

## **CATERHAM GRADUATES RACING CLUB NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION TO BOARD**

### **CARTER, Mark**



I started racing with CGRC in 2013 and have only ever missed one round for non-Caterham related reasons, choosing to attend the 100<sup>th</sup> Indianapolis 500 over racing at Rockingham.

I am committed to the Club and after being elected as a director in June 2014, have held the post of treasurer and have done the book-keeping, which used to be a paid job with a salary of £1,000 a year. As well as doing this job unpaid, I've never claimed for any expenses and in standing for re-election, offer to continue like this.

During the past 3 years, I've come up with some good ideas that have been implemented, such as having a TV with live race timing in the awning and providing race commentators with a Media Pack, which I produce. For this year's Awards Dinner, I've engaged an ex-F1 driver, who has raced Ensign, Lotus, Shadow, Theodore and Tyrrell F1 cars in Grand Prix, with a best result of 7<sup>th</sup> place, and has also competed at Le Mans 14 times! I trust you will be interested to hear more about this driver, who as a true racer, is not charging the Club a fee.

### **FORD, Roger**

I am a software product manager for a large American software company. My career in racing goes back about 25 years. Starting with off-road motorcycle enduros, I soon moved to



motorcycle circuit racing. 11 years of that saw lot of trophies and lots of broken bones, so I retired in 2002. A brief (and strange) period of not racing was followed by the Caterham Academy in 2004. My success in motorcycle racing was never really repeated in car racing, but I do manage to pick up the odd trophy when everyone else crashes or breaks down. I was a director of the British Motorcycle Racing Club and Lydden Circuit Limited for several years, and joined the Grads board a few years back with the aim of sharing some of the experience gained in the other

posts. Somehow I ended up as Chairman and now it's my fault when anything goes wrong.

### **GIBSON, Oliver**

I am 36, live in Battersea in London and am a chartered surveyor working in the residential development and investment team at JLL (Jones Lang LaSalle). I have 13 years experience in residential property sales, starting my career with WA Ellis agents and surveyors in 2004. Before property, I studied Economics, Accounting and French at Bristol University. At JLL, I specialise in the sale of prime central London residential property and I personally brokered in excess of £130 million worth of sales in 2016. Clients include The Crown Estate, Great Portland Estates, Northacre, property funds and family offices.

My love of Caterhams began in 1998, when aged 17 I helped my father build a Classic for his entry into the 1999 Academy (Scholarship at the time). We still own the Classic, which my father drove to 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Scholarship and I continue to use it on road and track. Holiday Bob Wilson, who helped us build the Classic back in 1998, kindly offered to share his Mega class car with me in 2012 - my entry into the Graduates Club.

After 2 shared seasons with Bob, I purchased my own car in 2014, leading to the Mega's title in 2015 and 2016. Previous motorsport experience includes 3 races in a Ginetta G20 and 6 seasons of karting in the Club 100 Endurance Series, in addition to a significant number of track days.

I very much look forward to continuing racing with the Club in the new SigMax and wish to offer something back to the Club. My mechanical and technical knowledge is pretty limited, as illustrated by the Egg-timer strapped to my dash (!), but I trust that my passion for motorsport and all things cars will be of value to the Club. I am keen to assist with choices of circuits for the 2018 calendar and would like to investigate the possibility of at least one televised round per season, in order to increase coverage for, and new entrants to, the Club. I would also like to see increased use of digital and social media to promote the Club and help attract new sponsors.

## **HARYETT, Nick**



I am a charter mechanical engineer with a career working with rotating machinery. I built and raced a Caterham in the 1997 Scholarship; I finished 4th in my Scholarship year. I have been racing with the Caterham Graduates since 1998. I raced my Scholarship car, now a Classic, until 2001. I have raced in all Graduates classes; Classics, SuperGrads, MegaGrads, Sigmas and SigMax. In addition to building my Classic I have rebuild a MegaGrad and a SigMax onto new chassis. I have been an executive board member since 2001, responsible for writing the

Championship regulations, co-ordinating with our scrutineer and in the past liaising with our sole technical support provider. I have been with the club through the years when Classics and then Supers turned out 50+ cars for each race weekend. Class numbers have fallen recently due to financial pressures on drivers and competition from other race series. I believe I have the knowledge and experience to support the club as it moves through a transition period where careful management of our class structure is required to ensure a strong future.

## **TATTERSALL, Peter**



Last year, when I stood for election, I didn't speak very well for the simple reason that I felt the existing board members could adopt my ideas without me being on the board; I felt it more important to pass on my ideas. After all, I did not know how the board operates, so how could I do a better job than the current incumbents? I feel differently now, especially as my ideas have not been adopted.

It is very hard to encourage new people onto the board if little is known about how it operates. Last year I recommended that members be allowed at meeting as non-participating observers and that minutes of meetings are accurately recorded and made available to the membership. Of course, confidential matters would still need to be discussed and minuted separately. This has not been adopted. I feel so strongly about this that I request your vote only if you agree with me. That way, a year from now, anyone new standing for the board will know exactly how it works and so what they can offer the membership.

Currently, because of the lack of minutes, I don't know what each board member does, but I strongly suspect that some do a lot more than others, but for key reasons.

When somebody new comes along they need to be taught their duties. If there is no time for the schooling and shadowing, the skills will not be passed on and one member becomes over-burdened whilst the other is disillusioned.

For details on all my proposals, please visit: [www.RacingPeter.com/Election2017PT](http://www.RacingPeter.com/Election2017PT)

## **WHITE, Barry**

I have been racing, and with the Grads, for 7 years. There are a few dedicated individuals on the Board who enable us to go racing and celebrate the end of the season and I feel it's time to help. We have successfully moved to 5 classes whilst I have been a member but we need



to focus on how to encourage more 'old' Supers drivers back or evolve Supers into something else rather than lose members.

Whilst the Supers issue is close to home for me, I am committed to developing the club for the future, working with the Board, to evaluate the options and lay out a clear path forward.

Safety is a top priority for me, both on and off the track.

I have worked in the Defence and Aerospace business for over 25 years in Commercial, Strategy and Corporate Finance roles; that experience will support the Club's Executive Board in the its future plans, structuring and negotiation of the agreements needed by the Club to go forward.

## **WINROW, Jamie**



I am a 21 years old driver in the SigMax championship who joined the Graduates in 2014. I have competed in the Super, Sigma and now SigMax classes and have never missed a weekend in the 3 seasons that I have done!

I am just completing a Masters in Economics at Reading University and hope that this would enable me to make a contribution to any business related aspects of the Club.

In standing for election as a member of the Board I believe that I will be able to represent a large proportion of the Graduates Racing Club, having competed in a number of the classes. Not only this, but I think that I will be able to voice opinions from the younger members of the Club. I can therefore provide an alternative point of view, with the aim of keeping the friendly, low cost and competitive racing that our Club has provided for me since I started as a novice.

Possible thoughts for the future:

- 1) Investigate opinions on more one day double headers rather than two day events.
- 2) Possibly attempt to go to a wider range of European circuits.
- 3) Seek clarification on the track limits on non MSV tracks before each meeting.
- 4) Potentially different length races (a 15-minute sprint race on Saturday, followed by a 30 minute race on the Sunday?)
- 5) Driver of the Day Award (one, across all classes)

I enjoy my racing immensely and it is only through the Graduates Club that I have been able to do this. I now see standing for the Board as a way to put something back into the Club and make a real contribution.