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**SOL RALLY BARBADOS 2012 ENTRY HAT-TRICK RECORD
Sol committed to “further development” of sports tourism**



For the third straight year, the Caribbean’s biggest annual motor sport International, Sol Rally Barbados, has attracted a record entry. Between October and the closing date a week ago (May 14), 121 entries were posted on-line at the event’s official web site – www.rallybarbados.bb – of which 108 remain on the provisional entry list, published by the Barbados Rally Club (BRC) during a media conference today (Monday).

Title sponsor since 2008, Sol hosted the function to coincide with the official opening of its re-branded Sol Redmans service station and the start of its ‘Rally Up’ promotion: fans can win rally gear or tickets to VIP Hospitality by visiting Sol’s island-wide outlets, or by buying the official Sol RB12 programme, available from Wednesday.

Sol Rally Barbados Chairman Barry Gale told the assembled media: “Thanks mainly to incredible international media coverage of Sol Rally Barbados 2011, including television coverage on 30 networks around the world, including ESPN, we have had phenomenal interest shown towards the 2012 edition of our pride and joy.”

Among many record figures in this year’s statistics, 63 International drivers or co-drivers are entered, of whom 26 are new to the event, and to the island. Following the European ‘Rally to Barbados’ promotional campaign run in association with the Tourism Development Corporation (TDC), there has been a major upsurge of interest from Ireland, which accounts for six of the 12 first-time crews.

Gale continued: “As organisers, there is no sweeter payback for the support shown to us by the Barbados Tourism Authority, the Barbados Hotel and Tourism Association, and the TDC, than the ability to say ‘Sol Rally Barbados 2011 media reports and television coverage were accessible to 700 million people worldwide’.

“We are more than proud to play our part in promoting this beautiful rock in the Caribbean Sea, both as a tourism destination and as a place where local and International competitors can fight – equally – over the honour of victory in what has become the largest motor sport spectacle in the Caribbean.”

The region’s largest independent oil company, Sol was represented today by Barbados Country Manager, Ezra Prescod, who said: “Sol is pleased to have partnered with the BRC to grow the event over the past five years. We recognize the value it brings to the island’s sports-tourism product, particularly in these very difficult times, and are happy to contribute to its further development.”

Sol has expanded its support for motor sport with sponsorship of Roger ‘The Sheriff’ Skeete, 12 times the winner of the island’s premier event since 1990. Skeete is chasing a third hat-trick of wins - his previous record includes consecutive triumphs in 1990-92 and 2000-02 - and his recent victory in the Valvoline Shakedown Stages is a good omen.

In this season’s local events, overall wins have been shared equally between Skeete, 2003 and ‘07 RB winner Paul ‘Surfer’ Bourne (Ford Focus WRC07) and Sean Gill (Suzuki SX4 WRC). From the wider Caribbean come Trinidad-based Jamaican John Powell (Impreza WRC S14), who had stage wins in Barbados for the first time in the Shakedown Stages, and Jamaica’s Jeff Panton (Focus WRC06), the first overseas winner in Barbados in 1998. Add in former UK National Champions Paul Bird (Focus WRC08), Steve Perez (Focus WRC07) and Roger Duckworth (Impreza WRC) and anything might happen, while regular visitor Rob Swann could prove to be the dark horse in his UK-spec B13 Impreza.

Gale also confirmed the route for Sol RB12, which promises competitors and spectators alike an entertaining weekend; there are 22 special stages, 12 on Saturday, 10 on Sunday. While the venues in use are all familiar, the route-setters have gone to some trouble to introduce some new ‘tweaks’, which will create new challenges for competitors and something different for spectators.

Sol Rally Barbados 2012 (June 9/10) and Sol Go Further/Scotiabank King of the Hill (June 3) are organised and promoted by the Barbados Rally Club, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2007; title sponsor is the Sol Group. Marketing partners are Simpson Motors, LIME, Automotive Art, Banks and Karcher; official partners are the Barbados Hotel & Tourism Association, Barbados Tourism Authority, Tourism Development Corporation, Divi Southwinds Beach Resort, Geest Line and Virgin Atlantic Airways; associate sponsors are Chefette, Climate Control, Field Insurance, Glacial Pure, Little Switzerland, Redline Fuels, Scotiabank and Stoute’s Car Rental

