

Millennium Cup - Salt Ash - 20/5/2018

Hi everyone,

We had 18 starters including Hutton Oddy, who had travelled down from Armidale. He was rewarded with a 1st place, in what was a tricky day conditions wise.

Flying got underway around 9.30am in a constant stiff 25 kph plus wind blowing from the West. Despite this there were a few near max flight in the first round. Unfortunately, for the rest of the morning, the conditions deteriorated with times averaging around 2 ½ minutes. The forecast was for the wind to ease in the middle of the day, so an early lunch was called after 4 rounds.

While the wind be ease a little it was still on the strong side. Some pilots were able to post good scores a, while landings were illusive most of the day. Penetration back the spot was difficult to judge, especially when combined with ground turbulence.

For the first time the 50 point penalty for a motor restart was applied. The choice was, restart or end up well down wind in the scrub. Common sense prevailed to get the model back the the field undamaged.

There were a few models damaged, resulting in Ian Roach only completing 1 round after cracking his tail plane spar.

Thanks to Les Safarik who was not able to fly and stepped in to run the comp, calling up pilots and recording the scores, thanks Les.

The place getters where:

1st Hutton Oddy

2nd Colin Woodward

3rd Phil Stevenson

The conditions favored the more traditional style models, although all 3 had elements of own build to them, The best place Radian was 4th.

Jack Murphy