



# SEPTEMBER 2019 Newsletter



Recognised  
Club

Clerks of the Course - please **write competitors'**  
**FIRST and LAST NAMES** and **VEHICLE TYPE / COLOUR / CLASS**  
**on score sheet**, and send a photo of the sheet to Linton.  
**THIS INFORMATION IS VITAL FOR CALCULATING PLACINGS IN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.**

Strathspey and Badenoch Herald

## Mobility man in peak condition!

Our very own **FRANK SPENCER** achieving worldwide (Badenoch-wide, anyway) fame (or notoriety) as he upholds the intrepid (crazy?) spirit of the H4WDC - by driving (and sailing?) his mobility scooter to the **TOP OF CAIRN GORM!!!** for charity.

**Well done Frank – and team!**

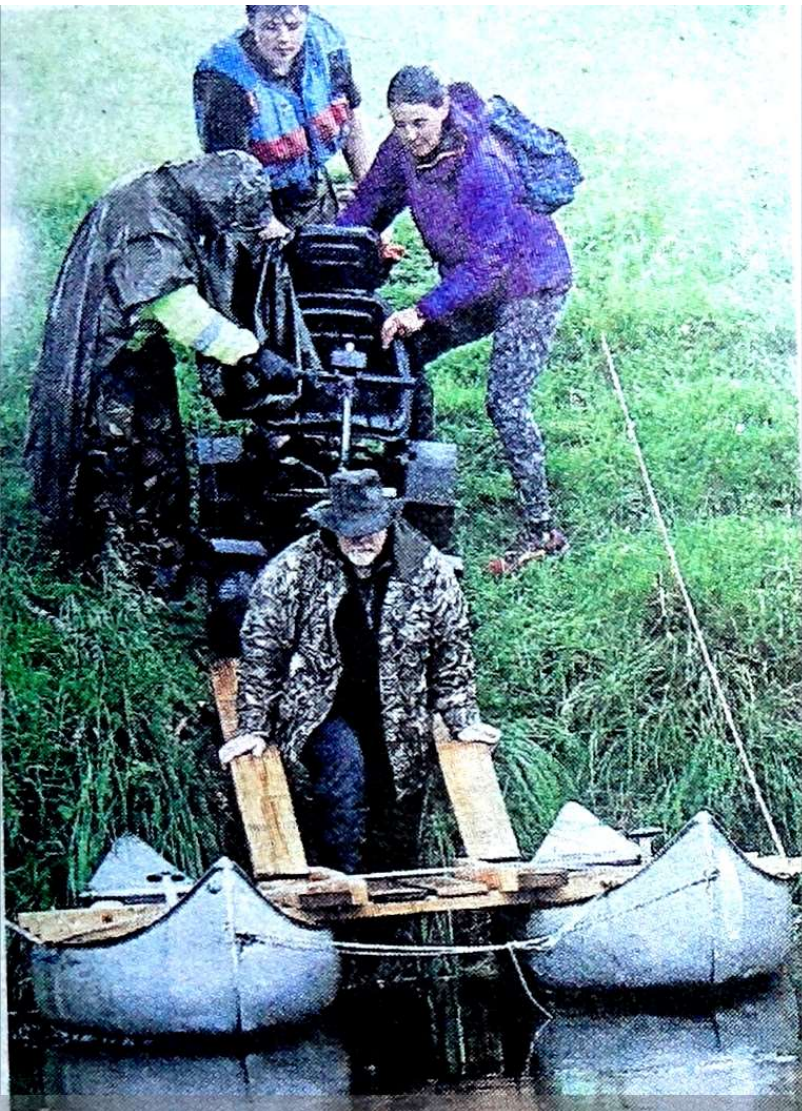
Extracts from Strathspey & Badenoch Herald.

A BOAT of Garten man given just a few months to live six years ago is alive and kicking - and has proved it with a mobility scooter marathon from his doorway to the very top of Cairn Gorm and back.

Frank Spencer has just completed a unique nine-hour journey which also involved two River Spey crossings on an improvised canoe raft.

He told the Strathy: "I wanted to raise awareness of this incredibly rare disease which, effectively, is suffocating me."

The 72-year-old former off-road driving instructor suffers from cardio amyloidosis which is caused by the build-up of abnormal protein fibres around his heart.





## THE COMMITTEE

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The Spencers' granddaughters - Kalli Rooney Spencer, Jessica Barlow, Shannon Spencer and Millie Dodds - organised a celebratory tea which not only rounded the historic day off but also raised £600 for the cause of research into cardio amyloidosis.

