

## MLMYC RC Laser Club Championship Round 3 – Mawson Lakes 14/4/19

Skipper	Sail #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Total	Disc.	Nett	Place
K Stringer	39	8	7	2	3	8	3	3								34	8	26	4
D Turnbull	55	3	9	1	10	7	7	4								41	10	31	6
L Sawyer	171	1	5	8	2	5	2	6								29	8	21	3
J Berry	256	5	1	6	7	4	6	8								37	8	29	5
A Heard	192	9	2	9	4	3	1	2								30	9	21	2
B Whitehead	259	10	4	10	6	DNF	5	7								53	11	42	9
R Bessell	301	6	10	7	9	9	8	9								58	10	48	10
A Hayter	312	4	8	5	8	2	DNC	DNC								49	11	38	8
P Clerke	289	2	3	3	1	1	4	1								15	4	11	1
B Rowney	42	7	6	4	5	6	9	5								42	9	33	7

Sailing on Sunday was delayed by almost an hour as we waited for a faint NE breeze to become evident. Soon there were 10 Lasers on the water all donned with A rigs. Mark rounding's were tricky in the shifty conditions as evidenced by the fact that Bob Whitehead got entangled with each other twice in the first three races. Lindsay Sawyer won the first race in pretty much start to finish fashion. The next race was beautifully started and sailed by John Berry. John will be delighted with the fact that he lost the lead a couple of times only to regain it on both occasions. His memorable option of taking the inshore leeward gate for the final work to the finish line, will go down as one of the great moments in his sailing history.

Next up it was Don Turnbull's turn who established a good early lead and held it for the race – Well done Don. Meanwhile Phil Clerke was quietly picking up seconds and thirds, but from race four onwards he really stamped his authority on the day. A real feature of Phil's sailing is how cool-headed he is. He can sail into a congested mark rounding and very often emerge gaining a couple of places. He makes good decisions under pressure and that showed up on several occasions yesterday. Congratulations Phil on what was an excellent day's sailing.

Alex Hayter and Ross Bessell both continue to show signs of fairly rapid improvement. Unfortunately, Alex had to leave early, and Ross got a delayed start in the final race. Kym Stringer and Brenton Rowney both put in fairly consistent performances, although both had some collisions and they will be somewhat frustrated with the opportunities they lost.

It was in fact a day where it was particularly easy to make mistakes, and if you could avoid them like Phil Clerke did, you did well. Many thanks to Garry Polomka as RO, Lorraine Berry as scorer and to Stewart Ross who set the courses. Also, a big thanks to all our friends, club members and supporters who come along and watch us – I hope we keep it interesting for you.