

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR OWNERS & DRIVERS OF HISTORIC GRAND PRIX CARS

ANNUAL LUNCH 2023



As the curtain fell on the 2023 racing season, planning started in earnest for the Annual Lunch which was held on Friday 1st December at the Royal Automobile Club in London's Pall Mall. More than 160 members, guests and friends were keen to come together to celebrate a fabulous year and applaud those chosen to receive awards for their achievements both on and off the track.

The lunch was held in the sumptuous and newly re-furbished Mountbatten Room, following a very convivial drinks reception in the Club's Committee Room. Chairman Peter Horsman welcomed everyone and, as tradition dictates, started the ball rolling by awarding the Chairman's Cup to Treasurer Andrew Beaumont in recognition of his superb endeavours with the Association's financial affairs.

A delicious three course meal was then enjoyed by all and, as coffee and petit fours were served, we moved into Peter's review of the season and the announcement of plans for the 2024 racing year. Peter gave fulsome thanks to all those who have worked hard over the year to produce a great programme of racing: sponsors Dunlop – represented by Steve Cox of HP Tyres; Will Nuthall and the team at IN Racing for their work in looking after the Red Truck; Wendy and Bob Beever for the Red Truck catering; Tim and Donna for their tireless work at every race meeting; the Driving Standards team of Chris Wilson, Ted Rollason and Richard Parnell, scrutineer Bertie Gilbert-Smith and Competition Secretary Lindsey Warren. And of course, Stella's massive contribution as she approaches retirement (more of which to follow later in this edition). Peter also introduced the new Membership Secretary Steph Clements, who takes up her role with the HGPCA in January. Last, but by no means least, thanks went to the Board Directors for their support throughout the year.

Competition Secretary Lindsey Warren then took over the microphone to announce the Class Awards for the 2023 season with HGPCA President Clive Chapman (who thankfully had tested Covid-negative that morning after several days of positive results!) stepping up to present the awards which this year were beautiful leather items of luggage. Any award winner not able to make the lunch will be able to collect their Awards from the Red Truck in 2024.

Once the Class Awards had been announced, it was back to Peter to present the 2023 recipients with the HGPCA's Special Awards. As we had been able to run separate races for Front Engine cars at three of the race meetings, it had been decided to award the Nuvolari and Ascari Trophies. First the Nuvolari Trophy – which is presented for Pre 1950 Front Engine cars and went to Stephan Rettenmaier. Then the Ascari Trophy for Post 1950 Front Engine Cars which was shared between John Spiers (Maserati 250F) and Paul Grant (Cooper Bristol).

Bertie Gilbert-Smith then stood up to announce his chosen winner of the trophy presented in the name of the late Alan Putt. Bertie had decided that Hall & Hall should receive the award for their immaculate preparation and presentation of cars racing with the HGPCA this season. Andy Willis collected the trophy on Hall & Hall's behalf.

Which left just the impressive Jack Brabham Trophy to be awarded – to a very surprised, but nonetheless thrilled, Steve Banham for his support throughout the year in his Cooper T45!

PRESIDENT: CLIVE CHAPMAN CHAIRMAN: PETER HORSMAN TREASURER: ANDREW BEAUMONT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: JULIAN BRONSON, ROD JOLLEY, EDDY PERK, STEPHAN RETTENMAIER, TED ROLLASON, MARK SHAW, RICHARD WILSON

...AND THE AWARDS GO TO:



Pre-War Classes

Stephan Rettenmaier, winner of the Pre-War classes; 3rd placed Rebeca Rettenmaier who also collected father Josef's Entrant's Award. Second in class goes to Australian John Gillett.



Class 5 - 1952/53 2 litre Grand Prix Cars

Left to Right: Erik Staes - third, Ian Nuthall - second, with class winner Paul Grant (all Cooper Bristols) show off their leather luggage awards with the appropriate gold, silver or bronze metal engraved tags.



