



British Women Racing Drivers' Club

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BWRDC GOLDSTARS AWARDS: THE NOMINEES!

The BWRDC is delighted to announce the nominations for the 2012 BWRDC GoldStars Awards - Elite and Club categories.

Many of the twelve nominees rank among the fastest and most successful female motorsport competitors in the UK and Europe: representing karting, circuit racing, rally drivers, co-drivers, and hill climb competitors; several claiming championships at national and international level as their rewards.

The BWRDC GoldStars are the Club's way of flagging up talent within the sport, while helping the winners and nominees to promote themselves and progress their careers.

Only two of these prestigious awards are presented annually – one for the 'Club' category, to a member who aspires to become a professional driver; and one for the 'Elite' category, to a member wishing to further her motorsport career as an amateur or professional driver.

The nominees are:

BWRDC GoldStars 'Club' category

Mentor Liz Halliday

- Sarah Franklin
- Lorraine Gathercole
- Gail Hill
- Jo Hodgson
- Louise Inch
- Cat Lund

BWRDC GoldStars 'Elite' category

Mentor Susie Wolff

- Gemma Batstone
- Louise Cook
- Jessica Hawkins
- Alice Powell
- Sarah Reader
- Zoe Wenham

The GoldStars Award winners have the added kudos of having Susie Wolff and Liz Halliday as Mentors, both highly successful and professional drivers.

Susie Wolff is the first woman to race for Mercedes-Benz in a decade contesting the highly competitive DTM Series, she is a brand ambassador for the German auto giant and the only female finalist (twice) of the prestigious McLaren Autosport BRDC Young Driver Award.

ALMS driver, International Horsewoman & 3-day Eventer and Broadcaster, Liz Halliday is the most successful female driver in ALMS history.

"It's brilliant to see so much talent in the club and the impressive results many have achieved this season," says BWRDC Chairman Helen Bashford-Malkie. *"I'm delighted these awards provides a platform to showcase their motorsport careers and further champion women in motorsport. We have much to celebrate in 2012, our 50th Anniversary year, so check out the BWRDC website and our partners at Motors TV website for further news."* Helen concludes.

The BWRDC would like to acknowledge the generosity of the BWRDC GoldStars sponsors.

GoldStars Winners and nominees benefit from: a dedicated website to present to prospective sponsors and the media; a special GoldStar sticker to put on their cars as well as their CVs.

The winners will receive product sponsorship from:

- Millers Oils (205 Litre Drum of engine oil).
- £50 voucher from specialist motorsport equipment supplier, GrandPrix Racewear.
- 70% discount for personalised helmet design offered by Piers Dowell of PDP.
- New to the UK! BWRDC GoldStars winners will be the first with 'Flameproof bras' from Stand 21 world leader in made-to-measure equipment for the racing driver. Stand 21 Managing Director, Romain Morizot will present these special garments!

Details of the GoldStars Nominees will also be available at www.bwrdc.co.uk and www.motorstv.co.uk

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