

Branxton Golf Club
Saturday, 17 January 2026
Stableford – Summer Cup Round 2

Field: 43

A Grade	1st: Ben Porter 38 (c/b)	2nd: Robert Biles 38 (c/b)	3rd: Ben Bridge 38
B Grade	1st: James Elphick 40	2nd: Chris O'Brien 36	3rd: Robert Miller 35
C Grade	1st: Caleb Swan 40	2nd: Norm Pringle 35	3rd: Steven Primmer 34 (c/b)

Nearest the Pins

2nd/11th: Justin Asciak 183cm	4th: Robert Biles 352cm
9th/18th: Robert Miller 210cm	13th: Mark Moylan 627cm

Balls: Steve Eccles, Mick Barrett, David Kinch, Steve Ross, Justin Asciak, Kel Mather, Malcolm Crossley, Mark Moylan, Nick Wheeler, Craig Nicholls, Mick Martin, David Hodges, Gary Wlash

Pro's NTP – Murray Johanson 310cm = \$72 Pro shop Voucher

Pro Comp – Back 9

1st: Caleb Swan 2nd: Ben Porter

Balls: James Elphick, Chris O'Brien, Mick Barrett, Gary Walsh, Robert Biles, Carter Swan, Malcolm Crossley, Steve Eccles

Today's Stableford event and Round 2 of the 2026 Summer Cup were played in humid conditions. The welcome rain during the week reduced the amount of run on the fairways but certainly put some green tinges back into the course. The A grade field today was closely fought, with countbacks needed to determine all three places. Ben Porter had a fantastic back nine of 21 points, giving him the win this week on 38 points. Robert Biles started his Summer Cup run strongly, also posting 38 points to take second place, with Ben Bridge third also on 38 points. In B grade, James Elphick continues to bring his handicap down and his 40 points today was an excellent score to take the win off his 18 handicap (might not be that next week 😊). He was 4 points clear of Chris O'Brien on 36 points in second place. On the 7th and 16th holes today, Chris made sure he was clear of the dam by hitting both tee shots to right hand side (creek side) of the 6th and 15th holes. It must be a great angle to get to the green from out that far. Robert "Shirl" Miller celebrated his return to B grade with 35 points to claim third place. Shirl also took the NTP on the 9th hole with 210cm. He was most pleased with himself for this as he said it was the first time in a long time that he had won an NTP. In C grade, Caleb Swan had his best round in his short time playing competition golf, taking the win with 40 points. He started off slowly but played the back nine superbly, scoring 23 points and gaining great confidence for future events. He was 5 points clear of Norm Pringle who scored 35 points in second place, with Steve Primmer taking third place on 34 points after a countback. Steve lost his ball retriever off his putter on the 1st hole. By the time he got it back on the 7th hole he mentioned that he had forgotten how far he had to bend down to pick the ball out of the hole and was most grateful that another group had found it for him. In the NTP's, Justin Asciak set the standard early on the 2nd hole at 183cm and could not be bettered. Justin also had the thrill of scoring a rare 5 pointer on the 15th hole, with his birdie worth 5 points as he got 2 shots on that hole. Well done! Robert Biles took the prize on the 4th hole with 352cm, while Mark Moylan took the 13th with 627cm – with a very central pin today his shot must have close to the edge of the green, but still closer than everyone else. Murray Johanson picked up the Pro NTP on the last with a good shot to 310cm, with the pin back about as far as it could be on that hole today. In the game of "What are the odds of those 2 shots happening one straight after the other?", Richie Turnbull

managed to hit his tee shot on the 15th hole quite low and under the rope between the middle two posts next to the path near the bridge on the opposite side of the creek to the tee. Bob Hale was next to tee off and managed to do exactly the same thing. I can only surmise that the probability of that happening were pretty low, yet still possible.

The Summer Cup leader board after Round 2 is on page 3. After Round 2 Steve Eccles still leads with 73 points, two clear of Robert Miller and Ben Porter with 71 points. All players now have at one of their best three scores confirmed (lilac colour). For some players rounds 3 and 4 will now have to count in their best 3 out of 4, so watch out for some competitive golf in the remaining rounds over the next two weeks.

The Australia Day event for Monday 26/1/26 is confirmed. It will be a 2 person ambrose event with an 8:00am shotgun start. Entries can be made via the pro shop.

Wednesday Twilight golf continues during Summer. Tee off from 2:30 – 4:30pm for a 9 hole stableford event. Presentations are done straight after in the clubhouse.

Men's and Women's pennants start soon. Men's Seniors start on 1/2/26, with Men's B grade starting on 15/2/26. Women's pennants start on 23/2/26. Shirts will be available for collection shortly.

Names are now being taken for the 2026 Men's Singles Knockout, sponsored by Mitchell Olsen at Urban Real Estate. Nominations close on 28/2/26, with round 1 starting on 7/3/26.

Men's Summer Cup 2026	Round 1 10/1/26	Round 2 17/1/26	Round 3 24/1/26	Round 4 31/1/26	Best 3 Out of 4
	Best 3 out of 4 Scores				
Steve Eccles	36	37			73
Ben Porter	33	38			71
Robert Miller	36	35			71
Geoff Jones	38	31			69
Steven Primmer	35	34			69
Malcolm Crossley	35	33			68
Caleb Swan	27	40			67
David Kinch	33	34			67
Justin Asciak	31	34			65
Mick Barrett	29	36			65
Andrew Keogh	33	30			63
Craig Nicholls	31	32			63
Ed Garland	36	27			63
Ian Howell	33	30			63
Joe Bereza	32	30			62
Kel Mather	28	34			62
Mark Moylan	29	33			62
Norm Pringle	27	35			62
Murray Johanson	31	30			61
Gary Walsh	29	31			60
Mark Faulkner	30	29			59
Nick Wheeler	25	33			58
Steve Ross	24	34			58
Graham Bull	31	24			55
John Burgess	27	28			55
Murray Kingston	26	29			55
Carter Swan	29	25			54
Michael Carling	26	25			51
Robert Hale	24	25			49
Richard Turnbull	18	27			45
Matthew Schnell	20	24			44
Neil Jordan	20	24			44
James Elphick	0	40			40
Robert Biles	0	38			38
Ben Bridge	0	38			38
Chris O'Brien	0	36			36
Andrew George	32	0			32
Mick Martin	0	32			32
David Hodges	0	32			32
Geoff Geason	31	0			31
Tim Whitney	31	0			31
Hamish Elphick	0	31			31
Lachlan Elphick	0	31			31
Lee Jackson	30	0			30
Greg Tearle	29	0			29
Kyran Reynolds	29	0			29
Graham Cole	0	29			29
Craig Howe	28	0			28
Garry Taylor	0	27			27
Ben George	25	0			25
Darrell Fleming	25	0			25
Pat Webb	25	0			25
Zac Henry	25	0			25
Lennard Porter	0	24			24
Peter Mackenzie	22	0			22