

Branxton Golf Club
Saturday, 4 January 2025
Monthly Medal - Stroke

Field: 45

Monthly Medal Winner: Pip Lancaster 68

A Grade	1st: Peter Conroy 70	2nd: Stephen Ross 71	3rd: Robert Biles 73
B Grade	2nd: Mick Martin 70 (c/b)	2nd: Joe Bereza 70	3rd: Reece Caldwell 72
C Grade	3rd: James Elphick 72 (c/b)	2nd: Graham Bull 72 (c/b)	3rd: Ted Zawirski 72

Nearest the Pins

2nd/11th: Ben George 89cm	4th: Not awarded
9th/18th: Ian Howell 179cm	13th: Robert Hale 285cm

Balls: Geoff Geason, Doug Elphick, Robert Hale, David Hodges, Mark Moylan, Garry Taylor, Nick Wheeler, Andrew George, Ed Garland, Steve Eccles, Luke Tarrant, Chris Zawirski, Geoff Jones

Pro's NTP – Pip Lancaster 335cm = \$76 Pro shop Voucher

The first event for 2025 saw 45 players take part in the January monthly medal. Pip Lancaster took out the medal with an excellent score of 68 nett, being the only player to break their handicap on the day. Pip was very confident that he had the winning score as he entered the clubhouse, but then had to wait to see if any players the remaining groups were going to go any better. While some had convinced him that he had been beaten (and Pip let them know what he thought about that), no other player was able to better their handicap and the medal was won. Pip gave a passionate impromptu acceptance speech when presented with the medal prize and then offered to sign autographs for anyone that was ready to listen to him re-live the glory of his winning round. For the rest of the field all three grades were close. In A grade Peter Conroy played a solid round to win with 70 nett, one stroke clear of Steve Ross on 71 nett. Robert Biles was a further 2 shots back on 73 nett in third. In B grade Mick Martin was another to play consistent golf and play to his handicap to shoot 70 nett and take first place on a countback from Joe Bereza on the same score. Reece Caldwell was two shots back in third on 72 nett. For the second week in a row a countback was needed in C grade to separate the first three places. James Elphick had the best back nine holes to take first place on 72 nett ahead of playing partner Graham Bull and the December monthly medal winner Ted Zawirski. Ben George claimed shot of the day with an excellent iron shot into the 2nd hole which finished 89cm from the hole. For the second week in a row the field failed to find the 4th green, but Bobby Hale hit a very good long iron from the back tee on the 13th hole to claim the NTP there. Ian Howell hit a beauty to the back pin on the 9th hole, while Pip Lancaster's great day was rounded off with another win in the Pro NTP on the last hole.

Upcoming Events

Work has begun on replacing the 5th green and the practice putting green. A temporary green is in play on the 5th/14th hole. Other work has commenced on the 1st/10th and 3rd/12th holes, with GUR in play for sections of both holes. The 2025 Summer Cup starts on 11/01/25 and is the best 3 rounds out of 4 over the upcoming weeks.