

**BS Racing Sponsorship Prospectus for 2016 Season**  
**Natasha Bartlett and Ciara Southgate – Female 500cc Sidecar Grasstrack Race team.**



**What is Grass Track?** It is a motorcycle sport for solo and sidecar machines for riders aged 6 to 70+. The racing takes place on oval tracks situated usually on grass land and is very closely related to Speedway, indeed many top riders compete in both sports. There are three main solo classes and three main sidecar classes, with all but the 1000cc right-hand sidecars competing in an anticlockwise direction. The top classes are the three international classes: 500cc solos and 500cc sidecars, (both using single cylinder highly tuned race engines similar to Speedway engines) and 1000cc right-hand sidecars, with multi-cylinder road bike motors.

**Events** run between March and November every year and take place throughout England, Germany, Holland and France. Crowds can vary between a few hundred to several thousands and the tracks can range from 300m to 1100m with surfaces normally being grass but there are many sand and shale tracks in continental Europe.

Races consist of four laps with between 4 and 12 competitors per race, depending on track size. Most meetings have between 30 and 60 races and are completed in about 4 hours. Admission prices for spectators vary between £10 for club meetings and £20 for larger international events. For more information visit the websites: - [www.bsracing.co.uk](http://www.bsracing.co.uk) [www.speedway.org](http://www.speedway.org) and [www.acu.org.uk](http://www.acu.org.uk).



**BS Racing** is a female International Sidecar Team competing in the 500cc sidecar class. In fact they are the only all girl team in the UK. The team consists of; Natasha Bartlett (28) as driver, Ciara Southgate (22) as passenger and Gary Southgate and Chris Bartlett as mechanics. All are experienced in the Grass Track and Speedway worlds and form a friendly family team. The team strive to achieve results whilst ensuring that everyone enjoys the racing.







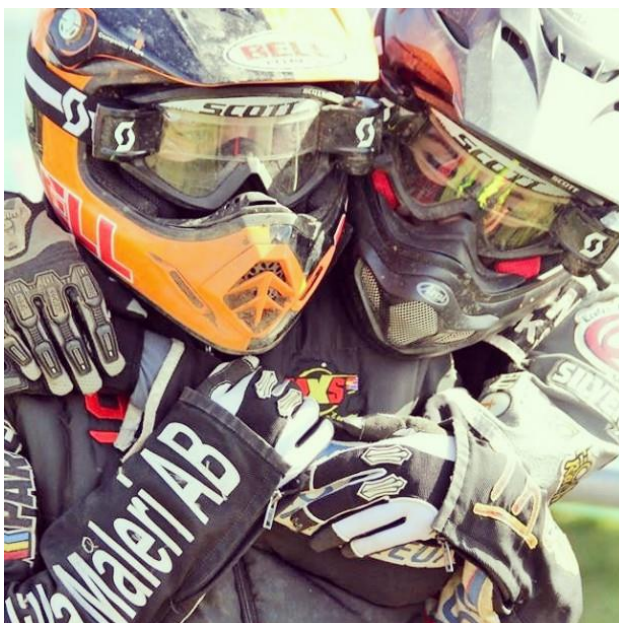
**Season 2015** was the first season for the team and although Natasha is an experienced passenger this was her first full season on the handlebars, for Ciara this was her first season racing. The team did several practice sessions in both the UK and Europe, ready for the start of the season. It was decided as a team for the first year to concentrate on B licence events in Germany and Dutch Open meetings in Netherlands with a few

meetings in UK. Both girls were passengers in UK for English drivers, Natasha with Mitch Godden and Ciara with Wayne Yeldham. The first race meeting for the Team was in Vries in the Netherlands and they had an excellent result of 9<sup>th</sup> place. There was a meeting at Schwarme, Germany shortly afterwards when the girls had an excellent 4<sup>th</sup> but without a mechanical issue would have been guaranteed a podium position. Then Natasha was unfortunately injured whilst racing with Mitch and could not compete for about 6 weeks. Ciara raced a few meetings with her father (Gary Southgate) on the team bike, before Natasha returned. The girls competed in their first ever British Championships in Cheshire and finished a creditable 11<sup>th</sup> despite two punctures and Natasha still struggling with her shoulder injury. There followed their



first podium with an excellent 3<sup>rd</sup> place on the Speedway track at Diedenburgen Germany, before the sidecar spectacular weekend at Melsungen, Germany when the team Qualified 4<sup>th</sup> out of 15 on the Saturday including their first race win and 4<sup>th</sup> overall on the Sunday with two more race wins. Lattrop in Netherlands was the next meeting where again the team finished 4<sup>th</sup>, at the European sidecar final Natasha and Ciara qualified 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 13 for the main meeting in the support B licence class, but the meeting was cancelled after a fatal crash during the training for the European final. The next weekend saw the team 6<sup>th</sup> on the fast grass track at Berghaupten, Germany. Two weeks later the girls competed in the support class to the UK Sidecar Super series final, and achieved their first overall win, an especially

well deserved result with Natasha at the same meeting also passenger to Mitch in the Super Series achieving 4<sup>th</sup> on the day and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the Super Series.



**Aims for 2016 and beyond.** The team would now like to consolidate on the progress made in the excellent first season which means more consistently getting in the top three at all of their meetings. Although much has already been invested into the teams equipment, it is felt that although the investments at the start of, and during the 2015 season, made a huge difference there is still more needed. The sidecar built at start of 2015 season will be refined a little more and the GM engine purchased will be retuned in Germany. As a further investment, particularly for the long tracks in Germany, a further GM engine

will be tuned by Joachim Kugelmann the team's tuner. The team hope to keep their good name for reliability in 2015. There is a breakdown at end of sheet for further details on budget costs for the 2016 race season.

The main aims for the season are to get into the top 6 in the South German series, and to achieve more top three results.

The team riders will be in new Kevlar race suits for the 2016 season and the bike fibreglass will also be replaced with a new team specific colour scheme. A new race van will be used for the 2016 season.

Below is the estimated budget for the coming season.

#### Race Budget for 2016

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| Tuning of GM engine by Kugelmann Tuning                 | £2500 |
| Engine maintenance                                      | £2000 |
| New fibreglass and mudguards for bike                   | £500  |
| Oil, methanol, tyres, chains, plugs, nuts and bolts etc | £700  |
| Fuel for transport                                      | £2500 |
| Two new race suits                                      | £1500 |
| Total for 2016  | £9500 |

The team would like to thank you for taking the time to read this small prospectus but if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us via the details given below. The team would also like to thank their main supporters and sponsors for 2015.

Anybody wishing to help the team, in any way, is asked to contact us. We will advertise any company on clothing and team equipment/vehicles and will use logos if these are supplied. We are also willing to participate in any promotional events you may hold and are available for any promotional literature you wish to produce. We look forward to hearing from you.

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