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**Champions crowned in Historic Formula Ford 1600 Championship** 

Tom McArthur took a pair of outstanding wins in our final two races. All the hot track action was behind him. The big battle on Saturday centred on a pack from second to fifth separated at the line by just half a second with Mads Gravsen and Simon Toyne joining

Tom on the podium.

Tom again dominated race two, this time followed by Spencer Shinner and Danny Stanzl who were being chased down by a rapidly closing Chris Porritt charging from the back of the grid. Behind them five cars crossed the line within a single second. It was Formula Ford at its frenetic best.

After the racing the BRDC Suite hosted the gathering for the awards, with £6000 worth of prizes going to the lucky winners from sponsors Barnett Race Engines, Weller Wheels, Avon Race Tyres and Universal Racing Services.

The overall champion was 21-year-old Spencer Shinner (receiving £500 Barnett Engines voucher); second Christian Goller (receiving £350 Barnett engine voucher) and third Ross Drybrough (receiving £150 Barnett engine voucher). For the first time since its inception ten years ago, Ross was the first man on the overall podium to also win the Radio Caroline Over 50's class. Second in Over 50 was Mark Wilkes very, very close behind, with Chris Porritt only one point away in third.

Josh Barnett and his father Neil presented prize draws with a £3500 Barnett Race Engine rebuild going to Mark Wilkes, the set of wheels by Les Weller to Westie Mitchell and Avon tyre prizes to racers Mads Gravsen, Danny Stanzl and Cormac Flanagan. The URS £200 voucher prize went to Spencer Shinner who was then presented with the enormous and very shiny Merlyn Trophy for the most wins in a Merlyn.

## Follow the money

Chris, Ted, Dick, Andy (DC) and Alan Jones are very grateful to all of you who have supported HFF this year. We make it 38 drivers who have joined us on grids this year. Looking on from trackside the racing has ranged from good to spectacular. The overwhelming impression has been that on track courtesy and driving standards have been of the highest order. We hope you have all enjoyed yourselves.

Andy is particularly happy because the resurgence in our grids has greatly helped the club. Breaking the run of 12 car entries, the revenue generated by the success at the last three meetings increased club revenue by £12,810.

You should be happy because across these three meetings entry fee reductions have put £5,350 in your pockets. You have been fed right royally with the very best sausages and free booze at Brands, and the wonderful 'street food' at Finals. Finally, and you have needed some luck, you have had free draws for Barnett Engine rebuilds, Avon Tyres, Universal Racing Services and Wheels by Les Weller. The total value of these tops £7,000.

Ted, Dick and Chris are happy, because as the season ends, we think you are happy. Long may this continue.

## And we start again

We have not yet nailed the 2025 calendar. We have taken soundings. Specifically, as he was leaving the BRDC, Chris Porritt asked for a combined HFF/CFF race at Silverstone GP. That could be 54 cars, which would be quite a sight! Also, we would like to try a couple of meetings with qualification and two races in a single day. This may suit a group

of people, specifically Simon Toyne! It could encourage Ian Fernihough and the Bucktons to rejoin us. Then we have had good feedback on the occasions we have had testing sessions available on the Saturday. This is great value if it saves the cost of testing on the Friday. Finally we are asking Andy to use a very sharp pencil when he sets entry fees for next year.

Have a great off season, see you in the new year.







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