

Branxton Golf Club
Saturday, 13 September 2025
Stableford

Field: 48

A Grade	1st: Steve Eccles 35	2nd: Robert Biles 34	3rd: Greg Tearle 33
B Grade	1st: David Hodges 35	2nd: Murray Kingston 32	3rd: Geoff Jones 31 (c/b)
C Grade	1st: Matthew Schnell 37	2nd: James Elphick 36	3rd: Norman Pringle 33 (c/b)

Nearest the Pins

2nd/11th: Jarrod Makin 20cm	4th: Jarrod Makin 327cm
9th/18th: James Elphick 90cm	13th: Not Awarded

Balls: Richard Crooks, John Bowen, Mark Moylan, Peter Mackenzie, Cameron Johanson, Ian Howell, Kel Mather, Bernie Daniels, Dean Clack, David Kinch, Paul Johansen, Mark Faulkner, Steve Ross, Murray Johanson

Pro's NTP – Pip Lancaster 263cm = \$74 Pro shop Voucher

Pro Comp – Back 9

1st: Greg Tearle 2nd: Norm Pringle

Balls: Bernie Daniels, Matthew Schnell, Mark Moylan, Paul Johansen, Steve Eccles, Richard Crooks, David Hodges, Peter Mackenzie, Steven Primmer

A sunny Spring morning greeted the 48 golfers for today's stableford event. During the week the greens were cored and then another burst of heavy rain left the course looking very green but soft underfoot. Preferred lies were back in play as it was not possible to get the mowers on the course and while the yellow flowers look very pretty, they play havoc while searching for golf balls. Steve Eccles found some long lost form today and scored 35 points to take out A grade. Playing partner Robert Biles also had his best day out for a while, posting 34 points to take second place. Perhaps playing in the last group out today had something to do with it. Greg Tearle picked up third place with 33 points, in a round that can only be described as cold (12 points on the front nine) and then hot (21 points on the back nine). David Hodges collected the win in B grade with a well compiled 35 points, with patience being the key to his good round today. He was 3 points clear of Murray Kingston in second place on 32 points, with Geoff Jones taking third on 31 points on a countback. Matthew Schnell had another good week and had the best score of the day, winning C grade with 37 points. Matthew had to negotiate his way through the baby plovers as he drove along the 16th hole looking for his ball, which was done successfully 😊 James Elphick's 36 points claimed second place, including an excellent NTP on the 9th hole, hitting it to 90cm. James also had some fun with his second and third shots on the 10th hole after spraying his tee shot onto the 7th fairway. After letting his playing partner know what he was going to try, unfortunately his second shot hit a tree and rebounded back behind where he was. He tried again with his third shot and this time he managed to punch it low, missing the trees and rolling it down and across the bridge safely to just short of the green. A nice, if what lucky, recovery. Norm Pringle took third place with 33 points. Norm had a similar experience to playing partner Greg Tearle, finishing with 20 points on the back nine after only 13 points on the front. Greg and Norm were quite happy that the Pro Comp was the back nine!

Jarrold Makin took the NTP's on the 2nd/11th and 4th holes today, with his shot on 2/11 finishing just 20cm short of the pin. Apparently, all he saw was a splash of sand and then his ball near the pin. Jarrod said he was very happy to pick up two NTP's today as the balls won will help replace the other ones he lost today out on the course. Trick shot of the day goes to Murray Johanson, who managed to land his 3rd shot on the 17th hole in his own trailer that sits just inside the boundary fence behind the 9th/18th tee. He was playing for a cut but hit the dreaded straight ball instead. Pip Lancaster must have measured very precisely to win the Pro NTP with 263cm, which was 4cm closer than the next best player.

The second semi final in the Pairs Knockout, sponsored by Mitchell Olsen at Urban Real Estate, was played today. Cameron and Murray Johanson were able to outlast Dean Clack and Steve Ross 3 and 1. Cameron and Murray now play Greg Tearle and Norm Pringle in the final. Good luck to both teams.

Thanks to all who helped with the greens renovations during the week. The rain may mean some follow up work needs to be completed.

Next Saturday 20/9/25 is a stableford event with all players welcome. It is also Round 1 (of 2) of the Men's Senior Club Championships. This championship event is a stableford event and entry conditions apply. Check the noticeboard in the clubhouse for full details. Entries for Whitelaw/McDonald Day on Friday, 7 November are now open and are being taken in the pro shop.