

## Branxton Open

Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> July

Overall Winner: Corey Lamb 66 scratch score (4 under par)

<u>A Grade Scratch Runner Up:</u>	<i>Steve Piggot 72</i>
<u>B Grade Scratch Winner:</u>	<i>Neil Jordan 80</i>
<u>B Grade Scratch Runner Up:</u>	<i>Joe Bereza 87</i>
<u>C Grade Scratch Winner:</u>	<i>Col Hughes 96</i>
<u>C Grade Scratch Runner Up:</u>	<i>James Hale 98</i>
<u>A Grade Nett Winner:</u>	<i>John Gray 68</i>
<u>A Grade Nett Runner Up:</u>	<i>Steve Kearney 69</i>
<u>B Grade Nett Winner:</u>	<i>Toby Grant 64</i>
<u>B Grade Nett Runner Up:</u>	<i>Kel Mather 73</i>
<u>C Grade Nett Winner:</u>	<i>Lachlan Kauter 74</i>
<u>C Grade Nett Runner Up:</u>	<i>Terry Partridge 76</i>
<u>Phil Shivnen Memorial Trophy:</u>	<i>Greg Geason / Nick Wheeler 86 nett</i>
<u>Ted Meyn Memorial Trophy:</u>	<i>Toby Grant 64 nett</i>

### Nearest the Pins:

<u>A Grade:</u>	<i>Dave Dever</i>
<u>B Grade:</u>	<i>Chris Taylor</i>
<u>C Grade:</u>	<i>Col Hughes</i>

Branxton's Corey Lamb defended his title as the Branxton Open Champion in devastating style with his 4 under par 66, an outstanding 6 strokes clear of runner up Steve Piggot. The quality of his game can be measured by the fact that his two favourite clubs are his driver and his putter, two clubs he handles with great skill. Playing with his uncle, Mark Hale, a 15 time Branxton Club Champion, some wonderful golf was on display around the tricky Branxton Course. He started his round with 3 birdies in the first 5 holes, effectively putting the Open result in no doubt. Neil Jordan turned back time in winning B Grade with an excellent 80 off the stick, an outstanding 7 strokes clear of runner up Joe Bereza. C Grade was won by local veteran Col Hughes with his 96, just ahead of James Hale—Corey Lamb's cousin and Mark Hale's son—there is certainly some pedigree there and some very promising elements to his game. The day's major sponsor, John Gray, made his trip from Bulli very worthwhile by winning the A Grade nett trophy with his net 68—not a bad effort since it was his first game since last year's Branxton Open. Steve Kearney made a welcome return to form with his runner's up score of 69. The B Grade nett winner was Toby Grant who produced the day's best net score of 64 – a great score on any day. This also enabled him to also win the Ted Meyn Memorial Trophy with the best nett score—a very rewarding and profitable day! Kel Mather was runner up, 9 strokes back, with his 73 nett. The C Grade Nett winner was Lachlan Kauter with his nett 74, just ahead of Terry Partridge's 76. Dave Dever, Chris Taylor and Col Hughes all won the nearest the pins, with Dave's shot so near a hole in one as it landed less than a metre over the pin before spinning back to within 60 cms—a great shot. The new Club Captain, Steve Ross, needs to be congratulated with his first real test as Captain, as the day went very smoothly. The support from many club members around the course, with its preparation, ball spotting, BBQ and adherence to all the Covid protocols just shows how small golf clubs can be such a success—well done everyone!