RSO VP Navigational Report for 2023

We finally had a full season unaffected by Covid 19 in 2023. All eight events ran normally and we score the best 66% which is six. The Expert championship wasn't decided till the last event. The Novice championship was won by the only team to do all the events.

Entries in navigational rallies has been poor in recent years but 2023 showed a significant increase over 2022. Total entries for the 8 events was 105, yielding an average of 13 teams per event. The average for 2022 was only 8. This breaks down into 38 Experts with an average per event of 4.8 and 61 Novices with an average per event of 7.6. There were also 6 teams that ran as Open or Beginner. As for individuals, there were 26 different people that competed in Expert and 76 in Novice and 8 that ran as Open or Beginner. That includes drivers and navigators. That is up almost double from 2022. There were many more people who helped as organizers and checkpoint crews.

The fact that there were 76 individuals that competed in Novice is both a positive and a negative. It's a positive in the fact that many persons tried navigational rallying, but the negative aspect is that the large majority of them did only one event.

In conclusion 2023 was a much better year than 2022 which was better than 2021. The first part of the year started out even better but the number of entrants declined as the year went on. We are still not at the numbers of entrants that we would like to see.
Yours in the sport,
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