

Branxton Golf Club
Saturday, 5 October 2024
Monthly Medal - Stroke

Field: 48

Monthly Medal Winner: Christian Thompson 68

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| A Grade | Winner: Mark Moylan 70 | 2nd: Steve Ross 73 (c/b) | 3rd: Peter Mackenzie 73 |
| B Grade | Winner: Ian Howell 71 | 2nd: Robert Hale 72 | 3rd: Paul Johansen 73 |
| C Grade | Winner: Matthew Schnell 69 (c/b) | 2nd: Mark Faulkner 69 | 3rd: Ben George 70 |

Nearest the Pins

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| 2nd/11th: Greg Tearle 233cm | 4th: Greg Tearle 30cm |
| 9th/18th: John Bowen 82cm | 13th: Tim Lane 165cm |

Balls: Pip Lancaster, Garry Taylor, Geoff Geason, John Bowen, Scott Duncan, Robert Biles, Joshua Hare, Nick Wheeler, Murray Kingston, Steve Eccles, Gary Walsh, Tim Lane, David Kinch, Michael Carling

Pro's NTP – John Bowen 82cm = \$72 Pro shop Voucher

The October monthly medal was keenly contested by 48 golfers on a day where the wind picked up throughout the morning to provide a good challenge for all players. The medal winner was Christian Thompson with a very good 68 nett. Christian's game has been steadily improving and he is good form leading into the club championships. Mark Moylan won A grade with a very consistent round to post a score of 70 nett, three shots clear of Steve Ross and Peter Mackenzie on 73, with both players having a few hard luck stories to tell back in the clubhouse, all ignored by their playing partners of course! Ian Howell returned to the winners list in B grade after posting a steady 71 nett, one shot in front of Robert Hale on 72. Paul Johansen rounded off the places one shot further back on 73. Matthew Schnell was another player to return to form, taking out C grade on a countback with 69 nett, one of only three scores under par on the day. Mark Faulkner continued his charge towards B grade with another good score of 69 nett to take second, with Ben George third on 70. Greg Tearle was the sharpshooter on the par 3's, taking two NTP prizes today on the 2nd and 4th holes, with his shot to 30cm on the 4th the shot of the day. Tim Lane won the NTP on the 13th while John Bowen was the first to play the 18th hole, hitting a great shot to 82cm, which nobody could better and win him the Pro NTP.

The Pairs knockout final, sponsored by Mitchell Olsen at Urban Real Estate was played today, with Peter Conroy and Murray Kingston outlasting Michael Carling and Tim Lane 2 up in a very even contest. Both pairs won two holes each on the front nine to leave the match all square at the turn. The next four holes were halved. Mick and Tim won the 14th, but Peter and Murray bounced back to win the 15th hole, and the 16th was halved. The 17th hole proved pivotal. Pete and Murray won it to take a 1 hole lead with one hole to play and sealed the match on the last hole with pars to win 2 up. Congratulations to all players on a great match and a fitting end to the pairs knockout.

During the week one of our up and coming young juniors, Ja'kiyah Burgess represented Branxton Golf Club in the Jack Newton Junior International Golf tournament at Hunter Valley Golf Club (Rydges). Ja'kiyah played in the under 12 competition and he won the stroke event! He played 3 nine hole rounds, shooting 43 off the stick in each round to take the trophy after playing some very consistent golf. Congratulations Ja'kiyah!

Upcoming Events

A busy month ahead for golfers. The men's club championships will be held over the next two weekends 12 – 13 and 19 – 20 October. Eligibility rules apply and players are responsible for knowing if they have qualified or not. The mug of mugs event will also be held on 12 and 19 October. The women's club championships start this Wednesday 9 October and run over three rounds, with the other rounds set for 16 and 23 October. The women's Branxton Open is also coming up on Monday 21 October. The month ends with the Peter Mathews Memorial Cup event on Saturday 26 October, with the Tooheys 4 person ambrose day the following weekend on Sunday 3 November.

Mixed Pennants continues throughout October. In round 2 played on 1/10/24, Branxton lost 2 – 1 to Cypress Lakes at Scone.