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SOL RALLY BARBADOS 2012

At a glance

New for 2012

- Sol Go Further/Scotiabank King of the Hill is the new title for the important 'shakedown' and seeding event the weekend before Sol RB12; it acknowledges a new Sol concept and the introduction of a new associate sponsor to the event
- 'Rally Central', the workshop for overseas crews which do not already enjoy a working relationship with friends or businesses in the island, has moved to the former Motor Services premises in Fontabelle. As before, it will provide secure storage, access to knowledgeable local engineers, and vital infrastructure, particularly for first-timers
- class trophies in Sol RB12 will only be awarded to crews who record an overall finish. The Barbados Rally Club 'two-thirds' rule will remain in place, however, for the calculation of Virgin Atlantic BRC Championship points, and local drivers will not 'lose' points to overseas visitors

Entries

- 121 entries received on-line – there have been 13 withdrawals (7 Int, 3 Reg, 3 local)
- 108 listed on the provisional entry list, a record for the event
- 30 International crews, also a record (beating 29 in 2003)
- drivers or co-drivers from 14 nations (including Barbados)
- 63 International drivers or co-drivers (another record), 26 new to the event
- 9 drivers or co-drivers from the wider Caribbean, 1 new to the event
- 72 local crews, also a record (the largest number to start Sol RB is 63, in 2007 & '09)
- 12 female competitors, one driver, 11 co-drivers (including 6 Int, 3 new to the event)
- cars from 21 manufacturers (another record), Ford the best-represented with 27, followed by Toyota (21), BMW, Mitsubishi and Subaru (10 each)

Rally schedule

- 12 stages at three venues on Saturday, and 10 stages at two venues on Sunday
- total stage distance – 122.60km
- Sunday's 10 stages total 69.00kms, the highest-ever day two percentage of the route
- Sunday afternoon's five stages total 35.40kms, the biggest 'sting in the tail' in the history of Rally Barbados
- the compacted route saves between 12 & 15 per cent in transit time and distance compared with recent years

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Provisional entry list at May 21

+ driver/co-driver (car) – listed alphabetically by class

+ some classifications subject to scrutineering

+ this list includes stand-by entries which will be incorporated into the final start list in accordance with the provisions of the ASRs

Key to nationalities (competitor from Barbados unless shown): ARG – Argentina; CDN – Canada; ENG – England; JAM – Jamaica; KEN – Kenya; NED – The Netherlands; NIR – Northern Ireland; RSA – South Africa; SCO – Scotland; TCI – Turks & Caicos Islands; TRI – Trinidad & Tobago; USA – United States of America; WAL – Wales

Modified 8-WRC

Paul Bird - ENG/Kirsty Riddick – SCO (Ford Focus WRC08)
Paul Bourne/Megan Bryant (Ford Focus WRC07)
Roger Duckworth - ENG/Aled Davies - WAL (Subaru Impreza WRC)
Sean Gill/Michael Cummins (Suzuki SX4 WRC)
Roger Hill/Graham Gittens (Toyota Corolla WRC)
Jeffrey Panton – JAM/Michael Fennell Jnr – JAM (Ford Focus WRC06)
Steve Perez – ENG/Paul Spooner – WAL (Ford Focus WRC07)
John Powell - TRI/Nicholas Telfer - TRI (Subaru Impreza WRC S14)
Dean Serrao/Josh Delmas (Subaru Impreza WRC S9)
Roger Skeete/Louis Venezia (Subaru Impreza WRC S12)
Rob Swann – ENG/Darren Garrod – WAL (Subaru Impreza)

Modified 8-A

Avinash Chatrani/Martin Goddard (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo VI)
Graeme Finlayson - SCO/Orville Bruce (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo III)
Joe McQuillan – NIR/Neill Finlay - NIR (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo VII)
Tom Roberts - ENG/Nicky Marriott - ENG (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo VI)
Rob Weir - ENG/Ross Weir - ENG (Subaru Impreza)

Production 4

Martin Donnelly - IRL/Colin Fitzgerald - IRL (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX)
Mark Hamilton/Clive Howell (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX)
Stuart Johnson - TRI/Lee Quesnel - TRI (Subaru Impreza N12)
Andrew Mallalieu/Aled Edwards - WAL (Subaru Impreza N10)
Geoff Noel/Kreigg Yearwood (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX)
Terry Sealy/Rommel Coppin (Subaru Impreza N12)
Simon Wallis – ENG/Carolyn Pearce – ENG (Subaru Impreza N10)

Group B

Andrew Costin-Hurley - ENG/Shawn Mellett - ENG (Ford Puma)
Duane Johnson/Dwayne Forde (Mitsubishi Lancer Turbo)
Harold Morley - ENG/Mark Nelson – JAM (Porsche GT3)
Geoffrey Ulyett/Jason King (Datsun 200T)
Frans Verbaas – NED/Kees Hagman – NED (Mini Cooper S)

