

On Sunday we completed the 2018 Shoalhaven Shield and the final round of 2018 Millennium Cup in good conditions.

18 pilots enjoyed great weather. The conditions were warm with a mostly sunny sky.

We started with very light winds with shifting direction (always a good sign) and around mid-morning the easterly sea breeze began to kick in. By lunch time the wind was quite fresh.

We started out with 20 pilots entered but two unfortunately had issues on the very first launch that prevented them from continuing.

I counted 10 Radian competitors of the remaining 18 pilots.

Towards midday with the stronger winds most aircraft were launching into the wind and then slowly being blown back overhead. To go downwind was a gamble since getting back to the landing area proved to be not possible for most.

Early on there was lift about and there were many flights recorded around the 6:30 minute target duration. Landing bonus points were also attainable in the lighter conditions. However as the wind increased in strength getting the target time became very difficult and landings were quite the challenge.

We completed six rounds before lunch and we completed a further three rounds after lunch for a total of nine rounds on the day. This number of rounds enabled pilots to drop their worst flight for the calculation of the final scores.

The winner of the round and the Shoalhaven Shield for 2018 is Fred Lodden. Congratulations Fred.
2nd place was taken by Don Farrar and in third place was Colin Woodward.

The competition for the 2018 Millennium Cup was also resolved with the completion of the Shoalhaven Shield round. This year we had to contend with some unfavourable weather that required us to reschedule the Appin round and cancel the Maddens Plains round. So we were able to conduct just six of the seven scheduled rounds in 2018.

We had six different winners of the six rounds in 2018.

There were 43 pilots who entered in at least one round of the 2018 Millennium Cup.

With the final round scores entered into the 2018 Millennium Cup spreadsheet the winner of the 2018 Millennium Cup is Colin Woodward. Congratulations Colin.

2nd place was taken by Rob Watson and in third place was Klaus Metzger.

Scheduling rounds in 2019 has become complicated due to CASA's newly imposed 400' height limit. With some of the host clubs either not applying for height limit exemptions or have applied but don't have it approved by CASA yet.

Clubs that we do know, which have approvals are Lake George, Nowra, and HSL. Goulburn has applied. Gloucester will probably not apply as there is no R/C club at Gloucester.

However the state field is a possibility for the two day event that we normally have scheduled for late September. We are investigating.

We will attempt to retain the number of rounds and have them on approximately the same dates that we had in 2018, but the venues may change.