

Summary of 2025 Thursday league

Braemar Men's Club

Thursday league completed 20 of 21 scheduled rounds in 2025, playing from May 8 to September 25, losing one round to poor weather (only the 3rd of the last 104 scheduled rounds over the last 5 years!). For 19 completed rounds scoring was individual net score, with 5 flights. The annual team event was played, best 3 net scores, Stableford system. The season's summary follows:

Participation: The league had 149 players and 28 tee times, including the last three reserved for 17 Sandbaggers, 12 of whom joined BMC and Thursday league. Of 2352 available tee slots, only 17 were unfilled (0.72%), thanks to the availability of several "regular" subs and guests. Although 99.3% of slots were filled, the number of no shows is unknown. Guests filled 70 slots, 2.9%, or 3.5 per week on average.

League standings: The league standings ([BMC Thursday League Leaderboard.pdf](#)) are only listed for individual play; the pro shop credits for the team event do not appear in the attached table of standings. Rick Ites became the first player for which statistics are available to reach the \$80 club (\$85), while 3 reached the nearly mythical \$70 club: Larry Fyten (\$76), Clayton Halverson (\$74), and Dick Helde (\$70). Eighty-six members (58%, the same as in 2024) won at least \$15, enough to cover their league entry fee and 133 players (89%) won at least \$1 in pro shop credits. The team event was won by Mike Welbaum, Al Holm, Jeff Berge, Joe Clinton (non-playing), and Greg Wright.

Scoring: There were 51 rounds of par or better, an increase of 16 over 2024. For the entire league, scores averaged 44.11 front/46.52 back/90.63, 0.22 lower than in 2024. Eighteen-hole scores by flight were: Flight 1 82.33; Flight 2 87.38; Flight 3 90.11; Flight 4 94.30; Flight 5 99.50, results suggesting that the GHIN-based pre-season flighting scheme accurately sorted players into appropriate divisions.

Aces/eagles: The statistics show 2 aces on hole 7, but neither was reported by player name, so it is uncertain if the statistic is accurate or due to erroneous score entry. There were 39 eagles, 31 on the front, 8 on the back. Holes 6 and 4 led the way with 13 and 11, respectively. Seven of the 8 on the back 9 were on hole 16, with one fairway hole-out on 15.

Hole-by-hole statistics: For all flights combined the **5 hardest holes** (strokes over par) were 14 (1.51), 2(1.34), 15 (1.29), 12 (1.28), and 13 (1.19). For flight 1, the order was 14 (1.09), 13 (0.83), 2 (0.82), 15 (0.81), and 12 (0.74). For Flight 5, the order was similar: 14 (1.98), 2 (1.95), 15 (1.85), 12 (1.81), and 16 (1.80). We have our own Amen Corner at 12-15, with hole 2 standing up for the front 9. The **3 easiest holes** were 7 (0.69), 8 (0.78), and 1 (0.83).

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