

Branxton Golf Club
Sunday, 15 June 2025
2025 Men's Branxton Open

Sponsor – ACE Mechanical Solutions

Field: 77

2025 Branxton Open Scratch Winner: Max Wallington 75 (c/b)

A Grade

Scratch Runner Up:	Joshua Udbinac	75			
Nett Winner:	Jon Klaile	71	Nett Runner Up:	Nick Wheeler	72

B Grade

Scratch Winner:	Dean Fowler	85	Scratch Runner Up:	Murray Kingston	90 (c/b)
Nett Winner:	Ed Garland	71	Nett Runner Up:	David Hodges	73

C Grade

Scratch Winner:	Robert Miller	93	Scratch Runner Up:	Tyler Dorn	98
Nett Winner:	Riley Kirkman	71	Nett Runner Up:	Ashton Johansen	72

Phil Shiven Memorial Trophy:	Luke Tarrant	99 nett	Worst nett score across the field.
Ted Meyn Memorial Trophy:	Dean Fowler	71 nett (c/b)	Best nett score by a BGC member.

Nearest the Pins

A Grade 2nd/11th:	Steve Eccles 317cm	4th/13th:	Cameron Johanson 257cm	9th/18th:	Greg Tearle 221cm
B Grade 2nd/11th:	Not won	4th/13th:	Not won	9th/18th:	Mark Bercini 517cm
C Grade 2nd/11th:	Lennard Porter 830cm	4th/13th:	Andrew George 336cm	9th/18th:	Robert Miller 1500cm

Balls: Adrian Purcell, Nicholas Waugh, David Kinch, Garry Taylor, Steve Eccles, Victor Matt, Tim Lane, Mark Moylan, Richard Crooks, Mark Tully, Jake Hourn, Geoff Jones, Toby Grant, Ricky Bush, Mick Barrett, Mathew Dyson, Lee Heuston, Darren Gilroy, Cameron Johanson, Corey Duncan, Matthew Bain, Fraser Wilson, Michael Carling, Peter Wilton, Neil Jordan, Kyden Maytom, Mark Faulkner, Josh Davis, Norman Pringle, Stephen Kearney, Daniel Landers, Peter Mackenzie

Pro's NTP – Lee Heuston 175cm = \$138 Pro shop Voucher

A glorious winter's day greeted the field of 77 players in the 2025 men's open, sponsored by **ACE Mechanical Solutions**. The course certainly tested the skill and patience of all golfers today. With prizes shared across the morning and afternoon fields, it showed that the course played fair to all, with consistent and steady golf needed to post a winning score. 46 Branxton members were joined by 31 visitors from Bondi GC, Cypress Lakes GC, Denman GC, Dunedoo GC, Hunter Valley GCC, Kurri Kurri GC, Murrurundi GC, Scone GC, Singleton GC, South West Rocks CC, The Coast GC, The SGA GC, and Wingham GC.

The winner of the 2025 Branxton Open was Max Wallington from Cypress Lakes. Max shot a hard fought scratch score of 75. He had a tough start to the round, not uncommon at Branxton, but slowly pulled it back and he sunk a tremendous 12 metre birdie putt on the last to secure the victory. The scratch runner up was Joshua Udbinac from Kurri Kurri GC, also on 75, meaning a countback was required to separate 1st and 2nd. Jon Klaile took the A grade nett prize after a well made 71 nett, one ahead of Nick Wheeler on 72.

In B grade, all prizes were taken by Branxton members. Dean Fowler is finding his rhythm again and posted a solid 85 to win by 4 strokes. Ed Garland had a great day to take the nett winners prize with 71 nett. Murray Kingston was runner up in the scratch event, while David Hodges was the runner up in the nett event. Robert "Shirl" Miller was the most enthusiastic player on the 1st tee today. He must have been able to maintain this all day as he posted 93 to win C grade by 5 shots, over scratch runner up Tyler Dorn from Singleton GC. Riley Kirkman from Kurri Kurri GC took the nett prize with 71, one shot ahead of local junior player Ashton Johansen on 72. Ashton had the "honour" of being the first player today to hit the famous gum tree near the 1st tee, so he recovered well to post his runners up score. In round 3 of the singles knockout, Cameron Johanson and Andrew George had a very even match today, with two extra holes needed before Cameron was able to claim victory.

In the two memorial events, Dean Fowler's 71 nett was the best nett score by a BGC member and he takes out the Ted Meyn Memorial Trophy for 2025 on a countback. The Phil Shivnen Memorial Trophy for worst nett score across the field was won by Luke Tarrant with his 99 nett of a handicap of 18. In the nearest the pins, the 2nd/11th was very hard to hit today, with only a small number of players landing it on the putting surface. The B graders struggled to hit the target today, with only Mark Bercini taking the NTP on the 9th/18th. Lee Heuston from Hunter Valley GCC won the Pro NTP on the last hole with a great shot to 175cm. A great day was had by all, and the course continues to be a good test of golf for players of all abilities.

Thanks to:

- Our major sponsor **ACE Mechanical Solutions** for their involvement in today's event.
- **Branxton Pro Shop** for their continued support of golf events at Branxton Golf Club
- The visiting players for travelling to Branxton to support our Open event.
- Our greenkeeper and his team of volunteers for getting the course ready and in good condition.
- The volunteers who ran the halfway house, or who were spotters or starters on the day.



(L to R): Andrew George, Murray Johanson (President), Ben George (ACE Mechanical Solutions) and Cameron Johanson (2024 Branxton Open Winner)



Max Wallington, 2025 Branxton Open Winner, with Murray Johanson, Branxton Golf Club President