

Branxton Golf Club
Saturday, 18 October 2025
Daily Competition – Stableford

Men's Club Championships Round 3 - Stroke

Field: 53

Stableford Competition

A Grade 1st: Chris Zawirski 40	2nd: Greg Tearle 37	3rd: Peter Mackenzie 36
B Grade 1st: Mick Barrett 35	2nd: Neil Jordan 34	3rd: Geoff Jones 33 (c/b)
C Grade 1st: Sam Bridge 39	2nd: Katelyn Keogh 37	3rd: Mark Faulkner 36

Nearest the Pins

2nd/11th: Sam Bridge 75cm	4th: Greg Tearle 148cm
9th/18th: Chris Zawirski 225cm	13th: Chris O'Brien 225cm

Balls: Geoff Geason, Michael Carling, Steve Ross, Justin Asciak, Lennard Porter, Peter Conroy, Mark Moylan, David Kinch, Ben Bridge, Cameron Johanson, Ricky Bush, Robert Hale, Chris O'Brien, Robert Biles, Ed Garland, Joe Bereza

Pro's NTP – Chris Zawirski 225cm = \$82 Pro shop Voucher

Pro Comp – Back 9

1st: Chris Zawirski 2nd: Peter Mackenzie

Balls: Mark Faulkner, Katelyn Keogh, Sam Bridge, Greg Tearle, Michael Carling, Richard Crooks, Mick Martin, Ben Bridge

Club Championships After Round 3

A Grade Scratch: Cameron Johanson **222** (72, 73, 77), Greg Tearle **242** (81, 81, 80),
Chris Zawirski **245** (79, 87, 79), Robert Biles **254** (86, 83, 85)

A Grade Nett: Chris Zawirski (209 c/b), Greg Tearle (209), Cameron Johanson (219)

B Grade Scratch: Mick Barrett **263** (93, 85, 85), Dean Fowler **265** (82, 91, 92),
Ed Garland **265** (85, 88, 92), Geoff Jones **274** (90, 92, 92)

B Grade Nett: Ed Garland (208), Geoff Jones (217), Mick Barrett (221)

C Grade Scratch: Andrew George **279** (91, 90, 98), Sam Bridge **280** (97, 95, 88),
Joe Bereza **282** (91, 97, 94), Ian Howell **283** (98, 89, 96)

C Grade Nett: Andrew George (213), Sam Bridge (220), Joe Bereza (222)

The wild storm that went through Branxton on Friday evening hit the golf course hard, leaving up to 20 trees on the course being significantly damaged and all impacting play. In particular a large gum tree branch had fallen across the 8th green. With some handy chainsaw work completed by our volunteers, the course was deemed playable and 53 went out to play in Round 3 of the 2025 Men's Club Championships.

Club Captain Steve Ross is well known for wanting the course for round 3 of the club championships to be set up as challenging as possible. But today a few players thought he went over the top in ordering a storm last night that felled some big trees on the 6th, 7th and 8th holes in particular, just to get the right level of toughness.



After round 3 our A grade winner is all but confirmed but the nett event is very tight. B grade and C grade could well go down to the last few holes tomorrow, with any of the leading players all in strong contention. Cameron Johanson has a commanding 20 shot lead in A grade and should defend his title with relative ease. Greg Tearle and Chris Zawirski are equal first in the nett event, so round 4 should be an absorbing contest between them. Mick Barrett had the best round in B grade today with 85 to take a 2 shot lead into round 4. Dean Fowler and Ed Garland didn't have their best day but if they can find their round 1 form it will be a tremendous battle for the title. Geoff Jones has won B grade previously from 4th position going into round 4, so watch out for him tomorrow as well. Ed Garland has a 9 shot lead in the nett event. Andrew George continues to lead C grade, but his lead was cut to 1 shot today after Sam Bridge had the best round of the day in that grade with 88. Joe Bereza is two further shots back and Ian Howell three, meaning a close finish is definitely on the cards. The leading 4 players also have the top 4 positions in the nett event. In the Mug of Mugs, Ed Garland has won the 2025 event by 8 shots, shooting a nett total of 139. Initially Ed thought he had blown his chance after leading last week, but the other participants couldn't catch the big lead he established after round 1. Congratulations on a popular win.

In the daily stableford event, Chris Zawirski had a wonderful 40 points to easily win A grade. Greg Tearle was 2nd with 37 points. With scores like this there is little surprise that they are battling it out neck and neck in the A grade championships. Peter Mackenzie was another to play to his handicap today, shooting 36 points to place third. In B grade Mick Barrett had 35 points to take the win. Mick jinxed himself by commenting to another player that he hadn't 3 putted all day after 15 holes. You can guess what happened on two out of the last 3 holes – the dreaded 3 putt! Neil Jordan had a good day to post 34 points in second place, with Geoff Jones one point further back on 33 in third. Sam Bridge's 88 off the stick equated to an excellent 39 stableford points to win C grade. Sam was out getting in some late practice with dad Neil on Friday afternoon, and it certainly paid off. Katelyn Keogh took second with a very good 37 points. This time last year Katelyn was playing in her first ever competition round. She is currently leading in the women's championships and has improved her game immensely over the past 12 months. Good luck in the final round of the women's championships. Mark Faulkner also played to his handicap, placing third with his 36 points. Sam Bridge had the best NTP on the day, hitting it to 75cm on the 2nd hole. Greg Tearle picked up another NTP with the best shot on the 4th to 148cm. Chris O'Brien probably didn't see his tee shot on the 13th as a rather large tree branch had fallen in the storm about 30 metres in front of the tee, blocking the view to the green. He would have been happy once walking past it to see his ball 236cm from the pin. Chris Zawirski's fine day finished even better, taking the NTP and Pro NTP on the last with a good shot to 225cm.

Lenny Porter had the shots of the day, one on each nine. On the 5th hole (par 4) he was 110m out after his third shot, but managed to walk away with a par after a brilliant chip shot onto the green and straight in. Wanting to show everyone that it wasn't a fluke, Lenny repeated the skill on the tough 13th hole (par 3), chipping in again from 55m off the green for a par! Robert Hale also found a "hole" while playing the 5th, but the hole he found was the drainpipe under the cart path near the green, which was also an impressive target to hit from about 150m away.

The mixed pennant team had their first lost for the season, going down 3 – 0 to Dungog at Cypress Lakes last Tuesday. Next Saturday is the annual Peter Mathews Memorial Day. This is a 2BBB medley stableford event with singles in conjunction. Register from 7am for an 8am shotgun start, and the halfway house will be operating (cash only).

Thanks to all of the volunteers who went back out onto the course after golf today to start cleaning up the course in preparation for round 4 of the club championships. Your time and effort is appreciated.

The pairs knockout final was also played today, with Norm Pringle and Greg Tearle taking on Cameron and Murray Johanson. The match was even early on before Greg and Norm took the lead and never let it go. They were 3 up after 6 holes and then 6 up after 10 holes. Greg and Norm played near perfect team golf and the match was over after 12 holes, with Greg and Norm winning 8 and 6. Congratulations to the team for an impressive win.



The knockouts are now finished for 2025. A big thanks once again to Mitchell Olsen at Urban Real Estate for his sponsorship of the singles and pairs knockouts in 2025.

