

Branxton Golf Club
Saturday, 11 October 2025
Daily Competition – Stableford

Men's Club Championships Round 1 - Stroke

Field: 61

Stableford Competition

A Grade	1st: Chris Zawirski 39	2nd: Greg Tearle 36	3rd: Cameron Johanson 35
B Grade	1st: Ed Garland 40	2nd: Dean Fowler 38	3rd: Murray Johanson 36
C Grade	1st: Matthew Schnell 37 (c/b)	2nd: Andrew George 37	3rd: Jarrod Makin 35 (c/b)

Nearest the Pins

2nd/11th: Chris Zawirski 115cm	4th: Cameron Johanson 364cm
9th/18th: Murray Johanson 100cm	13th: Toby Grant 360cm

Balls: Hamish Elphick, Luke Tarrant, Geoff Jones, Joe Bereza, Riley Kirkman, Steve Eccles, Ben Porter, Bill Davies, Ben George, Katelyn Keogh, Reece Caldwell, Gary Walsh, Peter Conroy, Toby Grant, Murray Kingston, Sam Bridge, Graham Bull, Robert Biles

Pro's NTP – Murray Johanson 100cm = \$108 Pro shop Voucher

Club Championships After Round 1

A Grade Scratch:	Cameron Johanson (72), Chris Zawirski (79), Greg Tearle (81)
A Grade Nett:	Chris Zawirski (67), Greg Tearle (70), Cameron Johanson (71)
B Grade Scratch:	Dean Fowler (82), Ed Garland (85), Murray Johanson (87), Ben George (87)
B Grade Nett:	Ed Garland (66), Dean Fowler (68), Murray Johanson (70)
C Grade Scratch:	Andrew George (91), Joe Bereza (91), Garry Taylor (95)
C Grade Nett:	Andrew George (69), Joe Bereza (71), Garry Taylor (75), Gary Walsh (75)
Mug of Mugs:	Ed Garland (66), Cameron Johanson (71), Ben George (73)

A great field of 61 players took to the course in warm and sunny conditions for Round 1 of the 2025 Men's Club Championships. After round 1 there is a clear leader in A grade, while it is tight in B and C grades. In A grade, current Club Champion Cameron Johanson took control with an excellent 2 over 72. His round included an eagle on the 7th hole, and he almost repeated the score on the 16th hole (he had to settle for a tap in birdie). He is 7 shots clear of Chris Zawirski in second place, who had a pleasing score of 79 off the stick which sees him leading the nett event after round 1. Greg Tearle was the only other A grader to play to his handicap with a fine 81 off the stick to sit in third place. In B grade, Dean Fowler picked a good day to have one of his best rounds for a while and leads on 82. Ed Garland is in second place with 85 after also being a player to shoot their best round over the past few months. His 66 nett was the best nett score on the day and has him leading that event. Two shots further back in equal third place are Murray Johanson and Ben George, who both posted 87. C grade looks like being very competitive, with Joe Bereza and Andrew George joint leaders with 91. Garry Taylor is 4 shots back on 95, with the next three players on 97. Round 2 is sure to see plenty of movement on the leaderboard.

In the Mug of Mugs Ed Garland has a 5 shot lead over Cameron Johanson, with Ben George another 2 strokes behind in third. This event is played over rounds 1 and 3 of the championships and concludes on Saturday 18/10/25.

In the daily stableford event, it was encouraging to see more players scoring better or close to their handicap. Chris Zawirski scored an excellent 39 points to take out A grade, including a great NTP at 115cm on the 2nd/11th hole. Greg Tearle played to his handicap to come second on 36 points, with A grade leader Cameron Johanson third on 35 points. Cameron also took the NTP on the tough 4th hole with 364cm. In B grade, Ed Garland posted the score of the day with an outstanding 40 points, a score that drew many compliments from his playing group. Dean Fowler's 38 points was another great score but only good enough for second place today, while Murray Johanson wasn't going to let Cameron have all the glory today, taking out third place with 36 points and taking the NTP and Pro NTP on the last with a magnificent shot to the 18th hole, stopping it 100cm from the pin. Murray abandoned his usual shot of trying to fade it onto the green and hit the rare dead straight ball right at the stick. In C grade, Matthew Schnell had a very consistent round to post 37 points to take the win on a countback from Andrew George on the same score. Jarrod Makin showed how to recover from a horror start (everybody seemed to find out that he had 13 on the 1st hole), to fight back well, including an excellent back nine, to take third place with 35 points on a countback from Hamish Elphick and Joe Bereza. For the first time in a few weeks a score above 30 points was needed to be in the ball hunt. Toby Grant was the best of the field off the 13th tee, taking the NTP with a good shot to 360cm.

As often can be the case during round 1 of the club championships, strange things happen on the golf course both good and bad. Today was no exception. In no particular order, Bobby Hale chipped in from near the bottom of the 17th fairway for birdie to brighten up his day, while Benny Porter played the 7th hole by hitting balls entirely along the creek on the 6th hole. To be fair he eventually hit a great approach shot to the green over the trees. Geoff Jones tried to thread the needle between the trees near the 16th green, only to see his ball hit a tree and rebound back to him. Unfortunately for Geoff he tried to thread the needle again, hit the same tree and watched the ball work back towards him. The Bridge family caught the attention of Club President Murray Johanson. After seeing their scores and doing a bit of addition, Neil, Sam and Ben managed to put together an exact triple century of shots today. No doubt a few laughs were shared about it at the 19th hole afterwards.



Pro Comp – Front 9

1st: Ed Garland 2nd: Andrew George

Balls: Joe Bereza, Reece Caldwell, Nick Wheeler, Katelyn Keogh, Dean Fowler, Geoff Jones, Luke Tarrant, Ben George, Matthew Schnell, Bill Davies, James Elphick, Cameron Johanson, Darrell Fleming, Steve Eccles, Chris Zawirski, Murray Kingston

The final of the Singles Knockout, sponsored by Mitchell Olsen at Urban Real Estate, was played today between Cameron Johanson and Nick Wheeler. From all reports the match was played in excellent spirit. Nick took an early lead and at one stage was 3 up. Cameron was able to get himself back into the match and after 15 holes it was all square. A magnificent approach shot enabled him to go 1 up on the 16th and a fine match ended on the 17th hole, with Cameron taking it 2 and 1. Congratulations to both players on making the final.

The Pairs Knockout final will be played next Saturday 18/10/25, with Greg Tearle and Norm Pringle taking on Cameron and Murray Johanson. Good luck to both teams.



Thanks again to Mitchell Olsen at Urban Real Estate for his sponsorship of the knockouts in 2025.