Branxton Golf Club Saturday, 4 October 2025 Monthly Medal (Men's) – Stroke

Sponsored by IGA Branxton

Field: 47

Monthly Medal Winner: Robert Miller 70 (c/b)

A Grade 1st: Craig Howe 71 2nd: Greg Tearle 72 3rd: Mark Moylan 73
B Grade 1st: Ben George 71 2nd: Mick Barrett 72 3rd: Murray Kingston 75
C Grade 1st: Lennard Porter 70 2nd: Ian Howell 71 3rd: Geoff Geason 72

Nearest the Pins

2nd/11th: Gary Walsh 334cm 4th: Mick Barrett 240cm 9th/18th: David Hodges 52cm 13th: Mitch Saxby 252cm

Balls: Andrew George, Bryce Trotter, Steve Eccles, Justin Asciak, Richard Crooks, Norm Pringle,

John Burgess, Michael Carling, Chris Zawirski, Richard Turnbull, Bill Davies, Matthew Schnell,

Pip Lancaster

Pro's NTP - Mick Burns 145cm = \$76 Pro shop Voucher

Pro Comp – Front 9

1st: Bryce Trotter 2nd: Lennard Porter

Balls: Greg Tearle, Norm Pringle, Mick Barret, Craig Howe, Andrew George, Nick Wheeler, Geoff Geason, Ian Howell, Robert Miller, Richard Crooks

47 players took part in the October monthly medal, sponsored by IGA Branxton. With warm and sunny conditions and no strong winds, it was a great morning to be out on the golf course. Robert "Shirl" Miller won the medal today with a fine score of 70 nett. After missing out on the September monthly medal on a countback, he was very happy to take the prize this month. In A grade, Craig Howe returned to winning form with a steady score of 71 nett to take first place, one ahead of Greg Tearle on 72. Mark Moylan was playing for the first time in a few weeks and his 73 nett picked up third place. Ben George is back on the cusp of A grade after his 71 nett to win B grade today. He was left lamenting a not so good finish on the last hole, but the rest of his round must have been very good. Mick Barrett was in the mix again with his 72 nett to come second, with Murray Kingston continuing to play steady golf with 75 nett for third. Lennard Porter was another to shoot 70 nett today to miss out on the medal on countback, but enough to take out C grade. Ian Howell continues to play well in stroke events, posting 71 nett in second place, with Geoff Geason one shot back in third on 72 nett. With the club championships starting next week, today's event was a good dress rehearsal for the next 4 rounds. As per usual with the stroke events, we had a range of scores, including a few 10's on scorecards today. On the 7th hole, one player took driver off the tee (as we all do) and then hit his second shot with the driver again (not uncommon), except that he hit his second shot from just in front of the 16th tee markers 😊 It is pleasing to see some of our new members playing in the comp and/or gaining their handicap for future participation in competition play. A warm welcome to all of our members who have recently joined the club.

Gary Walsh started his day well, taking the NTP on the 2nd/11th hole with 334cm. Mick Barrett was best on the 4th hole, hitting it to 240cm, with Mitch Saxby finding the 13th hole to his liking today getting it to 252cm. David Hodges showed that he is a sharpshooter with his golf clubs (along with his mower), earning shot of the day with a magnificent shot into the 9th hole to 52cm. Mick Burns took the pro NTP with a great shot on the last to 145cm. I'm sure the size of the pro shop voucher will take away the pain of the number of putts he then took to finish the hole.

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

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

Mixed Pennants had the bye last week.

The next few weeks we will see the Men's and Women's Club Championships being held. Both championships are stroke events. The women's event is on Wednesday 8/10, 15/10 and 22/10. The men's event is on Saturday 11/10, Sunday 12/10, Saturday 18/10 and Sunday 25/10. In the men's competition, a daily stableford event is held in conjunction, so if you are not playing in all 4 rounds of the championships you can play on any of these days in a standard stableford round.

The 2025 Mug of Mugs event will also be held on Rounds 1 and 3 of the club championships. This is a stroke event for 2025 members who won a monthly medal during the season. A list of players who have qualified is posted in the clubhouse and they will be notified with further information.

The 2025 Peter Mathews Memorial Day will be held on Saturday 25/10/25. This is a 2BBB medley stableford event plus singles in conjunction. It will be a shotgun start (time to be confirmed).

Wednesday Twilight Golf starts this week 8/10/25. Register from 4pm with a 4:30pm shotgun start for 9 holes. All welcome and presentations occur straight after in the clubhouse.