

**BARC North Western Centre report for the BARC Magazine 2015/16 Winter edition.**

Where did that season go? It must show how active we have been that it is over so quickly! The racing in our CNC Heads sports/saloon championship is over and our new overall champion is Joe Spencer. It seems like Joe has been battling all season in his class C Locosaki for the lead with Stuart Pearson whose class E Ginetta G20 fits him like a glove. Steven Hibbert, last year's champion, gave Stuart a hard time on occasion in his immaculate class E Lotus Elise but Stuart beat him off in the end to win the class with Steven taking fourth overall. Joe Spencer is shown below in his Stuart Taylor Locosaki at Anglesey.



Garry Watson made all his travelling down from the Scottish Borders worthwhile by often running in the lead of the race and ultimately winning class B comfortably and third overall in his Westfield SEW. Ilsa Cox did a similar thing by travelling from the south coast, her reward being winner of class D and fifth overall. She drives her Seat Leon Cupra

impressively quickly and is often near the front of the grid.

Garry Wardle won class A for the big cars in his very smartly prepared Ginetta G50 and class F was hotly contested by a good number of drivers but Helen Allen came out on top in her Fiesta.

With large grids there were inevitably many entertaining contests throughout the field at every race but I think the class E drivers came out tops for their close battles every time. Thanks to all the drivers, particularly those who rarely get a mention but are always there for upholding the spirit of the championship.

John Leck our championship co-ordinator contributes the following thoughts:

"The Championship had another successful year, its 31st! Peter has listed the various class and overall winners so I thought I would list some of the statistics of the championship.

"Overall there were 92 registrations with a good number being newcomers to the championship, this being slightly down on last year but I don't close the 'books' on this season until next year's regulations are published so there is plenty of time for more newcomers to join us! Of those 92 drivers in the region of 70 actually started at least one race. This is a much better conversion rate than the last few years and something to be proud of.

"Although we had a greater number of starters the average per race was very slightly down on last year's record high at 30.75. This was only the third time the average was over thirty and the third time in four years which just shows how strong the championship remains after all these years. As far as 'starter awards' for completing nine rounds are concerned sixteen drivers will be receiving their awards at the Real Night Out at the end of January.

"We now look forward to 2016 with continuing enthusiasm for the championship, Ric Wood has generously continued his CNC Heads sponsorship for the ninth season for which we are very grateful. The regulations are, as I write, being pulled together with very little change from this season and the calendar of events is being discussed with HQ. I look forward to seeing you at the first meeting next year, probably at Oulton Park in March".

Over the last few months John Leck has been pulling together an updated NW Centre website that conforms to the format of the HQ site. The help of Ben Norton from HQ was invaluable and was much appreciated. The site contains all the good stuff that Simon Allaway has been expertly maintaining on the 'old' NW site (with increasing difficulty as the site grew - thanks to Simon for all his efforts running this site for many years) together with a considerable amount of new content. John hopes that you find the site both informative and interesting and that you point out any errors or omissions! He also has a plea, and as editor of the Centre Reports in the BARC magazine I must totally agree! "It is easy (very easy) to write pieces for the website, or magazine, the hard part (very hard part) is finding the stories to write about! It becomes increasingly difficult to either add interesting content to the website or provide interesting stories for the magazine unless we get new ones. Please, please, please if you or a team

member or fellow marshal has an interesting idea, story, photograph or thought then either contact John or myself (Peter Gorrie) and we will turn it into a published piece.

The new website can be found at [www.barcnorthwestern.co.uk](http://www.barcnorthwestern.co.uk) or through the HQ site at [www.barc.net](http://www.barc.net)

We would be nowhere without the loyal support of the teams of marshals and officials who have served us very well throughout 2015. We thank them all very sincerely and hope to be able to call on them again next season.



Overall Junior Photography winners, chosen by Richard Winter - Left Under 12 winner, Nik Szablinskyj and right Under 16 winner, Olivia Pantry - Congratulations

Our Junior Photo Competition has been run again this year by our Membership Secretary Jeffrey Haworth and the latest winners' photos I hope will accompany this report. Congratulations to them and many thanks to Jeffrey for running the competition for a good number of years. The competition has been sponsored by Richard Winter of Banks Europa Engineering for all these years and we thank him for his generous and loyal support. We need to get more young people involved with the sport and hopefully activities like this sow a seed of interest at a young age.

Peter Gorrie.

*NW Centre Secretary*