

Branxton Golf Club
Saturday, 17 August 2024
Stableford

Field: 36

A Grade Winner: David Kinch 35 pts	2nd: Steve Ross 31 pts	3rd: Lee Hunt 29 pts
B Grade Winner: Mick Barrett 37 pts	2nd: Reece Caldwell 36 pts (c/b)	3rd: Neil Jordan 36 pts
C Grade Winner: Andrew George 41 pts (c/b)	2nd: Christian Thompson 41 pts	3rd: Dean Clack 35 pts

Nearest the Pins

2nd/11th: Kel Mather 65cm	4th: Ben George 257cm
9th/18th: John Bowen 94cm	13th: Andrew George 110cm

Balls: Ben George, Garry Taylor, Norman Pringle, Ian Howell, Richard Crooks, Michael Carling,
Geoff Jones, Robert Biles, Gary Walsh, Craig Howe, Mark Moylan

Pro's NTP – John Bowen 94cm = \$58 Pro shop Voucher

Sunny and breezy conditions greeted the field today, which was a welcome change from the wet weather during the week. Some last minute overnight rain left the course fairly damp underfoot and the heavy conditions had the course rated at +1 over its normal rating. In A grade, David Kinch had a steady round to win with 35 points, four points clear of Steve Ross in second on 31 points, with Lee Hunt a further 2 points back in third on 29. In B grade, former B grade champion Mick Barrett showed that the course could be tamed with a very good 37 points. Reece Caldwell took advantage of playing early before the wind picked up to take second place on 36 points on a countback from Neil Jordan also on 36 points. Andrew George continues to play well, and he led the way in C grade with an outstanding score of 41 points. Christian Thompson can feel a little unlucky to finish second on a countback after he also shot 41 points, a score that would usually be good enough to win his division. Both players can be well satisfied with this excellent score in trying conditions. Dean Clack picked up third place with a well compiled 35 points. The temporary greens on the 2nd, 4th and 13th holes caused no problems for Kel Mather, Ben George and Andrew George respectively, with them having no trouble hitting it close, with Kel's shot on the 2nd the shot of the day. John Bowen set the standard early on the 18th and Pro NTP after a wonderful tee shot to 94cm, with nobody being able to better him. A shout out to Steve Eccles who sacrificed his own game today (20 points) in order to support his playing partner in the singles knockout final (see below).

The singles knockout final was played today, with Robert Biles taking on Michael Carling. From all reports it was a very even match played in good spirits. Robert (Bob) took an early 2 hole lead, only for Michael (Mick) to get back to all square after 12 holes. Bob was able to draw clear again to hold a 2 shot lead, but Mick took advantage of the shots he had on the closing holes to leave the match square after 18 holes. On the first sudden death hole Bob was able to stay out of trouble and take the match after 19 holes. Congratulations to both players on a fine match and to Bob for taking out the 2024 Singles Knockout. In the pairs knockout Peter Conroy and Murray Kingston have progressed to the final after defeating Norman Pringle and Greg Tearle 1 up. The singles and pairs knockouts are proudly sponsored by Mitchell Olsen at Urban Real Estate.

Upcoming Events

The annual Whitelaw/McDonald 4 person ambrose day is on Saturday 14/9/24, while the 2024 Peter Mathews Memorial Day has been rescheduled to Saturday 26/10/24. Work has begun on the upgrading of the 2nd and 4th greens, with temporary greens in play during this time.