

Branxton Golf Club
Saturday, 19 October 2024
Daily Competition – Stableford

Men's Club Championships Round 3 - Stroke

Field: 57

Stableford Competition

A Grade Winner: Craig Howe 36 pts	2nd: Ben Porter 35 pts (c/b)	3rd: Nick Wheeler 35pts
B Grade Winner: Tim Lane 38 pts	2nd: Geoff Jones 34 pts	3rd: Ian Howell 33 pts (c/b)
C Grade Winner: Katelyn Keogh 43 pts	2nd: Joshua Hare 38 pts	3rd: Steven Primmer 37 pts

Nearest the Pins

2nd/11th: Ben Porter 295cm	4th: Geoff Jones 171cm
9th/18th: Reece Caldwell - HOLE IN ONE!	13th: Douglas Elphick 20cm

Balls: Ben George, Sam Bridge, Norman Pringle, Gary Walsh, Chris Zawirski, David Hodges, William Davies, Mick Martin, Murray Johanson, Matthew Schnell, James Elphick, Paul Johansen, Mark Faulkner, Luke Tarrant, Andrew Bercini, Steve Ross, Kel Mather

Pro's NTP – Douglas Elphick 36cm = \$94 Pro shop Voucher

Club Championships After Round 3

A Grade Scratch:	Cameron Johanson 226 (74, 75, 77), Ben Porter 239 (75, 82, 82), Chris Zawirski 249 (81, 86, 82), Peter Mackenzie 252 (75, 86, 91)
A Grade Nett:	Ben Porter (206), Chris Zawirski (222 c/b), Peter Mackenzie (222)
B Grade Scratch:	Tim Lane 256 (89, 84, 83), Geoff Jones 264 (91, 86, 87), Murray Johanson 265 (89, 87, 89), David Hodges 268 c/b (86, 94, 88)
B Grade Nett:	Tim Lane (211), Geoff Jones (213), Murray Johanson (217 c/b)
C Grade Scratch:	Luke Tarrant 276 (87, 93, 96), Garry Taylor 278 (92, 92, 94), Norman Pringle 279 c/b (90, 93, 96), Dean Clack 279 (93, 88, 98)
C Grade Nett:	Norman Pringle (207 c/b), Luke Tarrant (207), Joshua Hare (213)

57 players fronted up to play in Round 3 of the 2024 Men's Club Championships. With the tees set back as far as possible and the pins in "good" positions, all players were put to the test today. Reece Caldwell destroyed the hardest pin placement on the day after hitting a hole in one on the 9th hole. A lovely tee shot that drew in on the breeze and rolled up and around into the hole. At first the group didn't realise it had gone in and didn't fully trust Ted Zawirski's call of hole in one. Only once they got to the green and saw that Ted's call was right did the celebrations begin. Congratulations Reece.

After round 3 there is still a clear favorite in A grade, the B grade leader has a handy lead, while in C grade ten players are within 8 shots of the lead, so an exciting finish is looking likely tomorrow. Cameron Johanson, despite having an off day of 77, increased his lead to thirteen shots in A grade with one round to

play. Ben Porter had another solid round of 82 to remain second and also take a stranglehold on the nett event. Chris Zawirski also shot 82 to land a spot in the seeded group, along with Peter "Pedro" Mackenzie even though he had an off day with 91. Pedro can be excused for not being fully focused as he had a busy day playing the proud father, playing in the same group as his daughter Katelyn who was playing her first competition round. Tim Lane had an excellent 83 to push his lead in B grade to 8 shots. He also has the lead in the nett event, but Geoff Jones moved into contention with a solid 87 to sit second on both the scratch and nett events. Murray Johanson sits one shot further back after he explained that he had too many 7's and 8's today. David Hodges hit 88 to sneak into the seeded group on a countback from Paul Johansen. There is still plenty to play for in round 4, with Geoff having a proven track record of producing thrilling comebacks in the final round. In C grade, Luke Tarrant held his nerve and increased his lead back out to 2 shots after compiling a steady 96. Garry Taylor's consistency over the first 3 rounds has seen him bolt into second place, with Norman Pringle and Dean Clack a further shot back. With another six players sitting within striking distance, the C grade winner may not necessarily come from seeded group, and a playoff is possible. In the nett event, Norm Pringle and Luke Tarrant are tied for first, with Josh Hare, Dean Clack and Steven Primmer outside chances of catching them in the final round.

Round 2 (final round) of the Mug of Mugs event was also played today. After establishing a sizeable lead in round 1, Luke Tarrant was able to maintain his advantage and win the 2024 Mug of Mugs with an overall nett score of **137** (64, 73). Congratulations Luke. Chris Zawirski and Ian Howell were joint runners up with a score of 145, with both players shooting nett 72 and 73. The full final leaderboard is included with the rest of the championships scores on the website.

In the daily stableford event, Craig Howe was the only A grade player to match their handicap with a well compiled 36 points. Ben Porter has had a consistent two weeks and continued that today to place second with 35 points, with Nick Wheeler keeping the putter with him for the entire 18 holes today to come third, also on 35 points. Tim Lane was too strong in B grade putting together a very good score of 38 points, four points clear of Geoff Jones on 34 and Ian Howell in third with a steady 33 points. Playing in your first competition can be a little bit intimidating, but Katelyn Keogh showed no signs of nerves as she blew the C grade field away with a magnificent score of 43 points. No doubt her handicap will come down very quickly if she continues with the form she showed today. Josh Hare had a great day to post 38 points, with Steven Primmer's 37 points good enough for third place today. Lenny Porter was lamenting how the golfing gods were not with him today after the oleander tree next to the 2nd green swallowed up his ball after what he thought was a pretty good tee shot. Clearly Reece's hole in one on the 9th was the shot of the day, but Doug Elphick had the next best two shots after amazing shots on the 13th (20cm) and 18th (36cm) to take the NTP and Pro NTP respectively. Ben Porter and Geoff Jones took the NTPs on the 2nd and 4th holes.

Upcoming Events

Round 4 of the men's club championships will be held on 20 October. The women's club championships conclude on 23 October, while the women's Branxton Open on Monday 21 October has been postponed to a date to be determined. Next Saturday (26/10/24) is the Peter Mathews Memorial Cup, with the Tooheys 4 person ambrose day the following weekend on Sunday 3 November.

In mixed pennants Branxton had the bye in round 4. Nominations are now being taken for the 2025 men's pennant teams and are due by 23/11/24. Players can register with the bar staff in the clubhouse. Presentation Night is set for Saturday 9 November, with RSVP due by 6/11/24.