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Craig Breen rounds off great year at awards ceremony

Waterford's Craig Breen celebrated a great season on Saturday night last at the National Junior Rally Championship awards ceremony at the Commins Inn Hotel, Ark City. The ceremony was held in conjunction with the Petro Systems National Forestry Rally Championship prize giving. Craig had a busy night as he picked up awards in both the Junior Championship and Forestry Championship. His 2009 Junior Rally Championship success was primarily based around the forestry (travel surface) events this season. The five best scores in the fourteen events made up the Junior Championship would count towards the final standings, Craig had also decided to contest the Fiesta Sporting Rally here at home in Ireland, the UK version and at the world championship level were only the bare minimum five rallies that he would fit into the crammed schedule within the Junior Championship.

Craig took victories on four of the rounds and was

by far the most dominant driver as the season unfolded. He started with a bang at the Tipperary Forestry Junior Rally where he took his maiden win. The forestry championship moved to Carrick on Suir for round two which was a home event for Craig as he is a Carrick Motor Club member and again he was the driver to beat in the junior class as he made it two wins in a row. The next time we saw Craig was on round seven in Co. Meath for the ALMC stages junior rally. He debuted the new Ford Fiesta R2 from Motorsport on Irish roads and finished second, but for some electrical problems he could have completed a hat-trick of wins. Craig quickly made up for this on round eight at the Cork Forestry Rally, where he stormed to his third victory of the season winning every stage in the junior rally. Craig's final event of the season was in Nenagh at the Birr Forestry Rally. Held on the 11th of October the Birr forestry rally was the final round in both the Junior Champi-

onship and the National Forestry Championship. Craig clinched the title with an incredible performance as he strolled to the junior rally win and also capped a great year by taking third place overall finish.

On Saturday night Craig had his hands full as he picked up three awards. Firstly his class D winners trophy in the Junior Championship, secondly for Craig was the trophy for 3rd overall in the two wheel drive category of the National Forestry Championship but most important was the cup for winning the National Junior Rally Championship.

The night of awards was not confined to Craig however as a total of eleven Carrick Motor Club members collected trophies.

DRIVER AWARDS:

Class 4 Winner John Michael Cuddy 2nd Overall in the two wheel drive category.
 Class 3 Winner John Fleming.
 Second in Class 3 Noel Wade.
 Class 4 Winner Alan

NAVIGATOR AWARDS:

Class 4 Winner Paul Collins. Second in Class 5, June Long. The most prestige awards presented on the night went to Trevor Harding and Andrew Purcell as they were crowned 2009 Petro Systems National Forestry Rally

Champions. The pair stepped up to plate this season and going into the final round were five points clear of their nearest rival Pat O'Connell and Mark Wiley. Harding and Purcell only needed to finish in the top five to clinch their first major title. Nothing goes as easy as

this however and there was a scare with only two stages to go in the rally. The Derek Jobb backed Mitsubishi EVO 8 entered the last service of the day with a broken drive shaft. The problem caused some anxious moments but the service crew were able to repair the car and Harding nursed the car to the finish

taking the title. As a mark of respect the clerk of the course on each of the counting rounds in the Forestry Championship got recognised for their work organising the events throughout the year. Terence Kearney picked up his award for the hard work he put in on round two the Carrick on Suir Forestry Rally.



Craig Breen pictured with his proud Mum and Dad and the National Junior Rally Championship Trophy at the awards night in Cork on Saturday night.