

**Branxton Golf Club**  
**Sunday, 13 October 2024**  
**Daily Competition – Stableford**

**Men's Club Championships Round 2 - Stroke**

Field: 52

**Stableford Competition**

A Grade Winner: David Kinch 38 pts    2nd: Bill Davies 34 pts (c/b)    3rd: Craig Howe 34pts  
B Grade Winner: Tim Lane 37 pts (c/b) 2nd: Robert Hale 37 pts (c/b)    3rd: Neil Jordan 37 pts (c/b)  
C Grade Winner: Dean Clack 39 pts    2nd: Andrew Keogh 37 pts (c/b)    3rd: Norman Pringle 37 pts

**Nearest the Pins**

2nd/11th: Gary Walsh 120cm                      4th: Greg Tearle 129cm  
9th/18th: Norman Pringle 180cm              13th: David Hodges 390cm

Balls: Geoff Jones, Murray Johanson, Richard Crooks, Ben Bridge, Luke Tarrant, Brett Trezise, Joshua Hare, Neil Bridge, Ian Howell, Murray Kingston, Ben Porter, Joe Bereza, Graham Bull, Gary Walsh, Garry Taylor, Paul Johansen

**Pro's NTP – Norman Pringle 180cm = \$84 Pro shop Voucher**

**Club Championships After Round 2**

A Grade Scratch: Cameron Johanson **149** (74, 75), Ben Porter **157** (75, 82), Peter Mackenzie **161** (75, 86)  
A Grade Nett: Ben Porter (135), David Kinch (140), Peter Mackenzie (141)  
B Grade Scratch: Tim Lane **173** (89, 84), Joe Bereza **175** (86, 89), Murray Johanson **176** (89, 87)  
B Grade Nett: Tim Lane (143), Geoff Jones (143), Joe Bereza (143), Paul Johansen (143)  
C Grade Scratch: Luke Tarrant **180** (87, 93), Dean Clack **181** (93, 88) Norman Pringle **183** (90, 93)  
C Grade Nett: Luke Tarrant (134), Norman Pringle (135), Dean Clack (139)

52 players returned in near perfect weather for Round 2 of the 2024 Men's Club Championships. After round 2 there is a clear favorite in A grade, while it is still all up for grabs in B and C grade. With the greens speeding up and a few tough pin placements today, a few players began to make their move. Cameron Johanson showed his class with a score of 74 to take an eight shot lead in A grade at the halfway stage. Despite struggling on the 5th/14th hole on the weekend, his overall ability should be enough to see him take out his 4th club championship. Ben Porter stayed in touch as best as possible with an 82, which also leaves him 5 shots clear in the nett event. David Kinch had the best nett round in A grade to overtake Peter Mackenzie, leaving Peter in third position in both events. Tim Lane sent a message to his B grade rivals with an impressive 84 to take the lead by 2 shots from round 1 leader Joe Bereza. Murray Johanson is now in contention after a fine 87 to sit in third spot. Four players are in equal first position in the nett event, so a tight tussle in rounds 3 and 4 is expected. In C grade, Luke Tarrant had his lead cut to just 1 shot after round 2. Luke shot a very handy 93, but the chasing pack were able make up some ground. Dean Clack shot 88, his first ever round under 90, to put himself right in contention, and Norman Pringle had another steady

day to remain in third position. Round 3 will certainly sort out the real contenders in all events next Saturday.

In the daily stableford event, David Kinch was the clear winner in A grade with 38 points, four points clear of Bill Davies and Craig Howe, both on 34 points. Bill was particularly happy that his tee shot on the first hole got past the gum tree with his first attempt today. B grade was very close, with four players all top scoring with 37 points. Countbacks were needed to decide all three placegetters, with Tim Lane having the best back nine to take first place from Robert Hale (a great recovery after a not so glorious Saturday) and Neil Jordan (who played his second shot on the 3rd hole from a spot nearly all players never seem to play from). Geoff Jones was the unlucky one to miss out on a prize but was still happy with his 37 points. As stated earlier, Dean Clack broke 90 for the first time, giving him 39 points and a 2 point win in C grade from Andrew Keogh who was another to bounce back after a tough Saturday event. Norman Pringle's consistent weekend saw him on the podium for the second time in two days after compiling 37 points. Gary "Barney" Walsh claimed shot of the day on the 11th hole to win the NTP, hitting it to 120cm. Gary is trying out a system of using a different set of clubs in each round during the championships, so his Calloways were working for him today. Greg Tearle and David Hodges hit fine shots to the temporary 4th and 13th greens respectively, while Norman Pringle finished his day by taking out the Pro NTP on the last hole.

Story of the day and one that could quite possibly be told for many years to come, involves a tricky pin placement, a large number of putts, a tree next to the 9th green, a player slightly under the weather after a big night out, and a putter that ended up in a tree and couldn't be retrieved. After a few more putts than he would have liked on the 9th hole with a tricky pin placement, Nick Wheeler avoided getting his putter back into his bag and somehow managed to get it lodged in some branches about 3-4 metres up in the tree next to the green. There was a suggestion that Nick might have let go of it in a throwing motion, but those reports are unconfirmed. After his playing partners stopped laughing, all efforts were made to get the putter out of the tree, similar to when a football would get stuck up a tree between branches. Despite their best efforts, the putter was enjoying the view and would not come down. Nick had to play the back nine without his putter and become the main character in a story of his own misfortune. When he returned to the 18th hole, his putter was still in the tree pleading with him to come and rescue it, which he was able to do after he finished his round with the help of a rather long ladder to get himself up into the tree. The putter was very grateful for being rescued and a lesson has been learnt. No doubt it will take Nick a while to live this little misadventure down.

### Upcoming Events

Rounds 3 and 4 of the men's club championships will be held on 19 – 20 October. The women's club championships continue on 16 and 23 October, with the women's Branxton Open 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.

In mixed pennants round 3 action played on 8/10/24, Branxton defeated Scone 2 – 1 at Cypress Lakes. Next week the team has the Bye. Nominations are now being taken for the 2025 men's pennant teams. Players can register with the bar staff in the clubhouse. Presentation Night is set for Saturday 9 November.