

MENDIPS

Raceway

Newsletter!

End of Season 2017

First of all, a huge thank you to all of our fans, drivers and sponsors who have supported us throughout the 2017 season. This season has been one of our most unique, in terms of some incredible moments, from the British Championship/Graham Salter Tribute weekend, to our most popular Bank Holiday Monday in August in which we were able to crown a new record holder for not only most wins, but most consecutive wins in the Caravan Race.

Drivers meeting 2017

The annual drivers meeting will take place on Sunday November 19th at the Memorial Hall, Farrington Gurney. As usual, the meeting will be split into sections devoted to the individual formulae.

12 noon	National Bangers, Bangers
1pm	Robins
1.30pm	Junior Rods
2.30pm	Special Rods
3.30pm	Hot Rods
4.00pm	Staff Meeting

Brisca Formula 2

This year Mendips Raceway had the honour of holding the British Championship for the Formula 2s, and

a brilliant weekend of racing it was. Throughout the 2017 season we have been encouraging driver feedback, as nationwide this formula has been on a decline, none the less with the driver feedback we receive we are making subtle changes to not only improve the quality of racing for the drivers, but also the fans, so that we really can make one of the most exciting formulas in the country reclaim its former glory. With this in mind we are also happy to be able to host the World Championship for the F2's in 2018, across the 8th and 9th of September weekend, with the Championship race under the new and improved lights on the Saturday night.

The points Championship this year was similarly to last year, a real nail biter with a real battle ensuing between National Points Champion 7 Gordon Moodie and the Master of the Mendips, our very own 935 Nathan Maidment. Both showing some incredible driving throughout the season, highlighted at the British Championship, with Maidment winning all three of his qualifying heats to claim pole for the race while Moodie winning two and claiming 2nd in his third heat, 1 point the difference, absolutely

stunning racing from both drivers.

The track championship came to blows on the first corner of the British Race with Maidment and Moodie colliding, ending both drivers hopes for the title. The main race was won by 16 Craig Wallace, in a stunning drive in which he simply drove away from some of the finest in the country, including former Track Champions 886 Chris Bradbury and 522 Chris Mikulla.

Congratulations to all our winners, especially to Gerry Dommett final winner 700 Adam Rubery, 325 Ryan Sheehan the whites and yellows championship winner, 7 Gordon Moodie Track Champion, 660 Becky Pearce on her debut year winning the Endeavour trophy and finally the most emotional win, 189 Paul Butcher on his first Final win at his local track winning the Pink Ribbon trophy, a very emotional win for the Maidments and Butchers, we'd like to thank Paul for all his racing at Mendips and throughout the country and wish him all the best in retirement.

Brisca F2 Top 40 2017

7	Gordon Moodie	186
935	Nathan Maidment	173
522	Chris Mikulla	166
700	Adam Rubery	130
886	Chris Bradbury	128
127	Matt Stoneman	110
542	Steven Gilbert	107
476	Ryan Wadling	94
126	Jamie Avery	92
890	Paul Rice	85
38	Dave Polley	85
560	Luke Wrench	82
895	Ben Goddard	81
527	James Rigall	80

606	Andrew Palmer	76
747	Brad Mc Kinstry	71
16	Craig Wallace	71
979	Paul Moss	63
468	Sam Weston	62
189	Paul Butcher	57
652	Stephen Forster	55
828	Julian Coombes	53
618	Ben Lockwood	45
101	Kelvyn Marshall	36
111	Lewis Geach	32
745	Lee Morgan	32
281H	Dan Van Spyker	
27		
315	Justin Fisher	26
251	Craig Driscoll	23
762	Mike Cocks	19
890	Paul Rice	19
783	James Rygor	19
245	Nigel Fordham	17
142	Jonathan Hadfield	15
352	Dave Sansom	14
647	Chris Burgoyne	14
544	James Rogers	13
325	Ryan Sheahan	13
629	Euan Millar	12
526	Marc Rowe	11

National Bangers

In the last few years, being completely honest we have felt that National Banger numbers have been in a slow decline, but this year along with last year has really proven that theory wrong. With the introduction of B2B meetings and Old Skool racing, National Banger racing at Mendips Raceway is at a point where we feel we can start to develop our biggest meetings to be equal to any other big meeting in the country. So before a quick review of 2017, we are excited to announce that Thunderbolt 2018 will once again be an Unlimited National meeting, as along with driver

demand we feel that it is time to reward all our loyal drivers who have shown patience whilst we have rebuilt banger racing at Mendips Raceway.

