



February 2016 Newsletter



Rory – Open Class – Dores 2016

Editor's Corner

Welcome to the February edition of the H4WDC newsletter!
This month we have scores, and event reports from the Dores trial held last month. We also have a report from the Kildermorey Boxing Day run, a list of award winners from the AGM and all the event dates for 2016.

Keep sending in your reports and photos.

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Cheers Pete

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2016 Trial Dates and Venues

Please note: All venues to be confirmed!

Date	Event	Clerk of Course 1	Clerk of Course 2
31 st Jan	Dores	James Fraser	Lewie Cameron
28 th Feb	Belivit	Neil Taylor	
26 th March (Saturday!)	Tomatin	Roy Panton	
24 th April	Kinreve		Mark Fraser
26 th June	Whitebridge Challenge		
31 st July	Inverarnie	Andrew Maclean	Ryan Maclennan
28 th Aug	Laggan Challenge	Michael Taylor	Neil Turnbull
25 th Sept	Galcantray		George Loban
29 th Oct (Saturday!)	Tordarroch	John Maclennan	
27 th November	TBC		



Above is the list of dates of our events for 2016. As you can see there are a few blank spaces in the Clerk of the Course spaces. This is because we need you! These events may not run if someone doesn't volunteer. So if you want to get more involved please contact a committee member. No experience needed, and there will be plenty people to keep you right on the day!

2015 Championship
Final Results

90" Class

1st – Peter MacInnes
2nd – Linton Chilcott
3rd – Rod Cook

LWB Class

1st – Alan Harrower
2nd – James Fraser
3rd – Angus Hunter

80" Class

1st – John MacLennan

88" Class

1st – Pete Lawton

Open Class

1st – Mark Fraser
2nd – Dan Watson
3rd – Eric Lawson

Club Trophy
(Standard Champion)

Neil Taylor

Open Champion

Lewie Cameron

Founders Trophy

Linton Chilcott

Alex Adam trophy

Dan Watson

Hamish Windross Award

Elaine Smith

BOXING DAY CHARITY RUN – SAT 26 DECEMBER 2015 – KILDERMORIE

A good, fairly dry but cold day saw a large variety of vehicles assemble at Skiach Services. Eventually 27 were heading north to Ardross, turning left off the Skiach-Struie road, we travelled approximately 5 miles on a well surfaced single track before passing through the entry gates in Strath Rusdale to Kildermorie Estate.

A further 4 ½ miles saw us go round Kildermorie Lodge with a further 5 miles up to the Bothy in Gleann Mhuire. Unfortunately, this was the end of the track today as we had been told to go no further due to a washout and a deteriorating track further up the hill. This was where we had experienced and enjoyed a climb on snow and ice on previous outings!

With very little parking at the Bothy and no room to pass on the narrow track, I directed the vehicles, one at a time, on to the grass at the west end of the Bothy where they then reversed back on to the track beyond the Bothy and continued to reverse further along in order to accommodate all the vehicles. Unfortunately by restricting the turning area to one part we chewed up the ground to the side of the Bothy. This will dry out with windy and drier weather.

Due to the exposed situation and the widespread vehicles, it was not ideal for socialising/lunch. We therefore proceeded back in the direction that we had come returning round the Lodge and proceeding to the designated play area west from the top end of Loch Morie. I should state here that, unfortunately, only about half of us did!

Andrew and I at the drivers' meeting had omitted to mention "The Convoy Rule". This more or less requested that each vehicle was responsible for keeping a safe distance from the vehicle in front and also for keeping an eye on the one behind, so that in the event of a breakdown or similar incident we should all pull up and remain together. We had mentioned this previously on Corrieyairack and Coignafearn runs but had had no incidents on these days!

On this occasion, a driver who had just joined the club, ended up in a trackside ditch (not so difficult to do if attention wanders on a narrow track!). The driver in front, possibly not aware of the incident or of the 'rule', carried on – the front runners being unaware of any problem!

After what turned out to be a difficult recovery, the remaining vehicles arrived at the play area. After finishing the turkey sandwiches, most vehicles had a play for an hour or more in the water filled holes. These varied in depth from deep to very deep with many vehicles making spectacular splashes and bow waves when entering and crossing some of the larger ones! An impressive sight!

After a while, with most ready to leave, it was a case of rounding up the few stragglers still playing and, led by Neil, making our exit from Kildermorie Estate. A good day having been had by all!

Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Duncan for granting us admission to their spectacular Estate. £405 was donated to The Highland Hospice, being Mr and Mrs Duncan's chosen charity, with the balance aiding club funds.

Thanks must also go to Charlie Munro for arranging the Run with the estate.

Stuart

PS

Many thanks to those who, after a hard day's trialling at the excellent Dores Site (Sunday 16 January), repaired the shared access track into the site. Due to previous wet conditions and with today's vehicle numbers, the surface had cut up badly. With limited spades/shovels available from the vehicles, aided by strong boots, the ruts were filled in and levelled. Well done Lads and Lassies! Though I was not there for that work party, I went up the following week with a mattock and drained the deeper water from where it was lying on parts of the track! Conscience eased!!



On behalf of everyone here at Highland Hospice,
I would like to say an enormous thank you to

the members at the
Highland 4 Wheel Drive Club

for the extremely generous donation of

£405.00

being funds raised on the
Highland 4 Wheel Drive's Boxing Day Run
on Kildermorie Estate.

Many thanks for supporting your Highland Hospice.

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19th January 2016



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Next Committee Meeting

Monday 7th March – 7.30 Fairways



H4WDC Event Report Sheet



Event...Dores trial..... Date29/31/1/16... Clerk of the Course..James Fraser.....

Standard

Where was the event held?

See Above!



How many people entered? 15 - 7xLWB, 5x 90" 3x 88"

What was the weather like?

Ground with 3 inches of snow cover

Stayed dry with no rain or snow as forecast

How many sections were run? 8

What was the most challenging section/area and why?

Section 1 - I don't think they were reading the ground or taking advantage of no cross canes

Any mishaps? - Name and shame!!

No mishaps that I can think of!

Who were the class winners?

88" - John Maclenan

90" - Linton Chilcott

LWB - Alan Harrower

Any other comments?

Good turn out as usual for the first trial of the year.

First section catching some out on the boulders.

Second section- quite straight forward

Section three- uphill through trees and roots was very slippery

Section 4 caught 3 drivers out at 3rd gate which was up a wee hill with no run up for speed and the last gate was a side slope where if you went too fast you got the points!

Section 5 - Slow through gates 1,2 and 3 then power up the hill to the left for a big loop gates 7 and 8 very slippery

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Section 6- back down the road for the first gate, over the road to second and third gates which were tight. Fourth gate was impossible due to side slope and slippery - reverse required once through for gate 5 then uphill for 6,7 and 8.

Section 7 - This was at the bottom of the gully. This turned out to be quite good even though the open guys were there first. Gate 2 was steep up hill thrash. Well done to Craig Shaw who was first up and made it look easy. Only Neil Taylor was towed out - The ONLY tow of the day!

Section 8- Back up to the top of the site and far right. Had to make easy section up to gate 7, gate 8 at the top of a well rutted hill climb - only a few got through but it was a good effort as it was getting dark by this time.

Name	Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Mike Taylor	LWB	22	1	36	33	38	RET			----
Craig Shaw	LWB	20	7	36	33	15	24	8	11	154
Roy Panton	90	8	3	1	11	4	12	ret		----
Neil Taylor	90	0	1	5	4	6	8	38	10	72
Angus Panton	90	17	3	13	6	9	10	4	Ret	----
Angus Hunter	LWB	5	3	5	3	4	10	5	ret	----
Davie Miller	88	23	1	6	3	2	26	2	8	71
Naill Campbell	LWB	15	3	5	4	7	8	0	0	42
Alan Harrower	LWB	6	1	4	2	8	7	1	3	32
Rod Cook	90	2	1	38	13	35	10	10	0	109
Rob Hellet	LWB	2	2	2	4	6	8	1	11	36
Frank Spencer	LWB	0	3	13	7	1	14	ret		----
Wayne Grant	88	16	2	4	3	0	11	3	10	49
Linton Chilcott	90	4	1	9	8	13	6	3	12	56
John MacLennan	88	2	1	1	2	0	3	4	8	21

Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Daniel Watson	6	8	8	10	7	12	51
Eric Lawson	13	ret					----
Mark Fraser	6	2	0	8	6	11	33
Rory MacLennan	14	RET					----
Taylor Renwick	14	5	3	10	8	8	48
Ryan MacLennan	20	12	1	7	12	ret	-----
John Martin	15	64	0	22	ret		-----
Mikey Durdle	7	4	2	8	6	13	40

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