

Double awards scoop for rally driver Wink

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RALLY driver John Wink was able to celebrate a champagne double last weekend.

The Huntly native and co-driver John Forrest collected their third place class trophy and the Douglas Wood Press On and Persevere Trophy at the Scottish Rally Championship awards dinner in Glasgow.

The Douglas Wood trophy was especially emotional for Wink as it is sponsored by Douglas' dad Ken Wood, a former Scottish rally champion

from Inch, who was sponsored by Golden Wonder on the Scottish and British rally scene for many years, and does much of Wink's servicing. The trophy is awarded annually in memory of Douglas who died from a brain tumour five years ago.

"The trophy is awarded to someone who has put in a lot of effort throughout the season," said Wink.

"It was special to win that award as Ken has helped a lot with my rallying. It was a huge honour and I wasn't expecting that," he added.

"It was a great night

and the cup got filled with champagne."

After a terrific debut season in the ARR Craib MSA Scottish Rally Championship, Wink and car co-owner Forrest, from Rothienorman, are currently putting their Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 9 through a series of modifications in a bid to improve on their 13th overall standing in next season's championship, which kicks off on February 20 with the Snowman Rally in Inverness.

"We didn't expect to be in the top 20 this season and we were sitting in the top 10 for a long time," said Wink.



John Wink is hoping to build on last season's 13th place.

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