

6th May 2008

## SHAUN GALLAGHER

Congratulations to Shaun Gallagher and Paul Kiely on bringing their Citroen C2 home in second place in the Junior World Rally Championship round in Jordan, leaving the Donegal driver holding runner up position in the J-WRC points table after two rounds. Despite gearbox problems on the Motorsport Ireland supported car, they climbed two places on the final day.

**Shaun Gallagher (right), supported by Motorsport Ireland, on his way to second place in the Junior WRC round in Jordan.**



## MAY FIXTURES

2/3/4	Killarney	International Rally of Lakes (TROA)
4	Connacht	Rallysprint
10/11	TDC	International Trophy Autotest
11	Munster KC	Kart Race Meeting (KC)
16/17/18	Cork	West Cork Classic Retrospective
17/18	Carrick-on-Suir	Hillclimb
17/18	Co Kildare	4x4 Production Vehicle Trial
17/18	MEC	Race Meeting
18	Mayo	Autocross (LS)
18	Clare	Autocross (LS)
18	Kerry	Autosolo
23/24/25	Jim Clark Memorial	International Rally (TROA)
24/25	Skibbereen	Autotest
25	Killarney	Autocross (LS)
25	Co Cavan	Stages Rally (SR)
25	Leinster	V+V Run
25	IKC	Kart Race Meeting (KC)
29	Benevolent Fund/Goal	Golf Classic
31	500 MRCI	Race Meeting, Kirkistown

## DOPING CONTROL TEST RESULTS

The following tests for the detection of prohibited substances or alcohol were carried out by the Irish Sports Council:

MEC Race Meeting 1.7.07 - 4 competitors; GSMC Mini Stages Rally 14.10.07 - 4 competitors; Munster MC Cork 20 International Rally 29/30.9.07 - 4 competitors; Galway International Rally 2/3.2.08 - 3 competitors. All competitors tested were found to be clear.

## JUNE FIXTURES

1	Limerick	Circuit of Munster Stages Rally (SR)
1	MRCCI	Midget Car Race
1/2	Carlow	Sprint
7/8	Carrick-on-Suir	Festival of Motorsport (50 Years)
7/8	Clare	Hillclimb (HC)
7/8	RIAC	Pioneer Run
7/8	Carlow	Race Meeting - Mondello
8	Cork	Restricted Mini Stages Rally
8	Wexford	Forestry Rally (FR)
13/14/15	Donegal	International Rally (TROA)
13/14/15	IVVCC	Gordon Bennett V+V Rally
14/15	Imokilly	Autocross (GS)
21/22	SKC	Kart Race Meeting (IRL Plate)
21/22	Tipperary	V+V Run
21/22	Skibbereen	Autocross (GS)
22	Mayo	Autocross (LS)
22	MRCCI	Midget Car Race
22	Northeast	Mini Stages Rally
25	TDC	Autotest
28	500 MRCI	Race Meeting, Kirkistown
29	IMRC	Race Meeting - Mondello
29	Carrick-on-Suir	Raven's Rock Stages Rally (SR)
29	Castle	Hillclimb
29	Kerry	Autosolo
29	Galway	Sprint

## DATE CHANGES

Cork MC West Cork Classic Retrospective 17/18.5.08 now 16/17/18.5.08; Kart Race Meeting (KC) 25.5.08 from TBA to IKC; Leinster Race Meeting (Anglesey) from 6/7.9.08 to 5/6.7.08; IMRC Race Meeting 12.4.08 postponed to 9.8.08 and becomes 500 MRCI/IMRC; Birr Forestry Rally (FR) from 18.5.08 to 5.10.08; Imokilly Hillclimb from 14.9.08 to 12.10.08. Add new event: Midland MC Kart Race Meeting 12.10.08.

