

Branxton Golf Club
Saturday, 12 April 2025
Stableford

Field: 51

A Grade	1st: Stephen Ross 37pts (c/b)	2nd: Nick Wheeler 37pts	3rd: Greg Tearle 34pts
B Grade	1st: Murray Kingston 38pts	2nd: Neil Bridge 35pts	3rd: Ed Garland 34pts
C Grade	1st: Geoff Geason 36pts	2nd: Brett Trezise 34pts	3rd: Lee Jackson 31pts

Nearest the Pins

2nd/11th: Peter Mackenzie 491cm	4th: Doug Elphick 324cm
9th/18th: Ed Garland 156cm	13th: Murray Johanson 595cm

Balls: Doug Elphick, David Hodges, David Kinch, Mick Barrett, Tim Whitney, Mark Moylan, Robert Hale, Peter Conroy, Michael Carling, Murray Johanson, Reece Caldwell, Ian Howell, Ben Porter, Mick Martin, James Elphick

Pro's NTP – Ed Garland 156cm = \$86 Pro shop Voucher

A glorious day for golf greeted the 51 players for today's stableford event. With the course in great condition, the golf operations committee decided that competition play would return to preferred lies only on the closely mown areas of the course for the first time since February 2022. This rule will remain in place until players are notified otherwise. Club Captain Steve Ross had no problems adapting to the new conditions, taking out A grade with a pleasing score of 37 points on a countback from Nick Wheeler in second place on the same score. Greg Tearle got straight back into the swing of things after a holiday with his 34 points good enough for third. Murray Kingston won B grade with 38 points, the best score of the day. Neil Bridge found some form to run second with 35 points, while Ed Garland continues to play good consistent golf to place third on 34 points. In C grade, Geoff Geason showed the way, playing to handicap with 36 points and first place. Brett Trezise had fewer distractions than normal and came second with a solid 34 points, with Lee Jackson third with 31 points. James Elphick and Robert Hale were both spotted playing excellent bunker shots from horrible lies today, while rumour has it that one player had to be reminded repeatedly for the first six holes that it was preferred lies only on the fairways. In the NTP department, despite generous pin positions it was still tough to get it close today. Peter Mackenzie was best on the 11th hole, while Doug Elphick had another NTP on the 4th hole. Murray Johanson's effort to 595cm was good enough on the 13th hole, while Ed Garland picked up shot of the day honours and the ProNTP on the last with a great shot to 156cm.

Upcoming Events and Pennants Results

The women's pennant team had a 4 – 2 loss to the composite Dungog/Cypress Lakes team at Branxton last Monday. Round 2 of the Singles Knockout has begun with matches to be played by 10/5/25. Entries for the Pairs Knockout close on 10/5/25. The knockouts are sponsored by Mitchell Olsen at Urban Real Estate. On 26/4/25 the event will be a 2 Ball Stableford Multiplier with singles in conjunction.

Don't forget the silent auction – rounds of golf for 4 people at premium golf courses in the Hunter Valley, Newcastle and Sydney. More information is available on the noticeboard in the clubhouse.

The Men's Par 3 Championships have been rescheduled for Saturday 30 August 2025.