

LIAM MACDONALD YOUNGEST EVER SOUTHLAND SPORTS CAR CLUB CHAMPION

Fifteen-year-old Liam MacDonald of Invercargill became the youngest ever Southland Sports Car Club Champion at the clubs 2012/2013 prize-giving at Teretonga Park recently.

MacDonald was the 25th Club Champion and was awarded the SSCC Club Champions Trophy after an impressive season. While MacDonald made a big impression on the national stage in his NZV8 debut last season it was local club events where he finished fourth in the race championship, seventh in the Sprint Championship and eighth in the Motorkhana Championship that saw him gain this latest accolade. MacDonald also featured when he was awarded the Ladies Committee Trophy for the Junior Driver of the Year.



Cameron Morison, also of Invercargill, was runner-up in the Club Championship. Morison took the SSCC Speed Trophy to win the Sprint Championship and the Warren Robbie Memorial Trophy to take the Clubsport Championship. Twenty-three year old Morison has been elected to the position of Clubsport Convenor for the coming season.

Chris Lange of Invercargill won the Keith McFadzien Trophy, awarded to the winner of the Motorkhana Championship which was hotly contested over six rounds.

Darryn Andrews of Lincoln won the Race Championship for the second season in succession, retaining the Noel McIntyre Drainage Trophy. He also won the Auto Centre Trophy for winning the 2501cc & over class in the Race Championship for the second year in a row and went one better than last year in the Flying Farewell Championship winning and taking out the Erskine Flying Farewell Trophy.

In the other racing classes Warren Kett of Invercargill secured the the Arrow International Trophy for the 1601cc-2500cc class, Jeremy Dawson of Invercargill the Nebulite Windows & Doors Trophy for the 1301-1600cc class and Alyssa Clapperton of Dunedin the Turntru Machining Trophy for the 0-1300cc class

Dave McKenzie of Invercargill capped a great season in Sports & Racing Cars taking the Harold Williams Memorial Trophy for the Sports & Racing Car Championship and the Evolution Motorsport Trophy for the Flying Farewell Championship.

Jason Crosbie was the recipient of the Howard Kingsford Smith Trophy for the Most Improved Driver of the 2012/2013 season after improving his lap times at Teretonga Park by over 2 seconds during the course of the year while Rachael Beck won the SSCC Club Championship Ladies Trophy for the second year in a row.

Paul Fairweather of Invercargill took the Arrow International Trophy for the top Novice Driver of the Year with an impressive showing in his first season. The RB

Munro Trophy Workers Award went to Allister Robb who among other duties also built the new Tractor Shed at Teretonga Park. The Macks Panel & Paint Trophy for the Marshall Of The Year in 2013 went to Lenard McLeod, a member of the first response team who has also taken on other duties in his own time.

The Keith Douglas Memorial Trophy for Distinguished Service was awarded to Wayne Shieffelbein who has served as President and Race Chairman for the club and is also an A Grade Clerk Of Course. Shieffelbein has also worked at a national level and has officiated at the New Zealand V8 Supercar round.

Richard McMillan was presented with a gift on his retirement from club duties after more than 40 years of service.

Rhys Turner won the Hedges Challenge Trophy, awarded to a young achiever resident in Southland or Otago maintaining the breed of yesteryear. The award is made on an alternating basis to a young driver from Southland and Otago. While Rhys is from Otago he is joining the Southland Sports Car Club for the coming season.

Certificates of appreciation were also given to Canon Copiers for service above and beyond the norm, Purdue Bros for their contribution of man and machine at race meetings and also for their assistance with the Super Trucks when they raced at Teretonga Park in January, Southern Transport for their assistance during the season and Vodafone for ensuring cellphone coverage at the circuit at the clubs major events.

The 2013/2014 motor race season at Teretonga begins with a two day race meeting over the weekend of 21/22 September.

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