

Branxton Golf Club
Sunday, 20 October 2024
Daily Competition – Stableford

Men's Club Championships Round 4 - Stroke

Field: 44

Stableford Competition

A Grade Winner: William Davies 39 pts 2nd: Ben Porter 38 pts 3rd: Mick Barrett 37 pts
B Grade Winner: Ben Bridge 38 pts (c/b) 2nd: Paul Johansen 38 pts (c/b) 3rd: Murray Johanson 38 pts (c/b)
C Grade Winner: Andrew George 38 pts (c/b) 2nd: Andrew Keogh 38 pts 3rd: Joshua Hare 37 pts

Nearest the Pins

2nd/11th: Chris Zawirski 130cm 4th: David Kinch 210cm
9th/18th: Geoff Jones 197cm 13th: Peter Mackenzie 217cm

Balls: Tim Lane, Peter Mackenzie, Norman Pringle, Gary Walsh, Mark Moylan, David Kinch,
Cameron Johanson, Nick Wheeler, Geoff Jones, Neil Bridge, Dean Clack, Garry Taylor, Ben George

Pro's NTP – Nick Wheeler 217cm = \$76 Pro shop Voucher

Club Championships – Final Results

2024 Club Champion: **Cameron Johanson**

A Grade Nett Winner: Ben Porter

A Grade Scratch Runner Up: Peter Mackenzie

A Grade Nett Runner Up: William Davies

B Grade Champion: **Tim Lane**

B Grade Nett Winner: Paul Johansen

B Grade Scratch Runner Up: Murray Johanson

B Grade Nett Runner Up: Geoff Jones

C Grade Champion: **Andrew Keogh**

C Grade Nett Winner: Norman Pringle

C Grade Scratch Runner Up: Garry Taylor

C Grade Nett Runner Up: Joshua Hare

The final round of the 2024 Men's Club Championships saw some great golf played on a course set up to allow the best golfer to shine through. Thanks to all players who competed in the championships and congratulations to our prize winners. Thanks also to our greenkeeper and volunteers who helped with the setup of the course.

Cameron Johanson defended his Club Championships in style, comfortably winning A grade by 19 shots. After shooting a 1 under 34 on the front nine he cruised home to take out his fourth club championship.

Ben Porter continued his rich run of form to post an excellent 78 and take the A grade nett event by an impressive 17 shots. Peter Mackenzie played to his handicap in round 4 which helped see him take the scratch runners up prize, while William "Bill" Davies well and truly put his unfortunate start to the championships behind him to have a great last round and claim the nett runner up prize. In B grade, Tim Lane was a little nervous before starting round 4 with the lead but showed no further signs to post a great round of 82 to win by 9 shots. Tim had no double bogeys (or worse) in the round and shot the best round of the championships in B grade to come out the worthy winner. Murray Johanson shot 84, which was his best round for the event to take the runner up prize. A three way countback was needed to find the nett winner, with Paul Johansen's brilliant final 9 holes of 38 being the score that broke the deadlock, with Geoff Jones claiming the runner up prize. The C grade championship lived up to the prediction of being a closely fought event, with the winner not decided until the final hole. With ten players in real contention at the start of round 4, it was a player from outside the seeded group that came through to take the championship. Andrew Keogh shot 87, the equal best round in C grade for the event, to storm home to take the title. It is quite possible that not playing with the added pressure of being in the seeded group helped Andrew today. Garry Taylor was still in contention with a few holes to play, but unfortunately it wasn't to be, and he fell two shots short but can be well pleased with finishing runner up. Norman Pringle shot his handicap today which was enough to see him take the nett event, while two great rounds from Josh Hare over the weekend saw him bolt into the nett runner up position. Both players were very happy with their performances. All prizewinners from all club championship events will receive their prizes at Presentation Night on Saturday 9 November.

In the daily stableford event, Bill Davies posted a great score of 39 points after a wonderful back nine to win A grade. Ben Porter is getting closer to a single figure handicap after his 38 points, while Mick Barrett had a much better day today to take third with a pleasing 37 points. It was countback central in B grade, with four players all scoring 38 points. Defending B grade champion Ben Bridge finished the championships with a back nine of 36 off the stick, leaving him to ponder what could have been. However, it was enough to give him the win today from Paul Johansen and Murray Johanson, with Tim Lane in fourth. Andrew George was very happy with his form today, taking out C grade on 38 points on a countback from Andrew Keogh on the same score. Josh Hare's solid score of 37 points was enough to take third spot. Congratulations to Dave Morrow who had his first birdie in competition play today after chipping in on the 2nd green. Hopefully there are many more to come. It was tough to follow yesterday's sharpshooting on the par 3's, with the NTP's all a little bit further away from the pin. Chris Zawirski had the shot of the day putting it to 130cm on the 2nd hole. David Kinch and Peter Mackenzie had the best of the tee shots on the 4th and 13th holes, while Geoff Jones was the most accurate on the 9th. Nick Wheeler took the pro NTP on the 18th hole with the last tee shot of the championships. Robert Biles and Steve Eccles represented Branxton Golf Club in the Golf NSW Keno Ambrose Regional qualifier event at Merewether Golf Club today. The pair finished in a very respectable third place in a strong field of golfers from across the Newcastle and Hunter region.

Upcoming Events

The women's club championships conclude on 23 October. 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. 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. Wednesday Twilight golf is back up and running, with a 4:30pm shotgun start each week – all welcome.