

Calling all rising young rally stars: John Easson Award organisers want you to compete for free Tour of Mull outing

Organisers of the John Easson Award are urging rising young rally stars to compete for the chance to win an all-expenses-paid entry to the Tour of Mull in October.

A slow uptake of entries for the prize has prompted 2300 Club, which runs the legendary event and the scholarship, to extend the

deadline for the competition until the end of August 31.

The award winner also wins a four-day trip to John Haugland's Rally School in Norway, worth more than £3000.

"It would be disappointing if a well-supported opportunity like this was dropped through lack of interest," said award co-promoter

Andrew Coley. "It's open to everyone right down to novices on their very first single-venue event. In the past, those who put in the most effort have won, not necessarily those with the most experience."

Last year's award winner, Alick Kerr, is now a competitor in the Fiesta Sporting Trophy UK.

He said: "It's a fantastic prize. There's no financial commitment to do other events, unlike many similar schemes. Pretty much everything on Mull was paid for, including the tyres, the fuel and the ferry. It's the best prize I know in national rallying."

The award, which was first run in 2004, is named in memory of

John Easson, a regular competitor on the Tour of Mull and 2300 Club supporter who lost his life in an air accident in 1999.

The award is open to all United Kingdom and Irish competitors under the age of 25. For full details of how to enter, email award manager Dave Bateson on daveb@2300club.org.

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Alick Kerr: a scholarship star