

## STCC Championship 2013/14

### Round 11 - Tullynasoo 2

Clerk of the Course John McKinney had set up 5 sections on this new Tullynasoo mountain site. Rain prior to the day of the trial had left the sheep grazed grass greasy on top and would punish any wayward throttle control.

After a very stern drivers' briefing, where it was made clear there would be no tolerance of any tyre pressure abuse (especially with the Chairman checking these on the club gauge), the crews headed off to tackle the terrain.

Brian Edgar, ably assisted by Peter Flack, mastered the conditions immediately and proceeded to reel off a string of cleans.

He was pursued closely by Tom McKinney who was putting the recent developments to his Concord to good use and also by Andrew McKinney.

Further back was Trevor Aston who is still coming to terms with the difference in his new Crossle compared to the Concord he has driven for the past 15 years – mileage is all that is needed here.

Simon Gracey and Mervyn McKinney were also struggling with the lack of grip available at the top of the sections and were dropping points. Ryan McKinney, who was passengering for Mervyn, was given some coaching by the Chairman which he accepted without dispute. David Webster was the only casualty in the field.

In Class B Harry Barr produced some terrific climbs to lead the way from Michael McBratney, Geoff McKay and Peter Frost.

In spite of two showers of rain Brian successfully completed the transformation from “zero to hero” (why is this so common in our sport?) and dropped only a single score of 2 for a comfortable and well deserved win. Tom held on for a good second and Andrew put in a determined drive on a site that probably did not suit him or his car. It is this ability to bank a third place under less than ideal circumstances that wins championships.

Harry Barr ran out a comfortable winner in Class B ahead of a much improved Michael McBratney and championship leader Geoff McKay.

With 2 rounds left there is a lot to play for with both championships still up for grabs and Gold/Silver star places to be decided.