Branxton Golf Club Saturday, 1 March 2025 Monthly Medal (Men's) - Stroke

Field: 35

Monthly Medal Winner: Norman Pringle 69

A Grade 1st: Ben Bridge 71 2nd: Douglas Elphick 72 (c/b) 3rd: Mark Moylan 72
B Grade 1st: Ian Howell 70 2nd: Mick Martin 71 3rd: Michael Carling 72
C Grade 1st: Gary Walsh 70 2nd: Christian Thompson 72 3rd: Robert Miller 73

Nearest the Pins

2nd/11th: Ben Bridge 203cm 4th: Peter Mackenzie 257cm 9th/18th: Mark Moylan 259cm 13th: Norman Pringle 241cm

Balls: Andrew Keogh, Joe Bereza, Greg Tearle, Neil Jordan, Lennard Porter, Steve Ross, David Kinch,

Robert Biles, Peter Mackenzie, Graham Bull

Pro's NTP – Greg Tearle 553cm = \$56 Pro shop Voucher

A very warm first day of Autumn greeted the players for the March men's monthly medal event. The course continues to be a great test of golf, with only one player beating their handicap today. Norman Pringle was the medal winner with a fine score of 69 nett, and his win was well received by the players in attendance at the presentation. Norm also took the NTP on the 13th hole with a great long iron shot to a back pin, getting it closest with 241cm. In A grade, Ben Bridge was out in the first group and posted the score to beat with 70 nett, and it turned out to be good enough for first place. Ben also claimed the NTP on the 2nd hole, with the first shot of the day to 203cm good enough to win it. Douglas Elphick was strong off the tee all day to come second with 72 on a countback from Mark Moylan on the same score. Mark has been dominating in pennants, winning his two matches so far 7/5 and 5/3, so it is no surprise to see him scoring well at the moment. Ian Howell followed up his February medal win with another solid round to win B grade with 70 nett. He was one shot clear of Mick Martin on 71, with Michael Carling back in action with 72 to place third. Geoff Jones was hoping that the last few groups would have a score that would push him out of the wooden spoon position in B grade, but alas nobody could do worse than his 84 nett and the spoon is his for this week. In C grade Gary Walsh's Wednesday Twilight golf form continued with a strong 70 nett to take the win. He was two shots clear of Christian Thompson, another early starter, on 72. Robert Miller took third place for the second medal event in a row with 73. Peter Mackenzie took the NTP on the 4th with 257cm, while Mark Moylan was closest on the 9th, getting to 259cm. Greg Tearle took out his second Pro NTP in the past 4 weeks with a sound shot on the last hole to 553cm.

Pennant Results and Upcoming Events

The Senior Pennant team had a 1.5-1.5 draw with Paterson at The Vintage. The B grade team had their first loss for the season, going down 3-2 to Hunter Valley at Maitland. Both teams are still in contention for the semi finals. The women's pennant team had their first match and lost 5-1 to Kurri Kurri at Kurri Kurri. Round 1 of the men's singles knockout has begun, with matches due to be played by 5/4/25. The annual KCE Day is set for Saturday 15/3/25, with the event being a 2 person American Foursomes. Those out on the course during the week will have seen the preparations taking place for the Club's Par 3 Championships week, with the women's event on Wednesday 26/3/27 and the men's event on Saturday 29/3/25.