

**Branxton Golf Club**  
**Saturday, 29 June 2024**  
**Stableford – Red Tee Event**

Field: 43

A Grade	Winner: Steve Eccles 36 pts	2nd: Toby Grant 33 pts (c/b)	3rd: Chris O'Brien 35 pts
B Grade	Winner: Murray Johanson 31 pts (c/b)	2nd: Robert Hale 31 pts	3rd: Mick Martin 29 pts
C Grade	Winner: Ben George 35 pts (c/b)	2nd: Joshua Hare 35 pts	3rd: Robert Miller 32 pts

**Nearest the Pins**

2nd/11th: Peter Mackenzie 271cm	4th: Robert Hale 188cm
9th/18th: Steve Eccles 131cm	13th: Marc McGee 650cm

Balls: Richard Crooks, Luke Tarrant, Brett Hutley, Ben Porter, Sam Bridge, Gary Walsh, Peter Mackenzie, Richard Alley, Mick Barrett, David Kinch, Robert Biles, Andrew George, Marc McGee

**Pro's NTP – Steve Eccles 131cm = \$68 Pro shop Voucher**

43 players took to the course to play in the first red tee event for 2024. With only 1 player matching their handicap, it shows that playing well on the red course is no easier than the white tee course. Slick greens and good pin positions also contributed to some lower than usual stableford scores today. Steve Eccles showed his class to win A grade with 36 points which was also the best score of the day. Toby Grant has a great return to competition golf at Branxton to pick up second place on 33 points on a countback from another golfer playing more regularly at Branxton, Chris O'Brien. The B graders struggled with the conditions today, with Murray Johanson taking the honours with 31 points on a countback from Robert Hale on the same score. Mick Martin came third with 29 points, a score he probably thought wouldn't be enough for a podium finish. In C grade, Ben George was first out on the course and battled the frost on the front nine and then had a great back nine to compile a very good 35 points and take first place. Josh Hare also had 35 points but had to settle for second place on countback. Robert Miller rounded off the placings with a solid 32 points. In the NTP's, Peter "Pedro" Mackenzie found the 2nd green to his liking to take the prize, while Bobby Hale hit a nice shot into the 4th hole. Marc McGee's shot on the 13th could not be beaten while Steve Eccles hit the shot of the day on the 18th to take the NTP and the Pro pin. In the pairs knockout played midweek, bad light stopped play with Cameron and Murray Johanson 1 up with two holes to play against Nick Wheeler and Geoff Jones, with the remainder of the match set to be played on Monday morning.

**Upcoming Events**

In July the club mixed foursomes championships will be played on Sunday 21/7/24. The following Saturday 27/7/24 will be the GolfNSW Keno Ambrose qualifying event for the men's and mixed competitions.

Players should check the noticeboard in the club for other upcoming HRDGA events.