

## MLMYC RC Laser Club Championship Round 2 – Mawson Lakes 24/3/19

Skipper	Sail #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Total	Disc.	Nett	Place
K Stringer	39	2	1	2	3	4	2	5								19	5	14	2
D Turnbull	55	9	4	10	4	9	6	6								48	10	38	8
J Berry	256	7	5	9	6	5	8	7								47	9	38	9
A Heard	192	1	2	1	10	3	3	1								21	10	11	1
J Nieuwen	148	8	6	4	9	6	5	2								40	9	31	5
B Whitehead	259	5	8	3	2	8	9	9								44	9	35	7
G Polomka	184	6	10	6	7	7	10	8								54	10	44	10
A Hayter	312	3	7	7	1	10	7	DNF								46	11	35	6
P Clerke	289	4	3	5	8	1	1	3								25	8	17	3
B Rowney	42	10	8	8	5	2	4	4								41	10	31	4

The end of summer came with a vengeance to Mawson Lakes on Sunday. We were presented with a light NNW breeze of about 5 knots which shifted to NW and increased to about 15-18 knots in the middle of the afternoon. It was a symphony in two parts, as the first three races were sailed under A rigs, and then after a long break and a resetting of the course the second batch of four races were sailed with a mixture of B and C rigs. NW winds are notoriously variable in direction and strength at Mawson Lakes and Sunday only heightened our displeasure of winds from this direction.

Kym Stringer sailed the first three races in exemplary fashion, getting excellent starts and showing good boat speed. I caught him in a couple of these races on the second windward work, only by heading out to the port side of the course and picking up steadier wind. Alex Hayter showed in a couple of races why he is the club's big improver at present. He could easily have won the first race and he succeeded in winning race 4 in very variable conditions. Alex's sailing has gone up a notch and I believe he has the potential to mix it with the best in the club.

The other race winner was Phil Clerke, who continues to impress and who sailed particularly well in the last three heavier weather heats. Brenton Rowney made everyone take notice by finishing the day well. He came fourth overall and again did better in the heavier weather. John Berry, Don Turnbull and John Nieuwenhuizen filled out the mid-field, with all of them keeping the leaders honest. Bob Whitehead had too many collisions to have a top day, and Gary Polomka spent the day learning the idiosyncrasies of a cat rigged boat in shifty conditions.

Many thanks to Lorraine Berry our ever-reliable scorer, to Stephen Cibich who did a great job as RO on what was a very tricky day and to Stewart Ross who set the courses and whose racing experience, we all continue to benefit from.

Adrian Heard