

WIN SOL RALLY BARBADOS TRIP

Rally
Of The Lakes

Lucky marshal TO WIN



One of this weekend's volunteer marshals or officials will win a trip to Sol Rally Barbados 2013 (June 1/2), the Caribbean's biggest annual motor sport International, courtesy of the Barbados Rally Club (BRC). The prize is the latest in a series of promotions organised in association with the Caribbean island's private-sector Tourism Development Corporation (TDC) and Ireland's Pacenotes Rally Magazine. All signed-on volunteers and marshals over the age of 17 are eligible for the draw, to be made after the event. The prize-winner whose name is 'pulled from the hat' will enjoy return flights on Virgin Atlantic from London Gatwick, accommodation for 12 nights and a rental car for the duration.

Killarney Rally of the Lakes Clerk of the Course Dermot Healy said: "We hear more and more about Sol Rally Barbados, as the Irish contingent seems to grow every year. On behalf of all our volunteers, I'd like to thank the Barbados Rally Club for this terrific opportunity. I know that whoever wins it will fully deserve the prize." Neil Barnard, the BRC's PRO, explains: "Over the past three years, with the valuable support of the TDC, the Club has offered prize trips to competitors, spectators and marshals . . . and it is those volunteers without whom motor sport simply could not survive that we are concentrating on again this year. Our European promotion of Sol Rally Barbados has resulted in a significant growth in first-time competitor numbers, particularly from Ireland." Pacenotes publisher Simon Mooney said: "It's great to be able to put something back into the sport, and I've seen first hand what a fantastic welcome our winner will get. Volunteers are the life-blood of motor sport the world over, and I saw the same enthusiasm and commitment in Barbados as we're used to at home. Whoever wins will certainly enjoy themselves . . . but might find it difficult not to join in!"

Sol Rally Barbados is a two-day closed-road tarmac rally with around 24 stages covering 80 miles; from small beginnings in 1990, the BRC's premier event has grown into a key player in the country's sports-tourism product. As this programme went to press, the entry for Sol RB13 stood at 107, with a record-breaking 11 cars in the BRC's two classes catering for World Rally Cars.

Since the first overseas competitors took part in the early 1990s, victory in 2012 for England's Paul Bird and Scottish co-driver Kirsty Riddick was only the fifth success for an International crew. The event has significant Irish connections, however, as all four previous wins were shared between Kenny McKinstry (1993 with Robbie Philpott as co-driver, '96 with local Sean Gill), then Kris Meeke and Paul Nagle, who claimed back-to-back victories in 2008/'09.

The prize-winner's trip will include the previous weekend's Scotiabank King of the Hill, the results of which are the basis on which seeding is decided for Sol RB13. This 'shakedown' event is a round of the BRC's local Virgin Atlantic-sponsored Driver's Championship (as are both days of Sol RB13), but also gives overseas visitors an opportunity to tackle Barbados tarmac at competition speed.

All in all, with the social events which pepper the weekday calendar around the two events, this weekend's lucky prize winner can look forward to a cracking trip.



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