

Branxton Golf Club
Saturday, 1 November 2025
Monthly Medal (Men's) – Stroke
Sponsored by IGA Branxton

Field: 46

Monthly Medal Winner: Matthew Schnell 60

A Grade	1st: Greg Tearle 66 (c/b)	2nd: Mick Barrett 66	3rd: Robert Biles 70
B Grade	1st: Craig Howe 68 (c/b)	2nd: Murray Johanson 68	3rd: Murray Kingston 69
C Grade	1st: Kel Mather 69	2nd: Lennard Porter 70 (c/b)	3rd: Andrew George 70

Nearest the Pins

2nd/11th: Andrew Keogh 120cm	4th: Peter Mackenzie 124cm
9th/18th: Craig Howe 194cm	13th: Ian Howell 306cm

Balls: Mitch Saxby, Leanne Daniels, Harrison Chatillon, Karen Johanson, Ian Howell, Peter Mackenzie, Mick Martin, David Chatillon, Steve Ross, Robert Miller, Steven Primmer, Katelyn Keogh, Mark Faulkner, Neil Jordan

Pro's NTP – Robert Biles 414cm = \$80 Pro shop Voucher

Pro Comp – Front 9

1st: Matthew Schnell 2nd: Mick Barrett

Balls: Murray Kingston, Murray Johanson, Lennard Porter, Steve Ross, Andrew George, Ian Howell, Katelyn Keogh, Kel Mather, Greg Tearle

Despite an overnight storm leaving the players with damp and humid conditions to contend with, 46 players took part in the November monthly medal, sponsored by **IGA Branxton**. Matthew Schnell had a round to remember, shooting an amazing score of 60 nett to win the medal. Matthew's round is one of the best seen at the club for some time and equates to 89 off the stick with his 29 handicap. Matthew also won last week, so he is in great form at the moment. Greg Tearle was the next best in the field, six shots back with 66 nett and that was today's winning score in A grade. Greg said he had a few too many double bogeys today but was able to balance them out with a few birdies. He won on a countback from Mick Barrett, also on 66 nett. Mick has also had a purple patch of good form recently, so it is no surprise to see him scoring well. Robert Biles took out third place with 70 nett and included winning the Pro NTP on the last hole. When Bobby is winning NTP's you know he is playing well. In B grade, Craig Howe took first place today with a good score of 68 nett. Craig was another to win on a countback, this time from Murray Johanson was back playing after a few weeks away and also shot 68 nett. Murray played delivery guy before starting as the tape measures for the NTP's didn't make their way out onto the course at the start of the day, leaving the early groups to use their acute estimation skills to register lengths on the markers. Murray Kingston shot under his handicap with 69 nett to take out third place. In C grade, Kel Mather was the only other player to beat their handicap, shooting 69 nett to win the grade. Lenny Porter shot 70 nett for the second monthly medal in a row to come second on a countback from Andrew George on the same score. Andrew chose to share his drama that he encountered on the 17th hole in round 4 of the recent club championships with his group. After taking a par today, he feels that golf karma has been served. Zac Henry played his first competition round today and started confidently on the 1st green with a reverse hand putt to tap in for a score "just" over par. What truly impressed his group was a tremendous drive on the 14th, followed up with an iron shot that put his ball within a metre of the hole. Thankfully nerves didn't get the better of him, and he sunk the birdie putt for a great 3. Another new member Justin Asciak also tried his luck with using the toe of his putter to make a short putt on the 13th hole, only to see his putt go a "little bit" sideways and miss the hole. A reminder to all players there not to take any shot at Branxton Golf Club too lightly 😊

Andrew Keogh took the NTP on the 2nd hole with the shot of the day to 120cm. Not to be outdone, playing partner Peter Mackenzie responded by taking the prize on the 4th hole, hitting it to 124cm. I'm guessing Andy reminded Pedro that his shot was closer. Ian Howell hit a strong shot to the 13th hole from a tricky tee position to take the NTP with 306cm. Craig Howe took the final NTP on offer with another good shot to 194cm on the 9th 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 Dunningham, Robert Hale and Richie Turnbull for giving up their time running the halfway house on Saturday. We appreciate your help and support. The boys looked resplendent in the new IGA aprons and caps (thankfully they added shirts and shorts underneath them 😊)

Mixed Pennants had a strong 2.5 – 0.5 over Cypress Lakes at Dungog last week. They go into the final round of pennants at Maitland on 10/11/25 needing a win and one other result to go their way in order to make the final.

Wednesday Twilight Golf continues this week. Tee times are available between 2:30 – 4:30pm. All are welcome and presentations occur straight after in the clubhouse.

Whitelaw McDonald Day next Friday 7/11/25 is currently booked out. A reserve list is available and contact the Pro Shop to add your name to that list. It is an 8:30am shotgun start with lunch included afterwards in the club.

Presentation Night is Saturday 22/11/25, starting at 5:30pm. Cost is \$30 per head and includes dinner. Payment can be made at the bar in the clubhouse.







Always waiting for Murray!



Did anyone see where my ball went?





The 19th hole