SuperModified 11

Martin Atwell/Chris King (BMW M3)
James Betts/Geoff Goddard (Renault Clio)
Devon Clarke/Dario Watson (Toyota Starlet)
Owen Cumberbatch/Kelly-Ann Sandiford (BMW M3)
Sammy Cumberbatch/Nicholas Yarde (BMW M3)
St Elmo Cumberbatch/Kevin Cumberbatch (BMW E36)
Ronan Curley – IRL/John McKinley – IRL (Ford Escort RS)
Brian Gill/Heath Hazell (BMW M3)
John Hardman – NIR/Sean Buckley – WAL (Ford Escort MkII)
Stan Hartling – TCI/Andy Proudfoot - CDN (Lotus Exige)
Paul Inniss/Calvin Briggs (Ford Escort MkII)
Andrew Jones/Kurt Ward (Ford Escort MkII)
Pierre Lashley/Kishen Holder (BMW 325i)
Stuart Maloney/Trevor Perkins (Peugeot 306 Maxi)
Graham Manning/Mick Squires - ENG (Ford Escort MkII)
Martin Stockdale - ENG/Mark Swallow – ENG (BMW M3 Compact)
Logan Watson/Rhett Watson (BMW M3)
Alex Whitehead/Brian Hurley (BMW 328i)
Nigel Worswick – ENG/Lindsey Pilkington – ENG (Ford Escort MkII)

SuperModified 10

Neil Armstrong/Barry Ward (Toyota Starlet)
Rommy Bamrah – KEN/Harvey Jutley – KEN (Ford Escort Mki)
Brett Clarke/Garry Clarke (Citroen C2 S1600)
Raymond Conlon – IRL/Darren McCague – IRL (Toyota Corolla)
Paul Horton - TCI/Kristian Yearwood (Ford Escort Mki)
Allan Mackay – SCO/Mo Downey – NIR (Ford Anglia WRC)
Conor McMeel – NIR/Sean Devlin – NIR (Ford Escort MkII)
Josh Read/Mark Jordan (Toyota Starlet)
Gary Thomas – WAL/Phil Ralphs – WAL (Ford Escort MkII)
Ian Warren/Robert Warren (Toyota Starlet)

SuperModified 9

Clifford Cox/Scott Bentham (Toyota Starlet)
Vishal Dhanraj - TRI/Scott Leonard – USA (Opel Corsa)
Carlos Edwards/Andre Waithe (Toyota Starlet)
Roger Mayers/Barry Mayers (WR Starlet)
Allan Maynard/Marcus Beck (Toyota Starlet)
Cliff Roett/Joshua Plaza (Toyota Starlet)
Matt Shinnors – IRL/Catherine Levis – IRL (Ford Escort MkII)
Winston Thompson/Fiona McDonald (Toyota Starlet)

Modified 7

Eric Allamby/Sean Corbin (Toyota Corolla)
Kyle Catwell/Norman Catwell (Volkswagen Golf GTI)
Daryl Clarke/Russell Brancker (Honda Civic)
Edward Corbin/Rodney Clarke (Toyota Corolla RunX)
John Corbin/Owen Proverbs (Toyota Corolla)
Sean Field/Darnley Rayside (Peugeot 306 GTi6)
Freddie Gale/Kyle Proverbs (Toyota Corolla RunX)
Ron Greaves/Stuart Leach – ENG (Honda Civic Type-R)

Adrian Linton/Jonathan Linton (Vauxhall Astra SRi)
Jeremy Sisnett/Justin Sisnett (Ford Fiesta)
Miguel Toppin/Yakub Haveliwala (Peugeot 205)
Chris Ullyett/Derek Ince (Ford Escort RS2000)

Modified 6

Wayne Archer/Lucas Nicolao - ARG (Peugeot 206)
Jamal Brathwaite/Dario Hoyte (Mitsubishi Mirage RS)
Neil Corbin/Matthew Staffner (Toyota Starlet)
Rhett D'Andrade/Tristan Gibbs (Daihatsu Charmant)
Jeremy Gonsalves/Chris Corbin (Opel Corsa)
Kenny Hall - SCO/Fenny Wesselink – NED (Ford Puma S1600)
Brendon Mckenzie/tba (Toyota Corolla)
Shareef Walcott/Rashid Phillips (Toyota Corolla)
Danny Williams/Syltopher Mayers (Ford Fiesta)

