

Branxton Golf Club
Saturday, 30 August 2025
PAR 3 CHAMPIONSHIPS – Murray Johanson and Family Sponsors

Field: 64

Championship Winners (Presentation Night Prizes)

A Grade	Scratch Winner: Cameron Johanson 60	Nett Winner: Steve Ross 56
B Grade	Scratch Winner: Robert Hale 69 c/b	Nett Winner: Mick Martin 57
C Grade	Scratch Winner: Gary Walsh 72	Nett Winner: Graham Bull 54

Daily Event Prizes (Club and/or Pro Shop vouchers)

A Grade	Scratch Runner Up: Michael Simpson 65	
	Nett Runner Up: Matt Cotter 59	Nett 3rd: Mark Moylan 61
B Grade	Scratch Runner Up: Craig Howe 69 c/b	
	Nett Runner Up: Ian Howell 59	Nett 3rd: Malcolm Crossley 61 c/b
C Grade	Scratch Runner Up: Robert Miller 75	
	Nett Runner Up: Lachlan Elphick 57	Nett 3rd: Darrell Fleming 61 c/b

Nearest the Pins

2nd/11th: Cameron Johanson 347cm	4th: Not awarded.
9th/18th: Andrew George 188cm	13th: Mick Martin 498cm

Balls: 24 players down to 65 nett

Pro's NTP – Andrew George 188cm = \$106 Pro shop Voucher

The rescheduled Par 3 championships were conducted today with a pleasing field of 64 players. The par 3 event has become one of the more popular events on our calendar, with the out of usual tee areas providing a fun challenge. While blue sky and sunshine greeted the field, the Winter westerly winds that we haven't seen for most of the season (or gale as it was today) decided that it would turn up today to make it just that little more interesting for both the morning and afternoon fields. It certainly impacted the scoring, with the daily difficulty rating "blowing" out to +3 for the first time ever. It just goes to show that a golf course does not have to be long to be challenging!

Our A grade champion for 2025 is current club champion Cameron Johanson, who posted a strong score of 60 off the stick, winning the grade by 5 shots from scratch runner up Mick Simpson on 65. The A grade nett winner is club captain Steve Ross with a particularly good score of 56 nett. Matt Cotter, a guest of event sponsor Murray Johanson, took the nett runners up prize with 59, while Mark Moylan was another late starter to do well, finishing nett 3rd with 61.

Our B grade champion for 2025 is Robert Hale, who played the back nine in 31 shots on his way to a scratch score of 69. His round also included a great birdie on the 3rd hole. Craig Howe also shot 69 off the stick but had to settle for scratch runner up after a countback. The B grade nett winner is Mick Martin with another strong nett score of 57 after also shooting 69 off the stick. Ian Howell had another steady round to take the nett runners up prize with 59 nett, with Malcolm Crossley in third with 61 nett on a countback from three other players.

Our C grade champion for 2025 is Gary Walsh, who looked resplendent in his Roosters gear today and it obviously inspired him to shoot the winning scratch score of 72. Scratch runner up was his playing partner Robert Miller with 75, so it looks like they pushed each other to play some great golf all day. The C grade nett winner is Graham Bull with 54, the only nett score to match par for the course today. Lachlan Elphick showed the rest of the Elphick family playing today how to do it by taking the nett runners up prize with a pleasing 57, with Darrell Fleming taking third with 61 nett on a countback.

The NTP's were still available on the usual holes today, with Cameron Johanson hitting it closest to the 2nd/11th today at 347cm. For a change it was the 4th hole that nobody could hit today, while Mick Martin was one of the few who managed to land it on the 13th, taking the NTP with 498cm. Andrew George was very pleased with his shot on the 66m, 18th hole, not only taking the NTP but a handsome Pro NTP pool as well. Michael Carling was the last player in the field with a chance to beat Andrew's shot, but he slightly overhit it and ended up playing his second shot from near the sand bucket next to the 1st tee.

We would like to thank Murray Johanson and his family for their continued sponsorship of the Par 3 Championships. Murray initiated the par 3 event around 10 years ago and it continues to be a well-supported day. The golf operations committee would also like to thank Murray along with Geoff Jones for their effort in setting the course up earlier in the week. Thanks also to Bobby Hale who volunteered his time this past week to replace many of the older red penalty area markers around the course. In another first today, the remaining round 2 pairs knockout match was played using the par 3 course. Cameron and Murray Johanson defeated Michael Carling and Tim Lane 4 and 3 to move into the semi final against Dean Clack and Steve Ross, with that match scheduled for 13/9/25.

Entries for club Seniors Championships on 20/9/25 and 27/9/25 are now open. Enter on the form on the noticeboard in the clubhouse. Entry conditions apply.

A reminder to all golfers that the yellow calendar of events is always subject to change. An example of this is the Whitelaw/McDonald 4 person ambrose day. The date for this year's event had to be changed in order to fit in with the sponsor and their special guest(s). The new date is Friday 7 November. More details to come shortly.

The usual holes hosted the NTP events, with Ben George producing the shot of the day on the 2nd hole, leaving it only 10cm short of the hole – great shot (he sank the putt for birdie)! On the 4th Ben Porter showed how to hit it close enough from a tricky tee location, making up for the adventurous score of 10 he had on the first hole. Greg Tearle has developed a liking for the 13th hole, taking out the NTP again, while Robert Biles was the sharp shooter on the 9th/18th. Norm Redgrove hit a beauty on the Pro NTP hole to win the pro shop voucher.

Pennant Results 11/2/24

A Grade had the Bye, B Grade lost 4 – 1 against Maitland, with Alex Greenway winning his match on debut, and the Seniors lost 2 – 1 against Murrurundi.

Upcoming Events

The women's Par 3 club championship is on the 14/2/24. The men's Summer Cup concludes with Round 4 on 17/2/24. The last day to enter the 2024 Singles knockout, sponsored by Urban Real Estate, is 24/2/24.