

# Sailing March 15

## Match Race Cup race 4

With just one race when both Ivan and Bruce are both at the pond will stretch this series out for some months yet.

In this race Bruce won the start by a couple of lengths then lost out on the windward leg and trailed Ivan around the first mark. On the downwind Bruce managed to get an inside overlap and hang onto it to lead round the downwind. He then kept a tight cover on Ivan for the remaining legs and took the win.

Results so far in best of 9: Ivan: 1, Bruce: 3

## Summer Series 6

With the final two series days days to go there is close competition for the top places.

13 members were at the pond for the racing. With the winds light and shifting from SE to NE a course right around the pond was set with a leg close to the top fountain.

Tom is rarely able to be racing with us, but he makes up for this with his performance. Tom won four of the races to be top score of the day with a total of 9.

Kevin Webb had won the first race, and also took the fun race that several of us had after the series racing. His score of 18 gave him third of the day total score. He is 4th overall in the series and threatening Geoff for 3rd.

Geoff McGill beat Kevin by one point (17) to take second on the day and held onto third in the series results.

While I had a poor result, Peter Andrews had enough to make the two of us equal lead in the series scores. With the final next week, it is down to who can improve on their 4th score.

Brett won his first race with us, taking race 4 and adding a 2nd place, his day's score of 20 gave him 4th place. Well done, Brett, a good result.



## State of the Pond:

The fountains are finally working. The old one finally failed about 15 months ago so we have been without oxygenation, except for natural result of wind and rain, for some time. With these fountains pumping water from the far end they will generate some flow and the oxygen levels will be kept up.

The SG measured out at 1.014 which is up from 1.006 in just one week. This must be because the estuary water that overflows the weir at high tide is being pumped to the sailing pond by the fountains illustrating that there is now good water exchange between the ponds.

Both the oxygenation and the salt will control the weed growth, the flow will help with the odour.



Photo by Carol

## Next Week:

The final of the Summer Series is next sunday.

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