Modified 5

Glenn Campbell – NIR/Jonathan MacDonald - NIR (Nissan Micra Kit Car)
Sean Cox/Adam Cox (Suzuki Swift Gti)
Stuart Deeley – ENG/Alistair Dodd - ENG (Nissan Micra)
Peter Gallagher – IRL/Rene Forde (Talbot Samba)
Rommell Martin/Alex Kellman (Toyota Starlet)

Production 2

Fabien Clarke/Arlington Hoyte (Suzuki Ignis Sport)
Martin Taylor – IRL/Eddie Taylor – IRL (Proton Satria)

Historic

Geoff Bell – RSA/Michael Worme (Ford Escort RS1800)
Ding Boston - ENG/Jon Pulliston - ENG (Alfa Romeo Giulia Sprint GTV)
Tim Pearcey – ENG/Neil Shanks – SCO (Ford Escort RS1800)
Andrew Siddall – ENG/Carl Williamson – WAL (Ford Escort Mki)

Clubman Historic

Greg Cozier/Jamie Marsh (Ford Escort MkII)
Stuart McChlery/Julian Goddard (Ford Escort Mki)
Nigel Reece/David Reece (Ford Escort Mki)
Andrew Skeete/Andrew Croney (Mitsubishi Lancer GSR)
Stuart White/Jason O'Neal (BMW 325)
Ryan Wood/Raymond Parris (Toyota Starlet)

Clubman

David Brewster/Neil Bullen (Peugeot 205GTi)
Jeremy Croney/Christian Sampson (Peugeot 206)
Umar Dyer/Richard Blenman (Peugeot 205 GTi)
Shannon Kirton/Lisa Roett (Datsun 120Y)

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Special Stage Schedule



North, South, East or West indicates the direction of travel for that stage

Saturday, June 9

- 0930 Start – Greenland Agricultural Station
- 0945 SS1 – Climate Control/Field Insurance Pickerings West 1 (3.90km)
- 1010 SS2 – Karcher Sailor Gully South 1 (4.50km)
- 1055 SS3 - Automotive Art Lion Castle 1 (5.00km)
- 1155 SS4 – Climate Control/Field Insurance Pickerings West 2 (3.90km)
- 1220 SS5 - Karcher Sailor Gully South 2 (4.50km)
- 1305 SS6 – Automotive Art Lion Castle 2 (5.00km)

Service and lunch halt – Greenland Agricultural Station

Total stage distance, leg 1 - 26.80km

- 1450 SS7 - Automotive Art Lion Castle 3 (5.00km)
- 1535 SS8 – Karcher Sailor Gully North 1 (4.50km)
- 1600 SS9 – Climate Control/Field Insurance Pickerings East 1 (3.90km)
- 1715 SS10 - Automotive Art Lion Castle 4 (5.00km)
- 1800 SS11 – Karcher Sailor Gully North 2 (4.50km)
- 1830 SS12 – Climate Control/Field Insurance Pickerings East 2 (3.90km)

Total stage distance, leg 2 - 26.80km

Total stage distance, day 1 – 53.60km

Sunday, June 10

- 0900 Restart – Carrington Factory
- 0925 SS13 – LIME Kendal South 1 (6.00km)
- 1000 SS14 – Sol Stewarts Hill North 1 (7.80km)
- 1030 SS15 – LIME Kendal South 2 (6.00km)
- 1130 SS16 - Sol Stewarts Hill North 2 (7.80km)
- 1200 SS17 – LIME Kendal South 3 (6.00km)

Service and lunch halt - Carrington Factory

Total stage distance, leg 3 - 33.60km

- 1345 SS18 - Sol Stewarts Hill South 1 (7.80km)
- 1425 SS19 – LIME Kendal North 1 (6.00km)
- 1450 SS20 - Sol Stewarts Hill South 2 (7.80km)
- 1555 SS21 - LIME Kendal North 2 (6.00km)
- 1620 SS22 - Sol Stewarts Hill South 3 (7.80km)

Total stage distance, leg 4 - 35.40km

Total stage distance, day 2 - 69.00km

Total overall stage distance - 122.60km

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PREVIOUS WINNERS
1990 to 2011



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Programme of key events

Saturday, June 2 - Simpson Motors Scrutineering

- 1.00pm to approx 8.00pm
- Simpson Motors, Warrens, St Michael

Sunday, June 3 - Sol Go Further/Scotiabank King of the Hill

- 10.00am to approx 4.00pm
- round four of the Virgin Atlantic BRC Championships
- Hangman's Hill, St Thomas; one practice and three official timed runs
- for overseas competitors, a shake-down before Sol RB12

