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Dear Competitor,

2018 proved not to be the best of seasons for the Super Touring Car Challenge Series in some respects it lived up to its title of Challenge.

There were a total of 4 races from the original six published rounds that took place. The best supported being the Silverstone Classic. In total 36 drivers took part in the series. The two races that had to be cancelled due to lack of entries were Thruxton and Brands Hatch this resulted in a considerable financial loss to the club, something we cannot repeat.

What was lacking in numbers on the grid was often compensated by the quality of the entry and the continuing high standard of preparation.

This was the first year that the HSCC looked after the administration of the series and the suggestion was that with the low turnout, the club may not choose to support the series in 2019.

However Super Tourers have a huge following, especially on Social Media and we as a club feel that groups like yours are the future for Historic Racing. So we the HSCC are committed to supporting the series again in 2019, we just need the same assurance from you the competitor and that means more cars on the grid. Dates and venues have yet to be confirmed, but we are planning a four event series, running between May and August.

The format would be for one qualifying session and two races over a weekend. We believe the 20 minute format is correct for your cars, and helps to keep maintenance costs within reason, along with the tyre bill.

Hoosier have been a great supporter in the past and provided a control tyre that enabled the series to launch. For this we have to thank and acknowledge the company for all the

effort they put in. However the plan is to be returning to Dunlop tyres for 2019 as a control tyre. A move we understand is one you the competitor were looking for.

We have been approached this season by a number of prospective competitors with the later non-turbo cars that fit into Class ST4, and we can say that we have at least three different manufacturers that will be represented by their enthusiastic owners. This is a group we are seeking to encourage as a way to grow. We believe these cars are a good fit and not to the detriment of the current competitors.

We do hope that those with the early Group A, Group 2 and Group 1 Cars, running on slicks maybe encouraged to do some races with us. We are looking at creating a calendar that supplements existing options giving a more varied programme to those owners, offering them their own podium.

Looking back at the 2018 season, we started with two excellent races at the Donington Historic Festival with two wins for James Dodd, but John Cleland certainly kept everyone on the edge of their seats particularly in race one when James won by just over half a second.

Rickard Rydell celebrated the 30th anniversary of his BTCC Championship in 1998 by joining us at the Silverstone Classic. Jason Minshaw entrusted, Rickard with his beautifully restored Volvo S40 and Rickard put in two fine drives coming second in both of the races at the Classic to James Dodd in the Honda Accord.

We had some new faces and new cars join the series with some returning after a layoff. Jason Hughes added a Vauxhall Vectra to the grid, New Zealander Allan Scott, joined us in his Mazda 323F prepared by Richard Potter. Abi Eaton created quite a stir in her father's Holden Commodore finishing just off the podium at the Silverstone Classic.

CELEBRATION TIME

For the first time in the History of the Super Touring Car Challenge Series the top performance award will not go to a Honda Accord but a Vauxhall Vectra. British Touring Car Champion, of 1989 and 1995, John Cleland, racing his original car from 1998 gets to have his name engraved on the superb TCRE Trophy which Dave Jarman and Jonny Westbrook instigated. John has been a great advocate for the series this year, being one of the first to enter every race. For pure dedication and enthusiasm alone aside from his performance on the track makes John a worthy winner. Other top performers were Allan Scott Mazda 323F in ST2 and Mark Smith BMW E30 M3 in GA2

With 2018 concluded we would just like to thank those of you who supported the series and repeat that the HSCC is committed to the Series for 2019. If you have any thoughts or proposals, in terms of sponsorship that can add to the series please get in touch. As dates and regulations are finalised we will contact you again before the end of the year and we look forward to seeing you all next year.

HSCC Race Administration.