"We were staggered to find that with the online contributions we had, overall, raised more than £1400 for the cause," said Julia.

■ Anyone wanting to contribute funding for research into cardio amyloidosis can do so at: [justgiving.com/teams/Evril-Spencer2](http://justgiving.com/teams/Evril-Spencer2)

Committee Members without portfolio: Andrew Maclean, Frank Spencer (01479 831609, 07518 749587), Lewie Cameron (07746 522855).

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS – 2019. Names and Venues to be confirmed

Month	Trial Site	COC 1	COC 2	SCRUTINEER
Sept 29 <sup>th</sup>	Dores			
Oct <b>SATURDAY</b> 26 <sup>th</sup>	Tordarroch			
Nov 24 <sup>th</sup>	Kinreave	Lewie Cameron		

		TRIAL	LAGGAN		DATE		18/08/2019							
		CLERK OF COURSE			DANIEL WATSON									
NAME	VEHICLE	CLASS	SEC 1	SEC 2	SEC 3	SEC 4	SEC 5	SEC 6	SEC 7	SEC 8	SEC 9	TOTAL	POSITION	
RORY		LWB	11	21	23	0	6	12	7	6	15	101	1	
JOHNNY G		LWB	27	12	35	2	29	40	3	8	22	178	2	
FRANK		LWB	20	18	28	13	20	24	2	40	14	179	3	
ILES		SWB	4	30	5	0	2	40	3	4	17	105	1	
KEITH		SWB	23	33	5	1	11	40	4	14	16	147	2	
LOUIE		SWB	27	6	13	1	20	35	2	35	40	179	3	
JOHN M		SWB	33	27	27	0	25	40	4	12	11	179	3	
CALLUM		SWB	31	6	18	16	34	35	2	8	40	190	5	
G HAY		SWB	30 RETIRED									-	RETIRED	
RYAN		LWB	27	32	8	5	28	40 RETIRED				-	RETIRED	
ROY		SWB	5	17 RETIRED								-	RETIRED	
COLIN		SWB	21 RETIRED									-	RETIRED	
NIALL		SWB	22	/	27	9	17	23 RETIRED				-	RETIRED	

Thank you to Daniel, C of C, and to landowners **Archie and Campbell Slimon**  
 Daniel's comments: It was a very wet day, making some sections rather difficult!  
 Hopefully we didn't have too many injuries to vehicles, and that everyone still had a good day despite the weather - my boots took a week to dry!

## POINTS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETING – 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Committee members attended: Carol Turnbull, Stuart MacKay, Linton Chilcott, Alan Howatson, Peter McInnes, Neil Turnbull, Frank Spencer

Apologies: Andrew Maclean, Elaine Smith, Lewie Cameron.

### ITEMS DISCUSSED included:

**Newsletter:** Recently, in order to reduce printing costs, the committee asked those people receiving hard copies of the newsletter whether they would be satisfied to receive an electronic copy (.pdf) instead. Two people have responded in the affirmative, so the number receiving paper copies is now reduced to 12.

**Website:** A cheque for £180 has been sent for renewal of the club website hosting. Eric Lawson runs the website.

### Recent Events:

- **Gairloch;** A successful excursion. Didn't go up hill but along lower route; boggy; good turnout - approx. 30 vehicles. Booking system worked apart from a couple of folks who made informal arrangement to attend (through a club member) and who joined the club on the day.
- **Whitebridge;** challenge. Very little information received concerning who attended. This makes it very difficult to add up the scores at the end of the year for the club championships.
- **Laggan;** Week earlier than usual to avoid Harleys. Comments were received that the sections were rather too severe - even specials got stuck. It was necessary to remind one new member of the restrictions on free range driving. Al Gilmour of Cairngorm mountain rescue came to watch - CMR may be interested in joining club.

**Future Events:** There may not be many, if more people do not come forward who are willing to run the trials as Clerk of the Course. Currently, there are no volunteers to run the courses during the rest of the year... Therefore, these trials may not take place.

Several committee members are consulting with land owners in the hope of arranging one or more easy hill trail runs.

**Equipment:** Please ensure all canes and other equipment are returned to James Fraser for storage after each event. Committee discussed routine maintenance and provision of equipment, including first aid kit and fire extinguishers.