Class 6 - 1954-'58 Grand Prix Cars

Left to Right: third-placed Simon Hope in the first season with his newly-acquired car; Steve Hart collecting Klaus Lehr's award for second place and winner John Spiers. (All Maserati 250F)



Class 7a - Pre 1961 Front Engine Grand Prix Cars

Three winners were awarded equal first in class 7a. Pictured above: Preparer Dan Longmore collecting Max Smith-Hilliard's award (Lotus 16); Jo Greenwood received Tony Smith's (Ferrari). Joaquin Folch (Lotus 16) couldn't be at the lunch to receive his award.



Class 8 - Formula Libre, Indianapolis and Intercontinental Cars

Pictured left: Eddie McGuire (Scarab) took third place with class winner Mark Shaw (Scarab Offenhauser) and Rod Jolley second place in his Lister Jaguar Monza GP.



Class 7b - Pre 1961 Grand Prix Cars

Left to Right: Second place in 7b went to Rudi Friedrichs; Class Winner was Tony Lees and in third place Will Nuthall in Giorgio Marchi's car (All Cooper T53)



Class 7c - Pre 1961 Formula 2 Cars under 2 litres

Left to Right: Second placed Hans Ciers with class winner Steve Banham. Third place is awarded to new member, Simon 'Syd' Fraser. (All Cooper T45)



Class 9 - Pre 1961 Grand Prix/Formula 2 cars under 2 litres

Left to Right: Tom Waterfield (third) with entrant Tim Ross; Peter Russell collects Tony Ditheridge's second place award. Class winner Barry Cannell celebrating a successful season in his T51



Class 10a - Pre 1966 1.5 litre 4 Cylinder Formula 1 cars

Left to Right: Alex Morton (Lotus 21) with his second place award and Mark Shaw, Class Winner in his Lotus 21. Third placed James Hagan (Lotus 18) wasn't able to join everyone for the lunch.



Class 10b - Pre 1966 Formula 1 cars and 1964/66 F2 cars

Left to Right: Second placed Tom de Gres (Brabham BT14) and class winner Geoff Underwood (Cooper T56/59). Third went to Arnout Kok (Netaur) who had already left to catch a train!

Class 11 - Pre 1966 1.5 litre Multi-Cylinder Formula 1 cars

First: Philipp Buhofer (BRM P261); 2nd: Sid Hoole (Cooper T66) Third: Charles McCabe (BRM P57). Sid received his award in person but sadly we don't have a photo!



Class 12 - Pre 1966 Tasman and Intercontinental cars

Left to Right: Third Placed Rod Jolley (in Tim Ross' T53); Class Winner Justin Maeers (Brabham BT11A & Cooper T53); and in second place, Tim Child (Brabham BT3/4)



Pictured Clockwise from Top Left:

Peter Horsman presents the Chairman's Cup to Andrew Beaumont; Stephan Rettenmaier with the Nuvolari Trophy; Bertie Gilbert-Smith presents the Alan Putt Trophy to Andy Willis of Hall & Hall; Steve and Bev Banham with the Jack Brabham Trophy; John Spiers and Paul Grant share the Ascari Trophy

Pictured left:

Steve's rather chuffed with the Trophy which features as part of the Banhams' Christmas decorations!



And finally, the focus of all in the room turned to Stella! Peter presented Stella with flowers and a framed certificate confirming her Honorary Membership of the HGPCA. Stella's retirement gift from the Association is of her choosing! She will be taking a residential course with a ceramicist at some point next year.

Stella cannot – and never has been able to – speak in public and knew that she'd not be able to speak at the Lunch so she asked Erik Staes' wife, Deidre to do so on her behalf. These are Stella's words:

Thank you for the flowers and thank you to all of you - and all those who came before – for a truly unique experience. Unlike now - when there actually is a job description of sorts – it was a case of the HGPCA asking Nick Mason (one of our Life Members) to adopt their administration which was initially taken on by his p.a. Paula Webb, working out of Nick's offices in Gifford Street, North London. I morphed into the role of administrator as Paula moved on to McLaren.