## DUNLOP HAWTHORN TROPHY

At the end of April most classes have had at least two counting rounds, with Global Lights having already had four rounds before they take a summer break. Consequently they dominate the leaderboard at this early stage of the season. However do not forget Stryker and Porsche who have had only one round to date, and the battle between Historic, Vee and Sheane which may well last all season. The overall position at end-April is:

Keith Dawson (Global) 133, Peter Drennan (Global) 116, Mark Braden (Global) 112, Michael Conway (Global) 104, Stephen Heary (Global) 95, John Conway (Global) 90, Ben Conway (Global) 81, Derek Behan (Global) 80, Stephen Doyle (Historic) 80, Paul Sammin (Vee) 80, Trevor Duffy (Sheane) 80, Eugene Heary (Global) 74.

The other class leaders are: Liam Denning (Abarth) 73, Dan Daly (Super

Libre) 70, Gary Cunningham (Punto) 63, Warren Johnston (Uno) 63, Derek Cunneely and Patrick McKenna (FF1600) 62, Sylvie Mullins (2 litre Libre) 40, Jim O'Reilly (Porsche) 40, Damian Roddy (Stryker) 40. Following a review by Race Committee the Saloon Challenge class is excluded from the Hawthorn Trophy as it is in only its first year.

## PR WORKSHOP

Date: Monday 26 May at 8 pm.  
Location: Tullamore Court Hotel.  
As a part of Strategic Plan 2, MI has arranged a training workshop for all motor club PROs. This is step 1 of an overall plan to improve media coverage of motorsport in Ireland. Some of the problems that have

been identified are:  
1 Clubs are not proactive in forwarding results to the media;  
2 Results are not always available to meet media publication deadlines;  
3 The quality and format of reports are not 'media friendly'.  
The objective of the workshop is to

provide the training necessary to address such issues and to promote media awareness in general. Please notify [info@motorsportireland.com](mailto:info@motorsportireland.com) of your attendance not later than Thursday May 22.

## KARTING

The Karting Committee has approved the transfer of round 3 of the KF2 Championship from the IKC event on 27.4.08 to the IKC event on 25.5.08.

## LICENCES – MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL GRADE COMPETITION LICENCE HOLDERS AGED 45 YEARS AND OVER

All competitors holding INTERNATIONAL grade competition licences, or who are intending to upgrade to INTERNATIONAL grade, and who will be 45 years of age or over, should please note the following:  
Appendix 1, 6.5.3, ECG: Applications for "International" grade licences from competitors aged 45 years or over must pass a STRESS RELATED ECG test and have their

Doctor complete sections 2(a) and (b) of the "Doctors Certificate". (Do not send Trace). This test must be completed within one month of the application. This ECG will be valid for the year in which the test was passed plus two calendar years. The reason we are bringing this to your attention is because we have been informed that, in some parts of the country, it can take up to 3 months

to get an appointment for a "STRESS RELATED" ECG test. We would advise all intending competitors to organise their ECGs as early as possible in order to avoid disappointment. The "Stress Related ECG" test is an FIA requirement for all International grade licences.

## LICENCE STATISTICS

The following figures relate to the number of competition licences issued up to and including 30 April:

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Renewals	1560	1561	1695	1949	2221	2407	2068	2685	2533	2758	2929	3150	3287	3378
First Time	277	354	373	393	429	554	406	451	450	420	374	394	424	471
Total	1837	1915	2068	2342	2650	2961	2474	3136	2983	3178	3303	3544	3711	3849

## CORRECTIONS TO YEARBOOK GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

GCR 57: add at end of rule: Late applications: Late applications for event permits will be automatically refused, or a fine imposed on the organisers not greater than an amount equivalent to that of the permit fee for an individual event of

similar type. Incorrect or incomplete applications may be refused or returned for re-submission as may any application from any Organiser who has failed to discharge any requirement of, or any indebtedness to, Motorsport Ireland.

SCHEDULE OF FEES (page 32): Item 2, final line, change "Part XIX, Rule No. 10" to "Chapter 4, Rule No. 57"

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