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Plain sailing for Carsington gong

CARSINGTON Sailing Club has been honoured at the Derbyshire Sports Awards, picking up a runners-up trophy in the Club of the Year category.

The Ashbourne-based club was pipped to the top prize by Chesterfield's Colin Deaton Table Tennis Club.

Derby Athletic Club was also a runner-up in the same category.

Members of Carsington Sailing Club were presented with their runners-up trophy by John Vicars, vice president, Operations, at Derby County Football Club, during a ceremony at Derby's Pride Park Stadium which was attended by more than 250 people.

Carsington had been chosen as a finalist by judges for their strong links with the School Sport Partnership and for their work to provide opportunities for people with a disability.

The Derbyshire Sports Awards saw the county's brightest sporting stars, coaches and volunteers gather with other invited guests to celebrate the successes of the past year and recognise community heroes and coaches who have contributed to sport at grassroots level.

The evening saw 14 coveted trophies awarded, with world bobsleigh champion Nicola Minichiello from Renishaw, named Sportsman of the Year.

The awards are organised by Derbyshire Sport, a county sports partnership which provides the strategic lead for sport in Derbyshire.

Clive Moesby, chair of Derbyshire Sport, said: "We have a wealth of talented sports performers and dedi-



AWARDED . . . John Vicars (centre) of Derby County presents the award to Carsington Sailing Club members (l-r) John Pape, Mick Athey, Tony Nicholson and Mike Stoker

cated coaches and volunteers in the county, and it is great to be able to recognise the dedication these people show.

"My congratulations go to each of the winners and all the finalists and I wish them many more years of sport-

ing success.

"It was great to see so many people join us at Pride Park for a fantastic evening looking back at some of the sporting highlights of the past year."

Headline sponsor of the awards were the University of Derby, who

were joined by category sponsors the Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service, Derby Telegraph, Derby County Football Club, Origination, Derbyshire Sport, Derbyshire 2012, Connexions Derbyshire Limited and Derbyshire County Council.

Randon 4th at Kimbolton

KARTING ace Sam Randon has added another trophy to his cabinet after a battling through a turbulent weekend battling with tyre choices and on-track dramas.

The 14-year-old from Sutton-on-the-Hill romped home from one of his favourite circuits, Kimbolton in Cambridgeshire, with a creditable fourth place trophy following a breathtaking three heats.

In the penultimate race of his rookie year in MSA karting Sam, up against some of the top drivers in the country, proved his pole position in August was no fluke as he started heat one at the front of the grid.

In the final race a drying track meant Sam's choice of worn wet tyres was leaving him trailing behind the drivers that opted for slicks, but, despite an early skirmish that lost him several places he kept his cool and finished fourth out of 20 karts.

Sam's team boss and mentor David Paveley said: "It was another very mature drive from Sam despite his relative lack of experience.

"We predicted Sam was capable of this but his performance against such quality opposition today was very impressive".

Last month, Sam also impressed driving a race car at Bruntingthorpe circuit in Leicestershire, reaching speeds in excess of 100mph.

Sam said: "The race car was fantastic and something I may consider in the future, but I intend to be a karting champion first."

To find out more, or follow Sam's progress, visit his race blog at www.samrandonracing.com.



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