Wednesday, June 6 - Sol RB12 Briefing Meeting

- 6.30pm, followed by Sol RB 12 Welcome Party
- Divi Southwinds Beach Resort, Christ Church
- the Briefing Meeting is for competitors, crews and rally officials only
- the Welcome Party is essentially a social event, with limited formalities
- Prizegiving for Sol Go Further/Scotiabank King of the Hill

Saturday, June 9 - Sol Rally Barbados 2012 – day 1

- round five of the Virgin Atlantic BRC Championships
- start at 9.30am from Greenland Agricultural Station, St Andrew, which is also the Service Park for the day
- 12 stages at three venues

Sunday, June 10 - Sol Rally Barbados 2012 – day 2

- round six of the Virgin Atlantic BRC Championships
- restart at 09.00am from Carrington Factory, St Philip, which is also the Service Park for the day
- 10 stages at two venues

Monday, June 11 - approx 3.30pm – Sol RB12 Prizegiving

- The Boatyard, Bay Street, St Michael

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Rally Barbados

- 2011 Roger Skeete/Louis Venezia, Subaru Impreza WRC S12, 1h 05m 51.95s
- 2010 Roger Skeete/Louis Venezia, Subaru Impreza WRC S12, 1h 01m 07.57s
- 2009 Kris Meeke - NIR/Paul Nagle - NIR, Subaru Impreza WRC S9, 55m 11.84s
- 2008 Kris Meeke - NIR/Paul Nagle - NIR, Toyota Corolla WRC, 1h 00m 00.06s
- 2007 Paul Bourne/Stuart Maloney, Subaru Impreza WRC S9, 57m 34.36s
- 2006 Gary Gregg - JAM/Hugh Hutchinson - JAM, Ford Focus WRC02, 51m 57.89s
- 2005 Roger Mayers/Max Ferri, Ford Focus WRC, 58m 46.99s
- 2004 Roger Skeete/Dave Crawford - ENG, Ford Escort WRC, 1h 03m 04.48s
- 2003 Paul Bourne/Louis Venezia, Subaru Impreza WRC, 1h 21m 05.43s

International All-Stage Rally

- 2002 Roger Skeete/Dave Crawford - ENG, Ford Escort WRC, 1h 16m 49.80s
- 2001 Roger Skeete/Dave Crawford - ENG, Ford Escort Cosworth, 37m 53.21s
- 2000 Roger Skeete/Dave Crawford - ENG, Ford Escort Cosworth, 43m 57s
- 1999 Trevor Manning/Michael Ward, Mitsubishi Lancer Evo V, 1h 03m 14s
- 1998 Jeffrey Panton - JAM/John de Mercado - JAM, Toyota Celica GT4, 51m 15s
- 1997 Roger Skeete/Dave Crawford - ENG, Peugeot 306 S16, 55m 55s
- 1996 Kenny McKinstry - NIR/Sean Gill, Ford Escort RS2000, 37m 02s
- 1995 Roger Skeete/Dave Crawford - ENG, Peugeot 205GTi, 37m 04s
- 1994 Roger Skeete/Dave Crawford - ENG, Peugeot 205GTi, 38m 55s
- 1993 Kenny McKinstry - NIR/Robbie Philpott - NIR, Subaru Legacy RS, 43m 24s
- 1992 Roger Skeete/Dave Crawford - ENG, Peugeot 205GTi, 24m 26s
- 1991 Roger Skeete/Roger Fields, Peugeot 205GTi, 15m 46s
- 1990 Roger Skeete/Charmaine Skeete, Peugeot 205GTi, 16m 08s

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THE SOL GROUP

Company profile

Sol is the premier supplier of petroleum products to the Caribbean basin, providing customised energy solutions to customers every day and for generations to come.

The Sol Group supplies fuels, lubricants, and LPG through an extensive service station network and supplies petroleum-based products to commercial customers who are involved in shipping, luxury boating, aviation, mining, trucking and fleet operations. Sol uses the Shell brand under licence across its Shell Service Station network and parades its own Sol Service Station model across several countries in the region. The link between Sol and motor sport is clearly seen in the synergies which motor sport shares with our core business.

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THE BARBADOS RALLY CLUB

Profile

The Barbados Rally Club was founded in 1957 following the successful running of the first June Rally; now called the June Safari, it boasts the longest continuous history of any motor sport event in the region. Always at the forefront of the sport's development in Barbados and the wider Caribbean, the Club was among the first to encourage regional, then international, competition. Sol RB2012 is the 23rd running of the Club's annual International All-Stage Rally which, from small beginnings in 1990, has developed into the Caribbean's biggest annual motor sport International and a major contributor to the island's sports-tourism product.

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