Congratulations to one of the defending Points Champions 440 Macauley Mills for retaining the Silver Roof, throughout the season showing real consistency and along with 262 Roona fronting the Mendips Raceway team at the Ipswich World Final as the two qualifiers. Congratulations also go to Old Skool World Champion 362 Johnny James, keeping the title in the family, also West of England Champion 382 Danny Hunt, 954 Jamie Beere the Thunderbolt Winner and finally former National Points champion and fans favourite, 27 Dean Quinn for making it a hat trick of Caravandalism wins and now the all time wins holder. A little disappointing to have only 9 teams attend Filo's Crashmania, but still some brilliant racing none the less with Team 'Wallie Wash' taking the win, with a stunning effort from 333 Charlie Randell taking 3 wins throughout the day.

Again, a huge thank you to all the drivers who put on a brilliant display throughout the 2017 season, and will see you for an even bigger and better 2018 season.

National Bangers Top 40

440	Macauley Mills	141
262	Roona	114
362	Jonny James	99
17	Aaron Charles	88
185	Richard Coaker	81
246	Ryan Sparkes	75
27	Dean Quinn	69
254	Richard Beere	53
278	Shaun Brokenshire	59

54	Tom Davey	52
739	Jason Moore	49
62	Buddy James	47
744	Jake Carless	41
954	Jamie Beere	37
404	Rob Mills	36
282	Steve Hunt	35
281	Sarah Pearce	34
114	Nick Courtier	32
437	Cliff Worthington	30
252	Boogie	29
382	Danny Hunt	54
89	Adam Lang	27
284	Noddy	24
502	Kai May	24
199	Tom Pearce	24
81	Pops Bugler	23
363	Sam Trim	23
232	Alan Roby	23
59	Mike Jones	22
912	Simon Rees	22
720	Kenny Jo Gabriel	21
9	Mavis	19
134	Cameron Mc Colm	19
701	Ben Brice	19
329	Kevin Ealson	17
912	Simon Rees	17
148	Reece Frayne	17
333	Stephen Randell	16
221	John Paul	16
956	Harry Thompson	15

Bangers

Despite there being a reduced number of meetings for the Bangers in 2017, this season provided some of the highest quality nudge and spin racing that we have seen at Mendips Raceway, with a lot of the top South West drivers attending this year, such as Dan (138) and Ash Rice (938), Team Styles 38 and 83, 129 Lee Dalton, 784 Henry Murray and new Points Champion 701 Ben Brice. The Points Championship was an extremely close fought battle, coming down to the

final 2 races of the season, in which the two eligible Mendips Drivers and two of the youngest stars were battling it out, as 784 Henry Murray and 701 Ben Brice were inseparable throughout the season, with 138 former Points Champion 138 Dan Rice in good company battling at the top, unfortunately for Henry a crash resulting in medical attention ending his pursuit with Ben Brice then battling on with Rice for the title.

Thank you to all the boys and girls that have provided some excellent racing this year, look forward to more the same next year.

Bangers Top 40

100	Alec Jenner	54
701	Ben Brice	51
784	Henry Murray	45
938	Ashley Rice	37
41	Sam Hollins	36
109	Chris Neville	34
138	Dan Rice	31
775	Brad Hunt	30
739	Jason Moore	28
677	Adam Marshall	23
440	Macauley Mills	23
852	Ryan Hughes	23
129	Lee Dalton	22
17	Aaron Charles	22
362	Aaron Loader	20
258	Dean Hughes	19
38	Kevin Styles	16
27	Dean Quinn	15
595	Ben Wall	14
199	Tom Pearce	13
386	Sam Ghey	13
956	Harry Thompson	12
881	Gar Emery	12
175	Gary Hunt	11
527	Will Darch	11
218	Kevin Plunkett	10
715	Seb Burns	10
21	Jack Hodges	9

83	Ben Styles	9
624	Ollie Cope	8
720	Kenny Gabriel	8
894	Chris Stokes	8
175	Gary Hunt	7
771	Mark Trott	7
276	Ross Walter	6
17	Lee Robbins	6
134	Jarret Bond	6
242	John Quinn	5
266	Micky Ford	5
743	Jake Bond	4

Special Rods

Certainly an eventful year for all those related to Special Rod racing! A slow and disappointing start to the season began to flourish after a drivers meeting in which we discussed on how both parties can and will improve to benefit the formula as a whole, to progress the formula to the next level, resulting in some very impressive racing towards the end of they year, a spectacular advert for Special Rod racing.

