

**Branxton Golf Club**  
**Saturday, 12 July 2025**  
**Par**

Field: 40

A Grade	1st: Greg Tearle -2	2nd: Steve Eccles -4	3rd: David Kinch -5 (c/b)
B Grade	1st: John Burgess -4	2nd: Peter Conroy -5	3rd: Reece Caldwell -6 (c/b)
C Grade	1st: Riley Kirkman +2	2nd: Gary Walsh 0	3rd: Dean Clack -1

**Nearest the Pins**

2nd/11th: Steve Eccles 167cm	4th: Not awarded
9th/18th: Chris Zawirski 64cm	13th: Robert Miller 449cm

Balls: Richard Turnbull, James Elphick, Nicholas Waugh, Jon Klaile, Mark Moylan, Ben Porter, Graham Bull, Scott Duncan, Steven Primmer, Lennard Porter, Robert Hale, Mark Bercini

**Pro's NTP – Robert Miller 186cm = \$70 Pro shop Voucher**

***Pro Comp – Front 9***

1st: Riley Kirkman                      2nd: Gary Walsh

Balls: Dean Clack, Greg Tearle, Richard Turnbull, James Elphick, Nicholas Waugh, Steve Eccles, John Burgess

40 golfers took the course today on a day where a slight breeze was welcomed after the strong winds of earlier in the week. The par event is a true test of playing to your handicap. You score well for playing better than or to your handicap, but it is very unforgiving if you don't. A grade was taken out by Greg Tearle with a respectable score of -2. After a shaky start he got into his rhythm and finished well on the back nine. Steve Eccles also had a very good back nine, including a birdie on the 16th hole to post -4 for second place. David Kinch was next best in third on -5 on a countback from three other players. John Burgess picked up his first win in B grade for a while with his score of -4. Peter Conroy is having a quick visit to B grade and came second with -5. Reece Caldwell was another to have a good back nine which gave him third place on -6 on a countback from Robert Hale and Mark Bercini. Riley Kirkman took out C grade with a score of +2. Riley was the only player to beat his handicap today – well done. Gary Walsh said it was the best he had played in a while as he compiled a handicap equaling score of 0 to finish second. Dean Clack finished third on -1 after starting very well, with his opponents in today's pairs matchplay looking for a steward's inquiry regarding his handicap after the front nine. In the NTP's Steve Eccles hit one of his best shots of the day on the 11th hole to take the prize, while Robert "Shirl" Miller was happy to tell anyone that was within a 500 metre radius of the clubhouse about how good his shots to the 13th and 18th holes were to win the NTP and Pro NTP respectively. Chris Zawirski didn't have a great day on the rest of his scorecard, but his tee shot on the 9th hole to 64cm was one bright spot. Tim Whitney had an interesting day, particularly after finding the trees near the 6th tee. It is always a bit worrying when you don't hear the ball hit the ground after it goes into the trees, and in Tim's case today that was justified as his ball failed to come down (see photo on next page).

In the Pairs knockout, three of the four quarter finals were played today. Reigning champions Peter Conroy and Murray Kingston defeated Jon Klaile and Ben Porter 2 and 1 after a very even match. Dean Clack and Steve Ross got off to a flyer against Bob Biles and Steve Eccles and then held off a late rally to win 3 and 2. Norm Pringle and Greg Tearle defeated Peter Mackenzie and Mark Moylan 3 and 2. Norm and Greg now play Peter and Murray in the first semi final. The pairs knockout is sponsored by Mitchell Olsen at Urban Real Estate.

Tim Whitney's tee shot on the 6th hole. Pip Lancaster was very keen to share this story.



The **2 Man Ambrose club championships** will be held on Saturday 26/7/25. Players should also note that the club **Men's Foursomes club championships** will be held on Saturday 9/8/25. Both of these events are sponsored by Mitchell Olsen at Urban Real Estate.

Congratulations to Leanne Daniels and Jan Scobie who won the Country Cup at Hunter Valley Golf Club on 16 June. They combined expertly to post a winning score of 45 points.

There are a number of club open and HRDGA events coming up. Check the noticeboard in the club for more details.