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**Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship in association with The Cobble Shop**  
**Event Report Round 2 DCC Stages, Royal Highland Centre 30.3.2019**

The second round of the 2019 STRC was oversubscribed but all crews managed to get a run with the ok from the rest of the teams, the setup lads had the venue set up like a well-oiled machine and by Friday teatime all was complete as was signing on.

The Royal Highland Centre at Ingliston near Edinburgh was the venue and yet again the landowners have made the place look stunning. weather was kind and with the exception of a shower of rain going into stage 5 it was a dry day.

With 76 starters, 42 drivers of which were registered for the STRC and another 13 newly registered competitors we would like to welcome Billy Hamilton/Donald Durrand/Richard Sutherland/Greg Turner/Greg Inglis/Alistair Inglis/Joe Pringle/Darren Robertson/Allan Wallace/Gary Coutts/John McCrone/Lewis Brown and last but not least Mark Casey, brings a total registered STRC Crews to just over 90, this is absolutely fantastic and thank you all for your continual support..



1<sup>st</sup> car off the line at 09.00 was Car 1 and last year's winner of the event Gordon Morrison in the Subaru, closely followed by John Marshall and Andrew Kirkaldy.



It was foot to the floor all day for Morrison with John Marshall and Andrew Kirkaldy swapping seconds all day, Inglis was on the pace as well and was really only out to test the new engine but when it was proved it was working well and decided he was in with a shout of a top position. Marshall received a disqualification for taking the wrong split and reversing on the stage leaving the battle between Morrison/Inglis and Kirkaldy, it was worrying times for non-registered STRC Morrison who thought the car was suffering fuel starvation, and indeed it was they didn't put enough in!!! Luckily no harm was done and Morrison took the

win with Inglis 2 seconds behind and Kirkaldy a further 6 behind, a storming drive from all 3 and hope to see the battles commence throughout the season.

**Class 5** was very well supported with 7 in the class on this year's event and saw newly registered Allan Wallace take full points in the Evo with 1<sup>st</sup> in class and 14<sup>th</sup> Overall, 2<sup>nd</sup> in class 5 and 17<sup>th</sup> overall was southerner and first time visitor to Ingliston Nick Stamper in the Subaru, with a good run and no real issues some decent points were bagged. 3<sup>rd</sup> in class 5 and 21<sup>st</sup> overall was Martin Watterston in the Subaru.

**Class 4** was missing regular STRC competitors and STRC sponsor Tom Blackwood, Tom suffered electrical issues with the car before the start so decided it wasn't worth risking so put the car back on the trailer.

Alistair Inglis took 1<sup>st</sup> in class as well as 2<sup>nd</sup> Overall , 2<sup>nd</sup> in class was Andrew Kirkaldy taking 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class 4 was Colin Gemmel and Cobble Shop Manager Derek Keir in the Mark 2 escort taking 5<sup>th</sup> overall.

**Class 3**, saw 15 crews take on the challenging tight and twisty stages and Richard Sutherland in the Opel Manta clinched top spot and finished well within the top 10, 2<sup>nd</sup> in class 3 was Greg Inglis in the Lotus Exige, looking like Greg has now got to grips with the pocket rocket its certainly showing in the results and with a 9<sup>th</sup> overall Dad better watch his mirrors this year.

**Class 2**, Des Campbell has not been at Ingliston since 2007 and wasn't looking forward to it but he could have fooled us as Des threw the 206 about like he's never been away and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in class and 12<sup>th</sup> Overall, class winner was Stephen Thompson in the Mark 2 Escort stopping the clocks 8 seconds ahead of Campbell and finishing 11<sup>th</sup> Overall. 3<sup>rd</sup> in class 2 was Kyle Adam with Fiona Moir in the co-driver's seat they had a ball with the car and finished a very respectable 13<sup>th</sup> overall.



**Class 1** saw a welcome return to the championship in the form of Marcus Tinsley in the 205 who took class honours and 23<sup>rd</sup> overall, 2<sup>nd</sup> in class 1 was James Strachan in the 106 finishing in 25<sup>th</sup> overall and a full 1 minute behind Tinsley, 3<sup>rd</sup> in class 1 was Martin Farquhar in the 106.



### **Event Overall and Class winners**

1<sup>st</sup> Overall Gordon Morrison/Calum Macpherson Subaru Impreza 56.15

2<sup>nd</sup> Overall Alistair Inglis/Jane Nicol Lotus Exige 56.17

3<sup>rd</sup> Overall Andrew Kirkaldy/Peter Carstairs Mark 2 Escort 56.23

Class 1 Marcus Tinsley/Cameron Dunn Peugeot 205 63.31

Class 2 Stephen Thompson/Larry Higton mark 2 Escort 59.33

Class 3 Richard Sutherland/Jack Sutherland Opel manta 58.49

Class 4 Colin Gemmel/Derek Keir Ford Escort 57.54

Class 5 Class 5 Allan Wallace/Darren Robertson Mitsubishi Evo 59.55

STRC leader board as follows, full results from the event and latest championship points will be available soon at [www.dunfermlincarcub.co.uk](http://www.dunfermlincarcub.co.uk)

1<sup>st</sup> Overall Des Campbell 41 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> Overall Colin Gemmell 39 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> Overall Kyle Adam and Michael Robertson both on 36 points  
Thanks to Gavin Brown and Eddie Kelly for the images.

One last thing is to say this event was the first event in the seniors for Andrew Blackwood, unfortunately Andrew rolled the Fiesta but both crew were ok and once the medics and scrutineers checked them over they went back out on the next stage, it was noted in true Blackwood style that Andrew had already selected first gear when the car was in mid-air!!!!!!

The next round of the Cobble shop STRC is the memorial Garden stages at RAF Condor on the 13<sup>th</sup> April just 2 weeks away , entries are low and the risk of this event not running are very real so please if you can give the event the support and pop in an entry as this will be the first year the event has been a counting round of the STRC, please follow and share the link below;

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