

Branxton Par 3 Championships

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A Grade Scratch Winner: Rod Wilton 55

A Grade Scratch Runner Up: Ricky Bush 57 c/b

A Grade Nett Winner: Stuart Lord 53

A Grade Nett Runner Up: Mick Simpson 53 c/b

A Grade Nett 3rd place: Greg Noble 54

A Grade Nett 4th place: David Matt 55 c/b

A Grade Nett 5th place: Peter Wilton 55 c/b

B Grade Scratch Winner: Chris O'Brien 59

B Grade Scratch Runner Up: Ben Porter 64

B Grade Nett Winner: Troy McCaw 52

B Grade Nett Runner Up: Norm Redgrove 54

B Grade Nett 3rd place: Mick Martin 55

B Grade Nett 4th place: David Kinch 55 c/b

B Grade Nett 5th place: Murray Johanson 56

C Grade Scratch Winner: Barry Turner 65

C Grade Scratch Runner Up: Richard Turnbull 69

C Grade Nett Winner: John Martin 51

C Grade Nett Runner Up: Pip Lancaster 52

C Grade Nett 3rd place: Lenny Porter 53

C Grade Nett 4th place: Mick Carling 54

C Grade Nett 5th place: Robert Hale 56

Ladies Winner: Ruth McCarthy 30 pts

Runner Up: Caren Caldwell 28 pts

Third: Trish McMillan 28 pts c/b

NTPins:

1st: Murray Johanson **2nd:** Murray Johanson **3rd:** Lenny Porter **4th:** Daryl Sheppard **5th:** Cody Fletcher **6th:** Cody Fletcher **7th:** Ben Bridge **8th:** Anthony Bentley **9th:** Peter Wilton **10th:** Mick Carling **11th:** Troy McCaw **12th:** David Kinch **13th:** Nick Redgrove **14th:** Mick Simpson **15th:** Ben Porter **16th:** Mick Martin **17th:** Mick Simpson **18th:** Stuart Lord

Ladies: **9th:** Caren Caldwell **18th:** Caren Caldwell

Everyone who did not win a voucher wins a ball

The Par 3 Championships were held at Branxton Golf Club on Saturday, a now regular event on the calendar which challenges all players in the short form of the game. Rod Wilton who recently performed so creditably in the Club Championships, won the event with a one over par 55 showing his prowess with his iron play. Runner Up was Ricky Bush with a 3 over 57. Stuart Lord won the A Grade net with an excellent 53, just ahead of Michael Simpson with the same score. B Grade was won by Chris O'Brien with an excellent 59 off the stick, well clear of Benny Porter's 64. Ben's short game was exemplary, consistently hitting wedges near the hole and putting very solidly—his playing partners may need some lessons from him. Troy McCaw won the net with a very pleasing 52, a great score after a very indifferent front nine and a par back nine—the ups and downs of golf! Norm Redgrove finished runner up with his 54 nett score. Barry Turner continued his stellar year by winning the C Grade scratch with his 65, well clear of runner up Richie Turnbull with his 69. John Martin, this year's C Grade Club Champion, won the net division with an excellent 51, just ahead of Pip Lancaster's similarly good score of 52. Ruth McCarthy won the Ladies with her 30 pts, just ahead of Caren Caldwell and Trish McMillan. The ladies were very pleased to get back to the club house as their later tee time meant they walked a very dry course in the heat of the day. Each hole had nearest the pins with a \$15 pro shop voucher credited to their account, with all players who did not win a voucher winning a ball in the ball competition. On behalf of the golf club I wish everyone a great new year—we will see you all in 2020!