**Skibbereen & District Car Club Newsletter – February 2015**

Welcome to the first Newsletter of Skibbereen & District Car Club 2015. A Newsletter will hopefully be made on a monthly basis, depending on what all Skibbereen & District Car Club members think of it. This Newsletter will hopefully give our club events more promotion and share information provided to us of our club members participation’s in various events in the country. Please feel free to send any info/results/photos/etc. to [info@skibbdcc.com](mailto:info@skibbdcc.com).

Skibbdcc 100 Isles Navigation Trial – Jan 31st/Feb 1st:

Skibbdcc first event of 2015 was the 100 Isles Navigation Trial. COC for the event was Eric McCarthy who set out a very compact 80 mile route ran out of Lissavard Community Hall. A healthy entry of 27 crews did the event. It was very promising for the sport to see 8 beginner crews doing the event (5 of these crews took part in the clubs night navigation classes last autumn). Club member’s Gerard O’Connell/Denis O’Donovan (Subaru Impreza) were the overall winners of the event on a total of 16 penalties. Dermot Whelton/Mark McCarthy (Subaru Impreza) were 3rd O/A and 1st semi-expert home. David Beamish (winner of the Carbery & 1000 Shakes navigation trial’s) navigated by Muireann Hayes (Subaru Impreaza) came home 5th O/A. John Buttimer/James Kingston (Opel Vectra) got 2nd in the semi-expert class. Sean Cullinane/Eoghan Mc Carthy (Subaru Impreza) were 3rd in the semi-expert class. In the Novice class club members Andrew Whelton/Cyril Maguire (Toyota Avensis) were 2nd in class. Brian O’Mahony/Amy Gallwey (Subaru Impreza) got 3rd in the Novice class. In the Beginners class Andrew Beamish/Lisa O’Dowd (Subaru Impreza) were 1st in class. Luke McCarthy/Breda O’Driscoll (Toyota Corolla) took 3rd in the Beginners class. Other club members to take part in the event included Padraig Deasy/Richard Jennings (Toyota Rav 4), David Kelleher/Kevin Healy (Toyota Carina), Andrew Shorton/Evan Shorton (Nissan Pulsar), Alan Ryan/Julie Collins (Mazda 323) and Brian Duggan/Patrick Murphy (Toyota Starlet). Well done to Eric McCarthy and his hard working team for a well ran navigation trial. Also well done to all club members that took part in the event and who also helped out marshalling.

Galway International Rally – Feb 8th/9th:

The Colm Quinn Galway International Rally was the opening round of the TROA Irish Tarmac Championship. A number of our club members took part in the rally and had some very good results. Aileen Kelly guided Richard Tannahill (Peugeot 208 R2) to a fine 2nd in Class 2. Other club members that competed in the main field of the rally included Ed Twomey/Alistair Wylie (Ford Fiesta), Cal McCarthy/Eamonn Dullea (Honda Civic) and Philip Greenlee/William Lynch (Ford Escort). Vincent McSweeney/Michael Kearney (Honda Civic) had a superb result in getting 1st O/A Junior in a very competitive Junior section of the Rally. Conor McCarthy/Dylan Coffey (Honda Civic) also had a good result in the junior section with a fine 3rd O/A. Other Club members that took part in the junior section were Cathal McCarthy/Alison Levis (Honda Civic), Andy Mahon/Andy Donoghue (Ford Escort) and John O’Sullivan/JJ Cremin (Honda Civic). Well done to all club members who took part.

Midland Navigation Trial – Feb 14th/15th:

Round 6 of the National Navigation Trial Championship and also the final counting round of the Munster Navigation Trial Championship saw a good few of our club members take part. Club member David Beamish who was navigated by Muireann Hayes (Subaru Impreza) came home 7th O/A which was enough to declare the crew O/A winners of the Munster Navigation Trial Championship. Dermot Whelton/Mark McCarthy (Subaru Impreza) finished 2nd in the semi-expert class. Eoghan Mc Carthy navigating for Donegal man Trevor McConnell (Subaru Impreza) finished 3rd in the semi-expert class. Andrew Whelton/Cyril Maguire (Toyota Avensis) also took part in the event which secured the crew 1st O/A 2wd in the Munster Navigation Trial Championship. Well done to the club members in taking part.

Skibbdcc Autocross – Feb 15th:

New COC Fergus Harrington ran this event in Keohane’s Pit which was a new venue for the club. A strong entry of 30 did the event. James Lucey (Subaru Special) was the overall winner of the event. Club members that took part in the event included Gerard O’Connell (Toyota Celica), Robert Beamish (Opel Corsa), Ed Twomey (Suzuki Swift/Subaru Impreza), Johnathan Twomey (Suzuki Swift/Opel Corsa), Mike Casey (Peugeot 205)and Brian O’Mahony (Special). Every Competitor really seemed to enjoy the track and for such a wet day the track held together very well. Well done to all club members in taking part and to all the marshals who stood out in the rain all day. Also well done to Fergus Harrington and his hard working team on running a super event.

Abbeyleix Stages Rally 2015 – Feb 22nd:

Birr & District Motor Club’s Abbleyleix Manor Hotel Stages Rally saw the start of the new Triton Showers & Accessories National Rally Championship. The Fastnet Rally will be the final round of this newly sponsored championship at the end of October. A good number of club members took part in the Abbeyleix Stages Rally. Aileen Kelly guided Richard Tannahill (Peugot 208 R2) to 1st in class 2. Alison Levis/Sinead O’Donovan (Honda Civic) received the best ladies crew award. Other club members who competed in the main field were David Guest/Paddy Robinson (Mitsubishi Evo 9), Tommy Doyle/Eamon Hayes (Ford Escort) and Niall O’Sullivan/Sean O’Crowley (Citroen C2). In the Junior category club members Vincent Mc Sweeney/Michael Kearney (Honda Civic) came home 1st O/A in a very strong Junior entry. This was the crew’s second 1st O/A junior rally win in the year having already securing 1st O/A in the Junior category in the Galway International Rally a few weeks previous. Club members Pauric Deasy/Edel McCarthy (Honda Civic) also competed in the Junior section. Well done to all club members that took part.

Cavan Navigation Trial – Feb 28th:

Round 7 of the National Navigation Trial Championship saw our very own club members Dermot Whelton/Mark McCarthy (Subaru Impreza) getting an outright win on this event. Two crews finished on a total of 12 penalties but Dermot and Mark emerged victorious on the furthest cleanest rule. Eoghan Mc Carthy also guided Donegal man Joe Friel (Subaru Impreza) to 2nd in the semi-expert class. Well done to all.

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