

TRACK RACING INFORMATION - 18.1

NEW ITEMS FOR 2018

Medical Requirements for Track Racing:

Following a review of the ACU Standing Regulations for Track Racing, **ALL** events in 2018 will require a Paramedic to be in attendance – this includes all competitive Track Racing meetings as well as authorised practice sessions.

Licences and Insurance Fees:

GREAT NEWS – there is **NO** increase to ACU licence or insurance fees for 2018.

Alternative Roping System:

The 'Alternative Roping' system **WILL NOT** be allowed to be used as part of the safety barrier system for **any ACU Championship event in 2018**. Any club wanting to use the 'Alternative Roping' system for **any** event must first apply to the ACU TRC, stating the reasons as to why it is required.

Gold Star Awards 2017

250cc: Tim Greig

350cc: Mark Taylor

500cc Sidecar: Josh Goodwin / Liam Brown

1000cc Left Hand Sidecar: Will Penfold / Ricky Pay

Technical Issues:

- Random checks for fuel additives will continue throughout the season, with air filters also being subject to random testing.
- Random alcohol and drug testing is also planned for during the 2018 season
- Number plates for the **intermediate youth class** will be a green background with white numbers.
- Numbers on number plates cannot be 'joined up' – single figures only with no outline around the outside of each figure. The figures must be legible and both figures and background must be in a 'matt' (non-shiny) colour.

2017 ACU British Grass Track Champions

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250cc – Henry Atkins

350cc – Rob Finlow

500cc Sidecar – Joshua Goodwin / Liam Brown

1000cc Left Hand Sidecar – Richard Webb / Jake Pope

British Masters Open Championship:

Solo – James Shanes

1000cc Sidecar – Mark Cossar / Carl Blyth

British Master Clubman's Champions:

500cc Solo – Jamie Rodgers

1000cc Sidecar – Tom Cossar / Wayne Rickards

British Sidecar Speedway Champions:

Mark Cossar / Carl Blyth

British Sand Race Champions:

Solo – Paul Cooper

Sidecar – Rod Winterburn / Billy Winterburn

Pre 75 Champions:

250cc – Anthony Worrall

350cc – Chris Mackett

500cc – Dave Hammond

Upright Champions:

250cc – Phil Ranson

350cc – Luke Harris

500cc – Bob Dolman

Brian Stibbs Trophy Winners:

Mark Cossar & Carl Blyth

Jim Rendall Trophy Winner:

Alex Davies

Youth Championships:

Auto Cadet – Cooper Rushen

Cadet – Ashton Vale

Junior – Max Perry

Intermediate – Jake Mulford



CONGRATULATIONS – JAMES SHANES 2017 EUROPEAN GRASS TRACK CHAMPION



Congratulations to victorious ACU rider – James Shanes – on retaining his FIME title to become the 2017 European Individual Grass Track Champion at the European Final held at Hertingen, in Germany.

Accompanying James on the podium was Andrew Appleton (2nd) and Edward Kennett (3rd)....completing a fantastic 1, 2 and 3 for the ACU.

The meeting was totally dominated by the ACU with 9 riders competing in the event.



2018 ACU CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS



The ACU Track Racing Committee are pleased to announce the following dates and organisers for the various 2018 ACU championship events:

- **British Clubman's Champ** – GTSA – Frittenden – June 10
- **ACU International Sand Race Champ** – Guernsey – June 16
- **British Championships** – 500cc Sidecar Association – Essex – June 17
- **Upright Championships** – Bristol GTC – July 15
- **Pre 75 Championships** – MCPMCC – Roche – Aug 5
- **British Masters** – Cheshire GTC – Gawsworth – Aug 12
- **British Youth** – Fenland GTC – Sept 1
- **British Under 21** – ASTRA GTC – Swingfield – Sept 16



FIME EUROPEAN SOLO GRASS TRACK SEMI FINAL

ASTRA GTC, together with the ACU will be hosting the FIME European Sidecar Semi Final at Swingfield, Sunday 22nd April 2018.

The event will guarantee spectators a top class line-up of Europe's best Solo riders including James Shanes, Paul Hurry and up to 5 more Brits, all of whom will be aiming to get through to the Final being held at Tayac in France on the 7th July 2018. For more information nearer the event, log onto www.acu.org.uk

2018 NEW TRACK RACING COMMITTEE LINE UP

At the first meeting of the 2018 ACU Track Racing Committee (Saturday 20th January), the ACU TRC Chairman, Dickie Staff passed on his best wishes and good luck to all the members of the TRC for a successful season ahead. Dickie commented 'I would like to thank all the members of the TRC for the high amount of personal time that each of them dedicate to the ACU in supporting British Grass Track, from grass roots through to World championship level.

The 2018 Track Racing Committee comprises of: **Dickie Staff** (Chairman) **Paul Hurry** (Vice Chairman), **Steve Brace**, **Shaun Harvey**, **Tony Steele** and **Tony Noel** (Honorary Chairman) all ably supported by Committee Secretary **Tracey Cossar**

Youth Grading List:

The introduction of a youth grading for 2017 has proved a huge success and will continue for the 2018 Season.

Medical Services:

Following on from the item on page one (now compulsory to have a Paramedic or Doctor at all Grass Track events), the British Red Cross have recently revisited their pricing policy and are inviting clubs to approach them to quote for first aid requirements at their events.

2018 Sidecar Speedway Championship:

R1 – Leicester Speedway – 5 May, R2 – Somerset Speedway – 1st June, R3 – Kings Lynn – 14th July, R4 – Belle Vue – 13 October. 2 additional open meetings are also planned for 2018

The Track Racing Committee wish good Luck to all the ACU competitors making their way to Australia to take part in the 1000cc Sidecar Speedway World Cup.