



British Women Racing Drivers' Club

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2012 GOLD STARS GAIL HILL AND SARAH READER



Photo: Jeff Bloxham

At 11am on Friday 13th January, the Motor Sport Association (MSA) Stand at Autosport International was buzzing with excitement as a host of members of the British Women Racing Drivers' Club lined-up next to MSA CEO, Colin Hilton for a photocall and presentations of the 2012 GoldStars by the legendary John Surtees OBE.

The GoldStars are the Club's way of highlighting member's achievements, flagging-up talent within the sport, while helping the winners and nominees to promote themselves and progress their careers. Only two are awarded annually: Club, awarded to a member who has established a successful career, who aspires to attain a higher level, either amateur or professional. Elite, awarded to a member who aspires to become a professional driver.

BRDC Board Member, BWRDC VP Ian Titchmarsh is the GoldStars Judge and had the difficult task of picking the winners from the short-list of twelve competitors. But as a lawyer, he is used to making difficult decisions every day and his meticulous attention to detail, ensures very fair judgement.

Addressing the large crowd, photographers and Motors TV gathered in front of the stand, Surtees said; *"Because the BRDC would not allow women to join years ago, the BWRDC was founded 50 years ago. It is marvellous to see so many of you involved and making a valuable contribution to the sport."* Then opening the two gold envelopes, he announced the winners to whoops of delight from the large group of club members, family, friends, GoldStars sponsors, Gail Hill received the GoldStars Club award and Sarah Reader won the GoldStars Elite award.

Commenting on her new status as 2012 GoldStar, Gail Hill said: *"Considering the quality of the other nominees, I am very proud, and chuffed to be the winner and I hope I can make the most of the opportunity it provides, in the year ahead. I'm really looking forward to gaining from the knowledge and experience from Liz Halliday this year. It was great to be on*

the MSA stand with such a motor racing legend as John Surtees. My thanks to the BWRDC for initiating such a fabulous award and to the sponsors for their generosity, which I hope to be able to repay this season and I look forward to seeing the GoldStars coverage on Motors TV.”

Club Mentor Liz Halliday says: “I’m looking forward to working with Gail this year and send her my congratulations.”

Sarah Reader said: “I’m really thrilled to have won and very proud to be a member of this club. I would like to thank everyone involved in these great awards. It’s been a great event and good to meet some of our sponsors.”

Elite Mentor Susie Wolff says: “I am delighted to once again be the Elite Mentor and look forward to helping Sarah and watching her progress. It is a very special year for the BWRDC as they celebrate their 50th anniversary. I will always be thankful for all the support they gave me and am proud to continue as both a mentor and member.”



BWRDC Chairman, Helen Bashford-Malkie “Thank you to the sponsors for coming to the presentations and everyone involved in helping to make the GoldStars such a success in this very special 50th Anniversary year. We hope our presence on the MSA Stand will inspire new members to join the club and start competing.”

For more information on the 2012 BWRDC GoldStars visit:

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