Working alongside Martin Grant Peterkin, a database and website, systems and procedures evolved which all worked well for several decades! That is until Lindsey joined us – post Covid – and opened the doors to new technology with Apps and WhatsApp and the magic of online entry forms. It's been fabulous working with Lindsey these last two years – I've really enjoyed it. But the future is here and I'm rather happy to be able to step off the rollercoaster of digital progression and concentrate on the more organic pursuits that I enjoy like gardening, sewing and pottery.

It has been a truly fabulous time: learning about the cars, meeting and getting to know the members, their families and teams and the organisers, travelling to fascinating European cities – a real 'dream job'. They say that, if you enjoy what you do, it really doesn't feel like work and, in my case, that has certainly been true and, of course, I've made some great lasting friendships along the way.

I'll still be around, tidying up my rather chaotic filing system and answering any queries that Lindsey or Steph might have in the coming months. I hope to drop into a race meeting here or there next season.

Thank you, thank you, thank you... or in the words of Douglas Adams ... 'so long and thanks for all the fish!'

The standing ovation that followed went on for several minutes...

We need a volunteer!

If you have an interest in the history of the HGPCA – the only Association currently catering for single seater Grand Prix built from the mid 1930s until 1966 – we would welcome you to give a home to the printed (as opposed to the more recent, digital) records of our history and activities. There are CDs of photographs, event by event, year by year, along with a small library of related books and videos.

Anyone of our Members, one of their family or a friend able to store and record the information for posterity (and potential use in Yearbook articles, social media etc.) would be welcome to have a chat with us to see what might work for everyone concerned.

Please get in touch with Stella or Lindsey in the first instance:

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Nick & Fiona Taylor



Nick & Suzanne Wigley



Amy Underwood



Alan & Lynn Jones



Ian Nuthall & Jacqui Watling



Paul & Mary Grant



Jane Whitworth-King & Debra Maeers



Julia De Baldanza & Lesley Perk



Faye & Rod Jolley



Bob & Wendy Beever



Sandra Meintjes, Sid & Sue Hoole,
Jim Houlgrave

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Paul Grant & Hubert Fabri



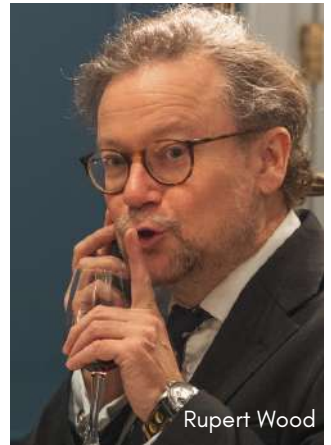
Clive Chapman & Louise Morton



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Jacqui & Rob Glenning



Rupert Wood



Peter Russell, Steve Banham & Richard Last



Tom & Jacqui Dark



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Geoff Richardson & Sue Hoole



Denis Robson



Klaus Bergs, Nick Topliss, Ian Nuthall & Max Blees



Bee & Martin Grant Peterkin

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Paula Stainton, Emma-Jane Clark & Vanessa Marcais Photo: Eddy Perk



Steph Clements



Miles Griffiths & Will Nuthall



Geraint Owen



Richard Wilson



Janey 'Lulu' McGill
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Rebeca & Klara Rettenmaier



Clive Chapman & Lindsey Warren



Chris & Beverley Phillips

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2024 CALENDAR

20 & 21 APRIL: VSCC SPRING START, SILVERSTONE CLUB CIRCUIT, UK

Separate Front and Rear Engine Grids; 25 minutes' qualifying session and 2 x 25 minute races for each grid

17-19 MAY: SETTIMANA MOTORISTICA ENNESE, AUTODROMO PERGUSA, SICILY

Combined grid; 25 minute free practice and qualifying session; 2 x 25 minute races

