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# The Chairman's Chat

Wendi Batterson, South West Chairman .....

SW Regional Committee Chairman's Chat – June 2016

Dear SW Members

On 9<sup>th</sup> October 2016 the SW region will be holding a Kart Marshal Training day at Boscombe Aviation Museum, near Salisbury, if any of you are interested in coming to this please do let me know as soon as you can. We'll be covering FMOS (First Marshal on scene), radio procedure, flags, incident & report writing together with fire training practical and theory. This training will be relevant to new marshals as well as those more experienced. The event scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> June was cancelled due to insufficient numbers. So please if you are interested in learning about Kart marshalling then get in touch.

We are also holding a recruitment event this year for the first time at the Berkshire Motor Show to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016 at Prospect Park, Reading, so again if anyone is interested in helping out at this event then do please let me know.

Finally, a plea for any stories or articles you would wish to see in our newsletters. If you do have time to pen a small article for that for distribution to all our members in the South West then our Newsletter Editor Kaz Connolly will look forward to hearing from you. You can contact her on [sw.news@marshals.co.uk](mailto:sw.news@marshals.co.uk)

We're still looking for a training officer. This role is about assisting in the training of marshals and organising training days/events. The work involved is not particularly onerous and Paul Wiltshire and I are registered MSA trainers so would assist in this in any event. If this is something you would be interested in, then do please get in touch with me.

It will soon be time for your committee to think about who in the region should receive our awards. We have the Bellini Trophy for outstanding services to marshalling, the New Marshal of the year which is open to people who have been marshalling just two years and who have showed a

dedication or enthusiasm and demonstrated a keen interest in learning and ability whilst on post. We also have the Cadet marshal of the year which is open to young marshals below the age of 18. If you have any potential candidates for this award then do please let me, or indeed any member of the committee know. These awards are usually awarded at our AGM. The AGM this year will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

Next year will be the Club's Diamond Anniversary, so again if you have any ideas of a social evening we could organise in the SW region you would wish to attend please send me your thoughts.

All the best and stay safe.

*Wendi Batteson*  
South West Chairman  
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

## The Bellini Trophy

The Bellini Trophy for 2015 was awarded to Chris Turrall in the South West Region for outstanding services to marshalling and dedication to the sport. The reason for the award in the SW is set out below.

**Chris Turrall has been marshalling for the last 30 odd years at various circuits, hillclimbs, sprints and various venues up and down the country as well as being a regular overseas marshal since 1985 at the Dutch Grand Prix Circuit at Zandvoort. He has shown initiative for example in assisting a group of Dutch Marshals being welcomed to officiate at the British Grand Prix in the mid 1980s by asking the MSA if they could be invited. Consequently, Dutch marshals still officiate at the British Grand Prix.**

During that 30 odd years Chris has come up through the ranks and grading scheme and is a well respected and experienced Post Chief (Examining Observer). He has been instrumental over recent years in assisting senior officials from OCA with the introduction of a grading scheme for marshals over in the Netherlands. His time and efforts in this respect have recently been the subject of an award from OCA.

The Chief Marshal, OCA, Remko Gerritsen says this, "I want to emphasize that he is well known for his knowledge and that he always shares this and his experience with both our established and our new officials and that we always learn a lot from that! After each weekend Chris has worked with my officials I always get compliments from the crew that he was assigned to for the weekend, not only for his great work on the track but also for his companionship during the weekend! Besides that Chris also helped our instructors team to improve our grading scheme so even off track he will not hesitate to help our club forwards.

For that we are most thankful to him and in my opinion Chris is more than the perfect candidate for the Bellini award: someone who shares his enthusiasm and knowledge in marshalling motorsport events with passion." These sentiments are echoed by Paul Hesselman, Chairman of OCA.

**Chris has shown a great deal of leadership qualities in the way in which he manages any post he is put on, whether in the UK or abroad in the Netherlands or Dubai or elsewhere. For example he is**

**considered by those he teaches to be patient in his instruction, keen in his action and always having at the forefront safety of all with whom he comes into contact with. He has been involved with Coroner's inquests from time to time and, his dealings with these have been utterly professional with a no "gossip" approach to the matters.**

**In more recent years, he has had to overcome, not being able to drive to venues due to diabetes. Despite these difficulties, he has continued to fulfil the roles allocated to him at the various circuits and events he attends.**

Jon Tillott says, "I have known Chris throughout his marshalling career and despite some periods of ill-health he has always been enthusiastic and helpful to anyone with an interest in marshalling, be they a novice or seasoned regular, both in the UK and in Holland."

It was with huge pleasure that I was able to catch up with Chris to hand over the award.





## SW New Members

The following personnel are new members to the South West Region:

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Member Nos.</b>	<b>Marshalling Interest</b>
Matthew	Challenger	SW7580	Race, Speed
Serena	Rowland	SW7581	Race, Speed
Tess	Salvage	SW7600	Race, Rally, Speed
Stewart	Freeman	SW7601	Race, Rally, Speed
Victoria	Brodie	NW7583	Race
Iain	McMahon	NW7584	Race
John	Ball	NW7595	Race, Rally
Malc	Merrifield	EM7585	Race
David	Roberts	EM7587	Race, Rally, Kart
Iain	Corrie	EM7592	Race, Kart
Peter	Barleycorn	SE7596	Race, Speed
Clarissa	Meeres	NE7597	Race, Kart
Victor	Willis	NE7598	Race, Kart

I'd just like to welcome you all to the Region and hope to see you all out on the Bank.

*Paul Wiltshire*  
SW Membership Secretary  
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

Marshals Coordinator Contact Details  
Wiscombe Park Hillclimb Centre

To all my fellow SW Marshals

It appears that the Marshals coordinator at Wiscombe Park has stood down and they have failed to notify the club of his replacement.

Therefore, if any of my fellow members know who the new New Marshals Co-Ordinator is can they please let me know.

My contact details are:

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