

**Branxton Golf Club**  
**Saturday, 21 February 2026**  
**Stableford**

Field: 55

A Grade	1st: Ben Porter 35	2nd: Douglas Elphick 33	3rd: Peter Conroy 32 (c/b)
B Grade	1st: Robert Hale 39	2nd: Graham Cole 38 (c/b)	3rd: Katelyn Keogh 38 (c/b)
C Grade	1st: Scott Duncan 41	2nd: James Wilson 39	3rd: Pip Lancaster 35 (c/b)

**Nearest the Pins**

2nd/11th: John Burgess 95cm	4th: Robert Biles 492cm
9th/18th: Scott Duncan 109cm	13th: Geoff Geason 337cm

Balls: David Hodges, Malcolm Crossley, John Burgess, David Agnew, Chris O'Brien, Gary Walsh, Andrew George, Geoff Geason, Ed Garland, Michael Carling, Justin Asciak, Garry Taylor, Richard Turnbull, Robert Miller, Lennard Porter, Murray Johanson

**Pro's NTP – Ed Garland 525cm = \$90 Pro shop Voucher**

***Pro Comp – Front 9***

1st: Gary Walsh                      2nd: Scott Duncan

Balls: Robert Hale, Mark Faulkner, Mark Moylan, David Hodges, Chris O'Brien, Bill Davies, James Wilson, Andrew Keogh, Katelyn Keogh, Graham Cole, Michael Carling, Malcolm Crossley

Another strong field of 55 players turned up today for the stableford event. Despite a slight breeze, conditions were very warm and humid, and the early starters certainly beat the heat. We are starting to see some higher winning scores again, indicating that the course and those playing it are both playing well.

In A grade Ben Porter took the win with 35 points. Ben had a good win at pennants last Sunday and carried this form into today. He usually doesn't play in the first group out, but after today's win he may consider it again 😊. Doug Elphick took second place with 33 points (another early starter), with Peter Conroy moving into third place on 32 on a countback from Steve Ross and Mark Moylan after a strong back nine. Robert "Bob" Hale had a great day out to score 39 points and win B grade. Bob had two very consistent nines of 20 and 19 points respectively. He was also the first player that I have seen hit the back of the STOP sign on the 2nd hole with his second shot. I will let him explain to you how it happened. It was countback city to split second, third and fourth spots in B grade after 3 players all finished on 38 points. Graham Cole had another steady round, with his pair of 19 point nines enough to take second place, while it took six countback holes to separate Katelyn Keogh in third and David Hodges in fourth place. In C grade Scott Duncan took the win with an outstanding 41 points. Scotty was playing in his first event this year and will be keen to be back after this excellent round. James Wilson is finding his groove in competition play after a very good 39 points to take second place. Pip Lancaster was 4 points back in third on 35 points, taking it on a countback from Gary "Barney" Walsh. Barney had a wonderful front nine of 24 points to win the Pro Comp and included two 4 point holes. John Burgess had the shot of the day on the 2nd hole, hitting a superb shot to 95cm to win the NTP. Robert Biles was an NTP winner yet again with 492cm on the 4th hole, with Geoff Geason a little closer from the 13th tee with 337cm. Scott Duncan hit an excellent shot on the 9th hole to 109cm, while Ed Garland finished strong on the 18th with a well flighted shot through a cross breeze, landing it 525cm from the hole to take the Pro NTP.

Next Saturday 28/2/26 is the annual KCE Day - an American Foursomes pairs event. The nature of this foursomes event means that you can only play with one partner, so make sure you find a partner for this event and get your names on the timesheet.

### Pennants Results

Men's Seniors Round 3: Branxton had the Bye

Men's B Grade Round 1: 4 – 1 loss v Singleton at Hunter Valey GC.

### Singles Knockout Entries

Entries for the men's singles knockout can be made on the entry form in the clubhouse. Entries close on Saturday 28/2/26 (next Saturday). As of 21/2/26 it will be the biggest field in the singles knockout in the past 5 years. The singles knockout is sponsored by Mitchell Olsen at Urban Real Estate.

### **WOMBAT** Leaderboard as of 7/2/26

6 – David Kinch, Gary Walsh

5 - Steve Eccles, Murray Johanson, Carter Swan, Malcolm Crossley, Robert Hale

The full set of results are available in the clubhouse.

### Course Maintenance

Those who have been playing recently will have noticed the arrival of dirt, soil and turf, which is either being stored or has been placed on parts of the course. Hunter Water has also been on course doing repairs.

The areas where the soil, dirt and turf are being kept or have been placed are GUR and may not be marked. Likewise, tracks made by trucks and other vehicles that have had to access the course are also GUR and won't be marked. Always check with your marker before taking relief and apply common sense when determining GUR due to the work that is happening around the course.