

**Saturday, 1 February 2020**  
**MONTHLY MEDAL - STROKE**

Field:	49		
Winners	C	Dean Fowler	61
Grades	A	Daniel Turner	69
Grades	A	David Kinch	70
Grades	A	Stephen Ross	71
Grades	B	Tony Seamer	71
Grades	B	Mick Martin	71
Grades	B	Paul Bush	73
Grades	C	Darrell Fletcher	73
Grades	C	Ted Zawirski	74
Grades	C	Dennis Edwards	75
NTP 2/11	A	2nd Daniel Turner	161cm
NTP 4	B	4th Reece Caldwell	90cm
NTP 9/18	A	9th Lee Hunt	184cm
NTP 13	A	13th Gregory Tearle	300cm
Balls		15 Distributed down to score:	77

49 resilient golfers braved the horrendous heatwave conditions on Saturday to compete in the Monthly Medal at Branxton Golf Course. Dean Fowler produced the round of the day, a tremendous 61 nett score to easily win the Monthly Medal. Undoubtedly, he will lose some shots as the new World Handicap System is now in place. One of the new changes includes the "Bonus Reduction for Exceptional Net Score" which means if "the player's score is 7.0-10.0 strokes better than what their GA Handicap was at the time the round was played then GOLF Link will apply an automatic additional reduction of 1.0 strokes to their GA Handicap. If the player's score is more than 10.0 strokes better than what their GA Handicap was at the time the round was played, then GOLF Link will apply an automatic additional reduction of 2.0 strokes to their GA Handicap." I'm not sure this is a bonus but it will certainly have an impact. Dan Turner continues his resurgence in winning A Grade with a very pleasing 69 net, just ahead of Dave Kinch and Steve Ross. Tony Seamer found some form to win B Grade with his 71 net, with Mick Martin and Paul Bush filling in the minor placings. Darrell Fletcher enjoyed his day out to win C Grade with his 73 net, just ahead of Ted Zawirski and Dennis Edwards. A 77 nett was needed to win a ball although anyone who was brave enough to play on Saturday certainly deserves to win something. The shot of the day belonged to Reece Caldwell on the 4<sup>th</sup> with his tee shot finishing only 90 cms from the cup.

On Sunday, our Pennants teams began their campaigns with mixed success. The defending Hunter River Champions in A Grade, unfortunately lost their first-round encounter, 3-2 against Cypress lakes at Hunter Valley. B Grade had a poor start losing to Maitland 4.5-0.5 at Paterson whilst the Vets had a 1.5 all draw against Murrurundi at Aberdeen. C Grade starts next week.

The Golf Link site and the Hunter River Golf website has a thorough explanation of the new World Handicap System—good luck in trying to understand it.