21-23 JUNE: ZANDVOORT HISTORIC GRAND PRIX, HOLLAND

Combined grid; 25 minute qualifying session; 2 x 25 minute races

12-14 JULY: BRNO REVIVAL GRAND PRIX, MASDARYK CIRCUIT, BRNO, CZECHIA

Separate Front and Rear Engine Grids; 25 minutes' qualifying session and 2 x 25 minute races for each grid

26-28 JULY: OULTON PARK GOLD CUP, UK

Combined grid; 20 minute qualifying session; 2 x 20 minute races

9-11 AUGUST: 51ST OLDTIMER GRAND PRIX, NURBURGRING, GERMANY

Four sessions - 25 minutes combined qualifying; Front Engine Race; Rear Engine Race and Combined race

23-25 AUGUST: SILVERSTONE FESTIVAL, SILVERSTONE HISTORIC GP, UK

Combined grid; 18 minute qualifying session; 2 x 20 minute races

25-29 SEPTEMBER: SPA SIX HOURS, SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS, BELGIUM

Combined grid; 30 minute qualifying session; 2 x 30 minute races

18-19 OCTOBER: SPAIN TBC

25-27 OCTOBER: ALGARVE CLASSIC FESTIVAL, PORTIMAO, PORTUGAL

Combined grid; 25 minute qualifying session; 2 x 25 minute races

6 DECEMBER - AWARDS LUNCH, RAC LONDON, UK



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1966 Lotus Holbay 41 F3 'Screamer'

Chassis No.8 MAE



Ex-Morris 'Mo' Nunn 1 litre Formula 3 car, which comes with an extensive history file and has been the subject of a full restoration by Peter J. Denty. The engine has zero hours on it having been fully rebuilt by Jeremy Bennett of Nemesis Racing in 2016. It has an HTP valid to 31.12.2027 and is in perfect technical condition. In its current ownership since 2013. Previous owners: Mo Nunn 1966-1969; Mike Watkins 1969-1970; Bryan Bruce 1971-1973; Roy Lewington 1974; Jim Ward 1975; John Elmes 1976-2013.

£70,000 GBP

For further information please contact Klaus Bergs (Germany, near Düsseldorf) by email at klaus.bergs@gmail.com



Cooper T51 - F2-7a-57

- Rob Walker team car 1958-1960 built by Alf Francis
- Driven by Stirling Moss and Maurice Trintignant in some 15 Grand Prix
- Winner of Goodwood's Formula One Glover Trophy in 1959
- Winner at the Monaco Historic Grand Prix and the Goodwood Revival
- Participant at recent events with Moss, Brabham, Brundle, etc
- Regularly raced with HGPCA and current HTP papers
- "One of the most handsome F1 Coopers ever assembled" – Doug Nye
- Richmond and Gordon Trophy at this year's Goodwood Revival



Cooper Monaco T49 – CM/4/59 – DVLA Registration 101 UYR

- Bought from the Coopers by Jack Brabham and run for him by John Coombs
- Campaigned extensively by Brabham in 1959-1960, also Roy Salvadori
- Goodwood Tourist Trophy 1959 with Brabham and Bruce McLaren
- Bahamas, Havana, Karlskoga, Roskilde Ring, United States in period
- Continuous provenance with leading figures and run by Hoole Racing for decades
- Regular competitor at Goodwood during the years of the Revival and Members' Meeting
- Raced regularly and recent Hoole-built Coventry Climax 2-Litre FPF
- Current HTP papers and road registration



Connaught ALSR/11 – DVLA Registration VPF 272

- Unique surviving Connaught ALSR
- Driven in period by Stirling Moss, Archie Scott Brown, Les Leston and Tony Brooks
- Goodwood Nine Hours in 1955 with Scott Brown and Leston
- Regular competitor at the Monaco Historic Grand Prix
- Recent competitor at Goodwood's Madgwick Trophy and Freddie March Trophy
- Regular racing with Motor Racing Legends, FISCAR, Griffiths Haig, etc
- Current HTP papers and UK road registration
- FIVA registration and recent participation at Vernasca Silver Flag, Leggenda di Bassano, etc

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