowance. The exception is 'should the engine stall occur downhill and the car continues forward motion while the competitor restarts the engine' there is no penalty.

3.0.2 The only permitted tyres to be used in any championship event are the Firestone F560, Vredestein sprint+, Vredestein T-Trac and/or Toyo 330 or any other permitted by the committee.

3.0.3 Passengers are permitted to compete in a maximum of two vehicles as long as both vehicles are running within three cars of each other.

It is recommended that all competing cars carry an appropriate fire extinguisher

CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISING CLUB	AREA	CONTACT
29-01	B.T.R.D.A. LUNCHEON	B.T.R.D.A.	West Midlands	01676 532337
05-02	GEOFF TAYLOR **	HAGLEY & DISTRICT	Worcestershire	01902 896699
12-02	JIGGERS JUG	N.P.T.C.C.	Cumbria	01228 561308
19-02	LOUGHBOROUGH	LOUGHBOROUGH	Nottinghamshire	0116 2364022
26-02	POLLARD	PETERBOROUGH	Leicestershire	01733 252886
04-03	WALSINGHAM	750 M.C.	Hampshire	01342 84 2539
11-03	PETER BLANKSTONE	M.A.C	Shelsley Walsh	01886 812211
24-03	BTRDA 2011 GOLD STAR FINAL	SOUTHSEA MC	Hampshire	01788 542694
01-04	RAYMOND BAXTER	N.P.T.C.C.	Cumbria	01228 561308
15-04	J.B. TAYLOR **	www.sportingtrials.com	Gloucestershire	01732 359235
22-04	DERBYSHIRE	LANCS & CHESHIRE	Derbyshire	0161 973 5633
29-04	JACOBAN	LONDON C.C.	Oxfordshire	0207 2630741
13-05	FOUR TURNINGS	CAMEL VALE	Cornwall	07814 014233
-----SUMMER BREAK-----				
09-09	ROBIN JAGER	N.P.T.C.C.	Cumbria	01228 561308
15-09	ROBIN ALEXANDER	CAMEL VALE	Cornwall	01566 784348
16-09	DAVID AYERS	LAUNCESTON	Cornwall	01566 784348
30-09	WARCO	PETERBOROUGH	Northants	01733 252886
07-10	JOHN SOUTHERN	N.P.T.C.C	Cumbria	01228 561308
14-10	PETE FEAR PINFORD	ROSS & DISTRICT	Herefordshire	01989 780469
21-10	MERCIAN	COVENTRY & WARKS	Oxfordshire	01676 532337
28-10	STONE TROUGH **	YORKSHIRE SPORTS	Yorkshire	01274 487998
04-11	NOVEMBER SPORTING **	www.sportingtrials.com	Kent	01732 359235
11-11	ROY FEDDEN	BRISTOL	Somerset	01454 238333
25-11	JOHNSON	PETERBOROUGH	Nottinghamshire	01733 252886
02-12	GLOUCESTER	LONDON C.C.	Gloucestershire	0207 2630741

** - new sites probable in use in 2012

Any changes will be notified by BTRDA News, Clear Round and/or www.btrda.com

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