

# Positive Gamber

*The Newsletter of the S. H. M. C. C.  
(South Hants Model Car Club.)*

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Almost a quarter of the way through the year already. Doesn't time fly when your having FUN!

So this month will see the 2007 Calshot Thunderdrome event and the second round of the Reality Cup. Calshot this year is sponsored by Muchmore Racing and the prizes are spectacular, over £800 worth of top notch quality racing gear. We also have had some other fantastic donations, which should make this the best Calshot EVER! Make sure you don't miss it. Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup>.

March also will see the start of the new rules for all racing at Bashley. Mainly this is the introduction of the BRCA motor rules, which will mean that only motors from the BRCA list will be allowed. Now I know some of you may not agree with this but in truth, up until a few months ago we have always run to these rules although maybe not enforced them totally so this really is nothing new to the majority of people who race at the club. I have also been asked if we are going to now enforce this rule and scrutineer every car in every race. Well the answer in short is no. We have a set of rules and we expect everyone to abide by them. I am sure that everyone will make sure that they comply and will not need us checking up on them every five minutes. We may occasionally pick on a car at random and check it, especially if it appears that the car is far quicker than everyone else. To be honest I cannot think of anyone at the club who would deliberately use an illegal motor so I don't think there will be any problems anyway.

So what else is new? Last month saw the first round of the Reality Cup and would you believe it, we were (almost) lucky enough to have the weather on our side. Not a great turnout but as the forecast was poor I guess it was to be expected. However the 15 people who did turn up managed a good days racing. A damp start to the day saw qualifying on a wet but drying track making set up very difficult. Anyone of 6 people could have taken pole but by the end of the 3 rounds young super star Dan Horton took first spot ably helped by set up specialist Derek and a good supply of chicken legs and sausage rolls supplied by mum! I can also say that there is no truth in the rumour that the food Dan was offering to all his rivals was in anyway doctored with laxative to give him an unfair advantage. You also have to remember that Dan is running F2 and still beat all the top runners in F1. Well done Dan.

The finals were however a different matter. With the track now dry Mr Townsend somehow managed to storm away and take the win overall from Rob Howett and Les Baldry with Dan coming home in 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Mark now leads the series in F1 class after round 1 with Dan Horton leading the F2 class. Harvey Steadham and Ian Newton are 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in F2. Full results of this and the other indoor and outdoor series can be found at [www.smokefree.co.uk/shmcc](http://www.smokefree.co.uk/shmcc)

The outdoor series is coming to a close and it could not be closer at the top. Only 1 point between leader Les Baldry and 2<sup>nd</sup> place man Mark Townsend with only 3 points between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places. With only 1 round to go it could all change and the last race is certainly going to be interesting.

It seems that Wednesday evenings is getting more and more popular with really good turnouts over the last few weeks. The mini championship is looking very tight and any of the top ten drivers could end up winning it. Remember you have to be there to win so make sure you turn up if you want to add that trophy to your collection. The 27 turn and 19 turn classes seem to change leaders