**Clerks of the Course:** As mentioned above, there is a severe shortage of new people volunteering to run events. **Members are reminded that, as C of C, you may still drive the course on the day, and be scored for your efforts,** however, you will not be placed. Remember that, as C of C, you receive FULL POINTS FOR A WIN for that day's trial, accruing toward the annual championship. The committee discussed various possible ways to encourage members to run events, as well as whether the club needs to encourage new joiners in order to widen the pool of those available, perhaps by organised club presence at local car shows.

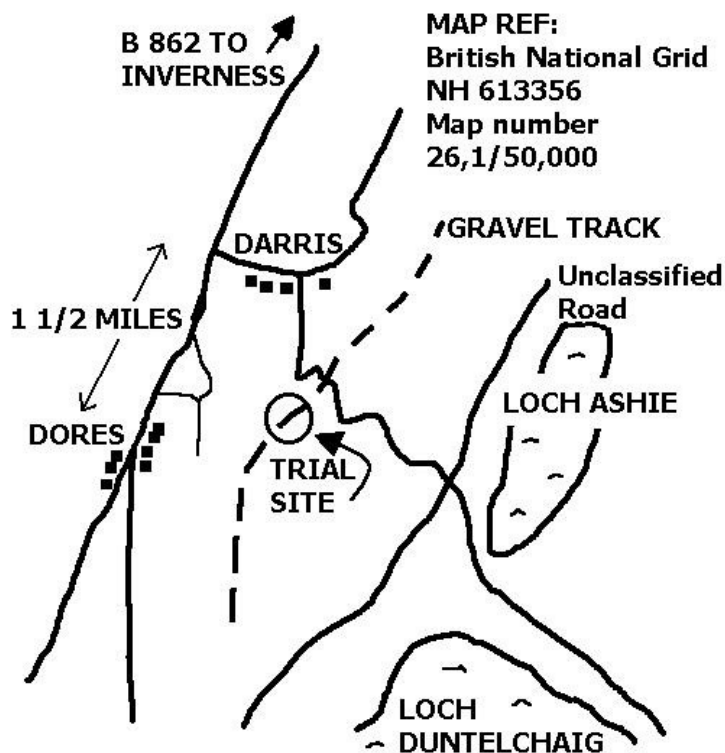
### Sports events sponsorships:

- Alan Howatson giving his £100 H4WDC sponsorship money to Parkinsons UK (great North run).
- Peter Macinnes received sponsorship money for highland cross - £100.

## 4X4 TRIAL SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. The H4WDC will promote a cross country Vehicle Trial on **SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> September**.  
The event will be held entirely on private land at **Dores**
2. The meeting will be governed by the General Regulations of the RACMSA LTD (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Codes of the FISA), these regulations + any written instructions the Club may issue for the event.
3. MSA permit has been granted. **PERMIT No: 120041**.
4. The event is open to all fully paid up members of the H4WDC and BORDC.
5. Competitors must produce a valid club membership card and sign on. Club membership number must be displayed on participating vehicles.
6. The program of the meeting will be as follows:
  - (a) **Scrutineering starts at 09:15 hrs**
  - (b) **Competitors not signed on by 09:45 hrs may be excluded from the event.**
  - (c) **First vehicle starts at 10:00 hrs**
7. Vehicles will fall into classes as per club rules i.e. SWB and LWB. Vehicles may enter into one class only. Starting order on sections will be as per Club Rules. Competitors may be split up into 2 groups.
8. All vehicles must comply with MSA Technical Regulations.  
Passengers may only be carried in accordance with Rule H. 11.3.2.
9. The entry fee is £15 per competitor. All entries must be made on the official entry form and accompanied by the appropriate fee. All officials must also sign-on on the official signing on sheet.
10. The secretary for this meeting is: **Elaine Smith**.
11. The maximum entry for this meeting, incl reserves, is 40 and the minimum is ten. Should the minimum figure not be reached, the organisers have the right to cancel the meeting.
12. Other officials are: **Clerk(s) of the course: TBA – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
Scrutineers and Club Marshals: Non-competing / attending Committee Members
13. Results will be available after the competitor completes each section by simply asking the scoring marshal. Results of the event will be published in our monthly newsletter.
14. Any protests must be lodged in accordance with 0.5.1.

## **Next EVENT** **DORES TRIAL** **SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**



Directions; leave Inverness on the B862. Pass Scaniport, after 2.5 miles turn left at a staggered cross roads. If you reach the old school or Dores you've gone too far.

Follow the road up the hill; after just over a mile a track crosses the road, turn right into the track and it'll take you in to the site, only about 50 metres from road.

Grid ref NH 613 355

**Parking area is quite small, easily congested, and can get very muddy / slippery if wet.**