

Branxton Golf Club
Saturday, 15 February 2025
Par

Field: 42

A Grade	1st: Ben Bridge 0 (c/b)	2nd: Steve Eccles 0	3rd: Mick Barrett -2 (c/b)
B Grade	1st: Andrew Keogh +6	2nd: Robert Hale -1	3rd: Mick Martin -3
C Grade	1st: James Elphick +7	2nd: Lennard Porter 0 (c/b)	3rd: Robert Miller 0

Nearest the Pins

2nd/11th: Doug Elphick 170cm	4th: Doug Elphick 180cm
9th/18th: Peter Conroy 53cm	13th: James Elphick 160cm

Balls: Bernie Daniels, Greg Tearle, David Kinch, Leanne Daniels, Gary Walsh, Peter Conroy, Geoff Geason, James Scott, Justin Sauer, David Hodges, Greg Sauer, Geoff Jones, Steve Ross

Pro's NTP – Norman Pringle 252cm = \$70 Pro shop Voucher

Another humid Saturday morning greeted the golfers who took on the Branxton course for the first par event for the year. Par can often be an unforgiving event, but it is also an event that rewards consistent play. With some challenging pins, particularly on the 8/17th hole, scoring well was at a premium. In A grade Ben Bridge had his first win for the year, taking out first prize with a score of 0, meaning he played to his handicap. He won on a countback from the joint Summer Cup winner Steve Eccles on the same score. Mick Barrett picked up his second podium finish in a row with a steady -2. Andrew Keogh had a day out in B grade with a majestic score of +6 to take first place. His putter was running hot throughout the round and in a par event that can certainly boost your score. His playing partners commented on the difference in his game when his usual playing partner isn't playing in his group – we will let you work out who that is 😊. Robert Hale had a steady day out to come second on -1, just missing out on playing to his handicap after a bogey on the last hole. Mick Martin claimed third place with a score of -3, with a few of the other B graders hitting the dreaded -10 or lower. In C grade James Elphick had a great day to finish with +7 and the best score on the day. His tee shot over the bunker on the 13th hole to win the NTP with 160cm was a gem in a round that must have been full of similar good shots to post the great score. Lennard Porter returned to the podium with a solid back nine that contributed to a pleasing score of 0, with the other joint Summer Cup winner Robert Miller in third, also on 0. The Elphick brothers almost had a clean sweep of the NTP's, which would have been a first. Doug started off strong, taking the prize on the 2nd and 4th holes with both shots finishing within 2 metres, while as already reported James took the 13th. Peter Conroy spoiled the party, but with an impressive tee shot on the 9th to 53cm, he made sure the clean sweep didn't happen today and also claimed shot of the day. Lee Jackson was a little unlucky on the 9th hole. He was two groups behind Peter's group and must have thought his tee shot was a sure thing for NTP after hitting it very close. Unfortunately, it was 57cm away, just 4cm off winning. Still a great shot however. Norm Pringle made up for an indifferent start off the first tee with the best shot into the 18th hole to claim the Pro NTP.

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Upcoming Events and Pennants Results

Senior Pennants had another win after defeating Kurri Kurri 2 - 1 at Muswellbrook. The B grade team had their first game for the season and finished 2.5 – 2.5 with Muswellbrook at Hunter Valley Golf Club (Rydges). Next Saturday 22/2/25 is a 4 person team event, with the 2 best stableford scores out of 4 counting towards the team score. There will be no singles in conjunction with this event. Entries for the Singles Knockout, sponsored by Mitchell Olsen at Urban Real Estate, can be made on the entry form in the clubhouse and close next Saturday 22/2/25.