Branxton Golf Club Saturday, 5 July 2025 Monthly Medal (Men's) - Stroke

Field: 40

Monthly Medal Winner: Robert Hale 72

A Grade 1st: Douglas Elphick 74 (c/b) 2nd: Mark Moylan 74 (c/b) B Grade 1st: Andrew Keogh 76 2nd: Kyden Maytom 78 (c/b)

C Grade 1st: James Elphick 76 (c/b) 2nd: Garry Taylor 76

Nearest the Pins

2nd/11th: Greg Tearle 359cm 4th: Steve Ross 341cm 9th/18th: Katelyn Keogh 183cm 13th: Not Awarded

Balls: Steve Ross, Greg Tearle, Ted Zawirski, Steven Primmer, Lee Hunt, Lee Jackson, Murray Kingston,

Jeremy Brown, Ben George, Malcolm Crossley, Pip Lancaster, Katelyn Keogh

Pro's NTP - Geoff Jones 220cm = \$68 Pro shop Voucher

A fresh Winter's morning welcomed the field of 40 players who took on the July monthly medal. The course continues to be a solid test for golfers, with all players shooting above their handicap today and the course rated at +1. Robert Hale picked up his first monthly medal win in two years after shooting a very steady score of 72 nett. He had the same scratch score on both nines and was pleasantly surprised when he found out his score was the winning one. In A grade, four players finished on 74 nett, so the countback system had fun sorting them out. Doug Elphick had the best nett back nine to take first place with Mark Moylan next best for second. Steve Ross and Greg Tearle missed out finishing third and fourth respectively, with Greg lamenting his quadrupole bogey on the 17th – a score one of his playing partners was keen for me to make mention of. Andrew Keogh was the best in B grade with a 76 nett to take the win. Kyden Maytom has recently shot into B grade and his regular practice is helping. He shot a 78 nett to take second place from Murray Kingston on the same score. James Elphick made sure the winning scores stayed in the family, taking out C grade with 76 nett on a countback from Garry Taylor also on 76. Note that today voucher prizes were only awarded to the medal winner plus 1st and 2nd in each grade. Gary Walsh and Robert "Shirl" Miller have stories to tell after writing down 12 on the 2nd and 15th holes respectively, while a few other players also picked up double digit scores today. In the NTP's Greg Tearle showed the way on the 2nd hole with a good shot to 359cm, while Steve Ross picked up his second NTP in a row on the 4th, stopping it 341cm from the hole. Nobody was able to find the 13th green today from the back tee position, while Katelyn Keogh has shot of the day bragging rights with a great shot into the 9th hole, leaving it 185cm from the pin. Geoff Jones said he found the trees all day (his scorecard backed up this claim) and the only good shot he hit was on the last. It was good enough to take the Pro NTP – well done. Another well done and thanks for your help goes to John Burgess. John regularly rakes the bunkers on a Friday afternoon to have them ready for the Saturday competition. We thank John for giving up his time to do this and I'm sure the Saturday golfers appreciate the condition of the bunkers, even if they don't really want to be in them 😊

No knockout matches were played today. The next round of matches in the singles and pairs are due to be played by 2/8/25. The knockouts are sponsored by **Mitchell Olsen at Urban Real Estate**. Next Sunday 13/7/25 is the Mixed Foursomes Championships, and the 2 Man Ambrose Championships will be held on Saturday 26/7/25.