<u>Branxton Golf Club</u> <u>Saturday, 6 September 2025</u> Monthly Medal (Men's) – Stroke

Sponsored by IGA Branxton

Field: 46

Monthly Medal Winner: Ian Howell 73 (c/b)

A Grade 1st: David Pearce 77 2nd: Kyden Maytom 78 3rd: David Kinch 79 (c/b) B Grade 1st: John Burgess 73 2nd: Neil Bridge 74 (c/b) 3rd: Neil Jordan 74

C Grade 1st: Robert Miller 75 (c/b) 2nd: Matthew Schnell 75 3rd: Steven Primmer 78 (c/b)

Nearest the Pins

2nd/11th: Luke Tarrant 116cm 4th: Not Awarded

9th/18th: Matt Janissen 274cm 13th: Neil Jordan 417cm

Balls: Ben George, Luke Tarrant, Joe Bereza, Andrew George, Darrell Fleming, Geoff Jones,

Malcolm Crossley, Garry Taylor, Steve Ross, Greg Tearle, Gary Walsh, Ben Porter, Michael Carling

Pro's NTP – Ross Fieldsend 338cm = \$84 Pro shop Voucher

Pro Comp - Back 9

1st: Ben Porter 2nd: Robert Miller

Balls: Ed Garland, Ian Howell, Neil Bridge, Matthew Schnell, Ben George, Luke Tarrant, John Burgess, Neil Jordan, Kyden Maytom, Karen Johanson

46 players took on the September monthly medal, sponsored by **IGA Branxton** on a glorious Spring Day. With the course finally drying out after the recent rain, firm greens meant getting the right putting speed was needed to shoot a good score today. Ian Howell took out his second monthly medal for the year with a score of 73 nett. He had the same score on both nines, indicating a very consistent round. The A grade players battled their way around today, with David "DJ" Pearce taking the win with his 77 nett. This was possibly the highest nett score to win A grade in quite a while. DJ had a very solid back nine and was able to recover very well on the 10th hole after a crazy bounce in front of the green shot his ball sideways and almost out of bounds. Kyden Maytom picked up second place with 78 nett. Kyden was out early and probably though his score of 78 nett was not going to be good enough for a prize, but in a stroke round you just never know how good your score is until the field has finished. David Kinch picked up third with 79 nett on a countback. John Burgess won B grade with 73 nett, so missed winning the medal on a countback. Neil Bridge took second spot from Neil "Chook" Jordan on a countback and only 1 shot further back on 74 nett. The B grade scores were certainly the pick of the bunch today. Chook scrambled well today after getting a few unlucky bounces off the trees from a number of tee shots. Robert "Shirl" Miller continues to play well in C grade and took out first place today with his 75 nett on a countback from Matthew Schnell. Steven Primmer was 3 shots back on 78 nett in third place.

Luke Tarrant had the shot of the day, putting it to 116cm on the 2nd/11th hole to win the NTP. On the 9th hole, Matt Jannissen picked up his first NTP at Branxton with a good shot to 274cm, while Neil Jordan avoided the trees on the 13th to take the NTP with 417cm. For the second week in a row, nobody could find the 4th green, even though Steve Ross was a little unluck to see his tee shot hit the top of the ridge above the bunker and fall back into it rather than kick forwards onto the green. Ross Fieldsend, a visitor who has played regularly while staying in the area, hit a lovely draw into the 18th green to take the pro NTP with 338cm. Ross also had the full Branxton golf experience when he forgot to put the brakes on his buggy near the 17th green and then watched his buggy roll down the hill towards the dam. Thankfully his buggy turned at just the right moment and stopped just short of the dam. Like a true golfer he was only worried about the damage that may have been done to his clubs, not his wallet/phone/keys etc.

Trick shot of the day for no reward goes to Any Keogh. Andy's approach shot onto the 10th green was a bit wide and managed to hit the top of one of the green poles on the bridge, ricochet straight up and unfortunately land in the creek on the other side of the hole. Club President Murray Johanson was happy to let people know that their group had a combined score of 30 shots for the 1st hole and then 21 shots for the second hole. Now consider that there were only 3 players in the group and you can do the maths to work out what each player might have scored on each hole \bigcirc

Once again, we would like to thank IGA Branxton for their sponsorship and support for today's event.

A big thank you also to Nick, Jess and John for giving up their time to run the halfway house on Saturday. We appreciate your help and support.

Greens renovations run from 7/9/25 - 9/9/25. Work is also scheduled to be performed on the tees. The course will be closed on Monday 8/9/25 while this necessary work takes place. Entries are open for the Club Seniors championships on 20/9/25 and 27/9/25. There has been a pleasing number of entries made already. As always, check the noticeboard in the clubhouse for further details and information on upcoming events.