## Branxton Golf Club Saturday, 10 August 2024 Club Men's Foursomes Championships

Field: 46

Scratch Winners: Brett Hutley and Cameron Johanson 81
Scratch Runners Up: Robert Biles and Steve Eccles 84

Nett Winners:Mick Barrett and David Kinch71Nett Runners Up:Peter Conroy and Murray Kingston73.5Nett Third:Geoff Geason and Ian Howell74Nett Fourth:Peter Mackenzie and Mark Moylan75Nett Fifth:Reece Caldwell and Chris Zawirski78 (c/b)

Nearest the Pins

2nd/11th: Not won 4th: Robert Biles 174cm

9th/18th: Nick Wheeler 254cm 13th: Not won

Balls: Neil Bridge, Joshua Hare, Norman Pringle, Michael Carling, Murray Johanson, Graeme McFarlane, Robert Hale, Richard Turnbull, Andrew Bercini, Mark Bercini, Ed Garland, Neil Jordan, Nick Wheeler, Paul Johansen, John Bowen, Douglas Elphick, Steve Ross, Dean Clack

A good field of 46 took on the men's foursomes championships, on a day where "sorry" is heard more often than not. Current club champion teamed up with club greenkeeper Brett Hutley to win the event with a well compiled scratch score of 81 to win by 3 shots. Even though Brett managed to find some interesting spots for Cameron to play from, his superior short game made up and downs a tad easier to achieve than other pairs experienced during the day. The runners up in the scratch event were Robert Biles and Steve Eccles, who combined very well to record a score of 84. Mick Barrett's theory that if your team can play to its handicap then you are in with a good chance of the nett prize turned true as he combined with David Kinch to win the nett event with a 1 over 71. They were 2.5 shots clear of the ever consistent Peter Conroy and Murray Kingston who took runners up with 73.5. Geoff Geason and Ian Howell were steady all day and finished in 3rd place on 74 nett. Peter Mackenzie and Mark Moylan rounded out the top four with 75 nett, before a gap to Reece Caldwell and Chris Zawirski for 5th place with 78 nett on a countback from a number of teams. The par 3's proved hard to find today, with only Robert Biles on the 4th hole and Nick Wheeler on the 18th hole taking the NTP prizes. Murray Johanson had the incident of the day on the 15th hole. He parked his buggy a little too close to the edge of the slope and walked away without putting the brake on. Shortly after his playing partners let him know that his buggy was rolling down the slope and into the creek. Thankfully the buggy and contents were able to be saved, but not before Murray having to jump in the creek to get them. No doubt there are some good photos about highlighting Murray's retrieval skills!

## **Upcoming Events**

The men's singles knockout between Mick Carling and Robert Biles is scheduled for Saturday 17/8/24, while dates for the pairs knockout semi finals have been locked in. Thanks to Mitchell Olsen at Urban Real Estate for his sponsorship of these events.

Preparations for the new greens on the 2nd and 4th holes are set to start on Monday 12/8/24, with temporary greens being in use from then.

The 2024 Peter Mathews memorial Day has been rescheduled to Saturday 26/10/24.