A prime example of this was the West of England Final, the last race of the year was probably the finest race across all formulas this year, with 6 of the top Special Rod starts battling it out for 19 laps to get to that front spot, in which it all came to a head with 5/6 of the drivers tangling on the penultimate bend, including 304 Tim Weare, 7 Will Harraway, 701 Ben Brice and 244 Dale Edwards, allowing for 426 Russ Colenutt, who had led all race, to once again win the West of England Championship and also the Points Championship.

It was brilliant to see the numbers of drivers return to that 20 car mark, which resulted in the fastest and closest racing all year, some nail biting racing for all those involved. This sets up the formula well for the 2018 season, if the Special

Rods can retain the quality of racing that ended the year, the next year could lead to some real results moving forward.

Special Rods Points for 2017 and Gradings for 2018

Superstar

426	Russ Colenutt	171
720	Dan Latimer	134
7	Will Harraway	118

Red

304	Tim Weare	116
701	Ben Brice	92
612	Dale Brace	88
81	Andy Hawkins	82
556	Stuart Garland	78
993	Darren Foss	61
6	Tim Bristow	59
43	Andy Howard	54

Blue

364	Darren Feltham	45
45	Tim Seaford	45
85	Andy Pincott(SS)	42
831	Scania Dave	34
75	Gary Hunt	31
41	Dene Howard	30
46	Angie Harris	25

White

444	Mark Loader	19
775	Brad Hunt	19
244	Dale Edwards(blue)	18
224	Jordan Edwards	12
27	Dean Quinn(blue)	11
51	Rob Price	4

Hot Rods

This season, like the Special Rods has been relatively eventful, but with the ORCi ruling in the past, focus can now go towards 2018. It is surprising to find that 15+ drivers have raced in the Hot Rod formula this season, which is what makes it all the more disappointing

to see such few numbers race each meeting, knowing there is a greater pool of drivers this year, as well as there being an influx of new drivers this season.

Despite that, there have been some brilliant moments for the Hot Rods this year, progressing from last year there is some very talented drivers all competing for the points championship, with 258 James Griggs, 611 Jamie Bryant, 788 Mark Shelper and the newly crowned Outlaw World Champion 718 Colin White. Although not regularly racing all together, the racing has been incredibly close, with 258 Griggs retaining the points championship with a much harder fight to previous years. Another driver worth mentioning is 57 Graeme Taylor, who this year came 3rd in the points despite racing a car with less power, a true gentleman, showing that consistently picking up good results leads to an excellent 3rd place in the points. Congratulations to 258 James Griggs on winning the Points Championship and 718 Colin White winning the West of England Championship.

Final Points Table for 2017

258	James Griggs	125
788	Mark Shelper	108
611	Jamie Bryant	69
57	Graham Taylor	66
536	Jeff Johnson	58
718	Colin White	57
282	Steve Hunt	57
117	Dave Tossell	46
35	Neil Muddle	30
28	Alan Bunter	23
38	Phil Parkhouse	12
5	Ian Tatchell	12
49	Maurice Cole	12
4	Jamie Oates	6
81	Matt Buckland	6
777	Doug Forbes	2

Junior Rods

In 2016, Becky Pearce pipped 36 Josh Weare and 108 Adam Headland to just sneak the Points Championship, in what was one of the closest races for the Championship seen at Mendips Raceway. In 2017, incredibly, it was even closer. The points shootout like in 2016 went down to the final race, the West of England Championship, in which 36 Josh Weare started pole and stayed until the end, just narrowly losing the points title to Jacob Anderson 285 in his final ever Junior Rod race. 285 Anderson beat 36 Weare, 190 Ewan Gumbleton, 854 Jack Sear and 376 Dan Kent to the title, any of whom could have won, it really was that close!

A big thank you to all drivers that raced this year, but a reminder that this is a non contact sport, a topic that has to be increasingly raised throughout this season. Also, to the drivers AND parents, this is a family sport, any abuse to any drivers, other parents or officials will not be tolerated.

A final thank you to Matt and Joanne Anderson for all the work that they have put in to this sport in their time as Junior Representative, as I'm sure they will say, not an easy job!

