

The Renowned Armoy Road Races is Back for its 10th Year!

AMRRC Celebrates the Official Launch of the Bayview Hotel Race of Legends 2018

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Commemorating the official launch, the Armoy Motorcycle Road Racing Club invited the passionate racing community to an event, hosted by title sponsor, the Bayview Hotel on Wednesday 20th June.



Compered by Pamela Ballantine, the launch saw road racers, sponsors, invited guests and club members come together to celebrate the past ten years of the Armoy Road Races, with a panel discussion from club members, sponsors and the best of racing talent, Northern Ireland has to offer. It was also announced at the Launch that 23 times TT winner, John McGuinness will be attending the Armoy Road Races this year. A life long admirer of the Armoy Armada, John will be bringing his merchandise to the national road race. He's looking forward to engaging with his fans in Northern Ireland and visiting the Bayview Hotel Race of Legends for the first time. Following the launch, Clerk of the Course, Bill Kennedy MBE said, "The turn out for the

launch was a great reflection on what we expect from the races this year. There is a lot of expectation for this year's event, considering that we are celebrating a very significant milestone and I have no doubt that it will not disappoint.

"The news, hot off the press, that TT Legend John McGuinness will attend our 10th

Armoy Road Races is just great. As you know, he's a great fan of Joey Dunlop and the Armoy Armada and we will ensure, that although John is not racing, he will be given a very warm Armoy welcome.

"Race entries don't close until Monday 2nd July and with the Isle of Man TT just finished many riders are only turning their attention to the Armoy Road Races. I'm confident that Armoy will once again attract some of the best road racers."

McAdoo Kawasaki Adam McLean, on the back of winning the Post TT Supersport race and Ballymoney man Darryl Tweed attended the launch in advance of the races.

"I am delighted to celebrate the official launch with colleagues, friends and of course our sponsors, who have been crucial in making all of this happen and I would like to thank each and every one of them both personally and on behalf of the club for their continued support.

"Looking back over the last ten years, we have had some amazing highs and we will not forget some of the disheartening lows. All in all, I am very proud of what we, as a community, have achieved and I have full faith that 2018 will be our best year yet!

"It is the support and dedication of the Club and sponsors that ensure the success of the races year after year, so for that, the 10th anniversary celebration is for them."

This year, Bike Week runs from Saturday 21st July until Saturday 28th July with the races,

supported by the Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council, taking place on Friday 27th July and Saturday 28th July 2018 culminating in the Bayview Hotel 'Race of Legends'.

Bill concludes; "Aside from the anticipated racing, we have got a whole host of fantastic events lined up for race week, from a photography exhibition and barbeque to a classic car display and of course the renowned Miss Armoy competition, I would encourage everyone to extend their weekend and help us in celebrating the fantastic 10 years we have had."

Visit us at www.armoyroadraces.com and on FaceBook and Twitter for updates .



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List of races and sponsors:

Race No	Race	Sponsor	Laps
Friday			
Race 1	SENIOR SUPPORT RACE (1) 501CC – 750CC Counting for the Support Irish/Ulster Championship, UK Road & Track Championship & a round of the Loanends/Enkalon Support Series	Park Electrical Services & Armoy Construction	7 Laps
Race 2	SUPERSPORT RACE (1) Counting for the Supersport Irish/Ulster Championship & UK Road & Track Championship	First4Printing, Coleraine	7 Laps
Saturday			
Race 3	JUNIOR SUPPORT RACE INC LIGHTWEIGHT SUPERSPORTS, 650CC TWINS & SUPERMONO Junior Support race counting for the Support Irish/Ulster Championship & UK Road & Track Championship & a round of the Loanends/Enkalon Support Series.	Armoy Homes & JW Hickinson	7 Laps
Race 4	MOTO 3 – GP125CC GP RACE Counting for the Irish/Ulster Championship & UK Road & Track Championship	Molly's Restaurant & Bar	7 Laps
Race 5	SUPERSPORT RACE (2) Counting for the Supersport Irish/Ulster Championship & UK Road & Track Championship	Roadside Kia	7 Laps
Race 6	THE CLASSICS – CLASSICS UP TO 250CC, 251-350CC & 351CC – 500CC Counting for the Irish/Ulster Championship	The Fay Stewart Classics	7 Laps
Race 7	OPEN RACE 201CC – 1010CC Counting for the Irish/Ulster Championship & UK Road & Track Championship	Torquetronix	7 Laps

Race 8	LIGHTWEIGHT SUPERSPORT RACE Counting for the Irish/Ulster Championship & UK Road & Track Championship (LW Class)	Diamond Bar & Mermaid Club	7 Laps
Race 9	650CC SUPERTWIN RACE & SUPERMONO Supertwin race Counting for the Irish/Ulster Championship & UK Road & Track Championship (Super L/W Class)	Clyde Shanks	7 Laps
Race 10	SENIOR SUPPORT RACE (2) 501CC – 750CC Counting for the Support Irish/Ulster Championship & UK Road & Track Championship	Michelin Tyre PLC	7 Laps
Race 11	RACE OF LEGENDS 590CC – 1010CC Counting for the Irish/Ulster Championship & UK Road & Track Championship	The Bayview Hotel	8 Laps

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