<u>Branxton Golf Club</u> <u>Saturday, 11 January 2025</u> Stableford – Summer Cup Round 1

Field: 52

A Grade 1st: Steve Eccles 42pts 2nd: Steve Ross 34pts (c/b) 3rd: Craig Howe 34pts

B Grade 1st: David Pearce 37pts 2nd: Lee Jackson 35pts (c/b) 3rd: Douglas Elphick 35pts (c/b) C Grade 1st: Robert Miller 34pts 2nd: Katelyn Keogh 33pts (c/b) 3rd: James Elphick 33pts (c/b)

Nearest the Pins

2nd/11th: Peter Mackenzie 386cm 4th: Mark Faulkner 116cm 9th/18th: Marc McGee 27cm 13th: Marc McGee 442cm

Balls: Robert Hale, Michael Carling, Chris O'Brien, Garry Taylor, James Elphick, Kel Mather, Neil Jordan,

Robert Biles, Mick Martin, Gary Walsh, Mick Barrett, Murray Johanson, Peter Mackenzie,

Nick Wheeler, Ian Howell, Mark Faulkner, Graham Bull

Pro's NTP - Marc McGee 27cm = \$82 Pro shop Voucher

The 2025 Summer Cup started on Saturday, with all players hoping to get off to a good start. The steady rain during the week meant slightly softer fairways and the ball was not running as far as last week. Steve Eccles leads the way after a magnificent 42 points and a win in A grade. Steve equaled his best ever score at Branxton with 74 off the stick. What he was most excited about was that he sunk a birdie putt on the last to give him a stroke score of 34 for the back nine, the first time he has played the nine holes under par. Congratulations on a great round. The remaining players in A grade were well off the pace, with Steve Ross in second place with 34 points on a countback from Craig Howe on the same score. David "DJ" Pearce's first competition round for the year started well, winning B grade with 37 points which also puts him in second place in the Summer Cup after Round 1. DJ's playing partners are fairly confident after today's effort that he will be fighting it out in A grade next week. Lee Jackson took second place on a countback with 35 points, despite how his playing partners described his playing style. Doug Elphick took third place with 35 points on a countback from Bob Hale. In C grade, Robert Miller had another consistent round to place first with 34 points. He was one point ahead of Katelyn Keogh on 33 points in second place who had the best countback score to leave James Elphick in third and Garry Taylor in fourth. In the NTP's Peter Mackenzie took the prize with a solid shot on the 11th, while Mark Faulkner was the closest on the 4th hole. Marc McGee had some strong iron play on the 13th and 18th holes to not only take the NTP's, but also the Pro NTP on the last with a fantastic shot to 27cm.

The Summer Cup leader board is available on the club's website. With the best 3 rounds out of 4 format an early lead is helpful but no guarantee of overall success. While some players will be hoping that their round today won't be counted in their best three, it only takes one very good round to put you back in the mix.

Upcoming Events

Rounds 2 and 3 of the Summer Cup continue over the next two Saturdays. Keep an eye out for details of the Australia Day competition event on Sunday 26/1/25.