Final Points Chart for 2017 and Gradings for 2018

Red

285	Jacob Anderson(Ret)	142
36	Josh Weare	133
190	Ewan Gumbleton	132
376	Daniel Kent(ret)	123
854	Jack Sear	102
11	Jake Devine	98
34	Cameron Mc Colm(ret)	93
75	Jack Buckingham	74

88	Charlie Pearce	68
53	Angus Hawkins	63
77	Jacob Filer	60

Blue

149	Ieuan Preston	56
29	Jasmine McArdle	55
100	Thomas Weeks	47
730	Taylor Sealy	38
26	Leah Bennet	38
28	Ava Hawkins	7
599	Louis White	36
35	Charlie Johns	29
111	Millie Ruby	24

White

8	George Jenkins	16
176	Maddy Giambaressi	15
225	Joe Edwards	14
21	Kyan Passco	7
70	Amie Trott	5

Robins

The fans favourite formula were back to their very best in 2017, with the caravan race showing why we love this formula so much! Another closely fought battle for the points championship brought to elements of this formula together, Racing and Crashing. Tim Weare once again was challenging for the points, with other drivers such as 26 Russell Gillingham and 3 Dan Tytheridge, but this time having to fend off some serious competition from the dominant entertainer, 100 Jerry Weeks. Another points championship going down to the final race just saw Weare sneak the championship from Gillingham and Weeks.

Thank you to all those who took part in Robin Racing this year, a brilliant show as per; we look forward to seeing you all in 2018!

Final Points for 2017 Robin Entertainers League

304	Tim Weare	112
26	Russ Gillingham	105
100	Jerry Weeks	94
392	Josh Sale	65
119	Stacey Howe	65
364	Darren Feltham	47
108	Adam Headland	46
510	Sid Harrison	40
25	Kylie Gillingham	36
101	Gordon Mintram	35
3	Dan Tytheridge	34
135	Jack Mintram	29
333	Tom Mannell	29
24	George Gillingham	28
58	Martin Dalton	26
27	Dean Quinn	10
17	Peter Hurd	6
242	John Quinn	6
753	Ricky Wyeth	2
100	Jerry Weeks	48
135	Jack Mintram	16
108	Adam Headland	13
3	Dan Tytheridge	13
304	Tim Weare	13
510	Sid Harrison	10
392	Josh Sale	10
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58	Martin Dalton	10
25	Kylie Gillingham	10
101	Gordon Mintram	6
266	Micky Ford	6
392	Josh Sale	3
27	Dean Quinn	3

Staff

Finally, a massive thank you to the unsung heroes of Mendips Raceway – the staff. Without your passion, dedication and hard work, this sport

wouldn't be able to run. The past two years haven't been easy, with some major surgery with 2/3 most important roles having changed, but now everything has settled down and can now lead forward in to 2018 with real stability. For those that don't know, going into 2018 Dave Robbins will be taking up the Clerk of the Course role, with Gary Warburton and Rob Look deputising. Jack Bunter has taken up the role of Race Manager, meaning he will be less involved directly with the racing – you're welcome! Again a huge thank you, and hope to see everybody next year!

Driver Licencing

Enclosed with this Newsletter is a Driver Licence Contract for 2018. There is no increase in Licence Fees for 2018, and you can renew your licence early and save money by paying the reduced fee. You can bring your form, fee and photos to the Drivers Meeting if you wish. If you are racing elsewhere before the opening meeting in March, we can process your licence in time, otherwise licence will be available for collection at Practice Day 2018, or your first race meeting.

Driver of the Year 2017

We will be live voting for the Driver of the Year at Presentation Night again this year, and we will be compiling a list of top ten nominees in advance. If you would like to nominate a driver to be on the voting list, you can do so by contact us through the website, by emailing graham@mendipsraceway.com, or through our facebook page.

Practice Day 2018

Practice Day 2018 takes place on Saturday March 3rd 2018, from 10am until 4pm. Cost will be £25 per driver, and you can practice all day. New drivers, especially in Junior Rods, are encouraged to attend, and Driver Assessments can be completed on Practice Day, together with advice or car preparation and safety gear. There is no need to book in, just turn up when you are ready, and drivers will be grouped together for their runs. You can also collect, or renew your Licence for 2018.

Presentation Night

Our annual Dinner, Dance and Presentation Night takes place on Saturday February 3rd 2018 at the Webbington Hotel as usual. You can book discounted accommodation by calling 01934 750100 and mentioning the Raceway. Tickets are available at the Drivers Meeting or contact us in the usual way.

Any driver with a nice new car planned, contact us if you would like it on display at the Presentation Night.



Annual Dinner Dance & Presentation Evening

Saturday 3rd February 2018

Webbington Hotel & Country Club, Loxton, Nr. Axbridge

3 Course Dinner – Dancing to Mustang Sally

(Vegetarian option available – please pre-order)

7pm for 7.30pm

Right of Admission reserved

*Discounted accommodation available: Standard Rooms £85.00 (for 2) B+B and use of club facilities
Executive Rooms £100.00 (for 2) B+B and use of club facilities. Single Rooms £70 B+B and use of club facilities
Tel: 01934 750100*

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Ticket: £32

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