

Branxton Golf Club
Saturday, 10 February 2024
PAR 3 CHAMPIONSHIPS – Revised Results and Report

Field: 47

A Grade	Scratch Winner: Cameron Johanson 57	Scratch Runner Up: Lee Hunt 60
A Grade	Nett Winner: Jeff Haywood 52 c/b	Nett Runner Up: Norm Redgrove 54 c/b
A Grade	Nett 3rd (daily event prize): Ricky Bush 54	
B Grade	Scratch Winner: Neil Jordan: 64	Scratch Runner Up: Paul Johansen 66
B Grade	Nett Winner: Michael Carling 53 c/b	Nett Runner Up: David Pearce 54
B Grade	Nett 3rd (daily event prize): Murray Johanson 56	
C Grade	Scratch Winner: Richard Turnbull 71	Scratch Runner Up: Pip Lancaster 73
C Grade	Nett Winner: Brett Tresize 53 c/b	Nett Runner Up: Lennard Porter 53
C Grade	Nett 3rd (daily event prize): Karen Johansen 50	

Nearest the Pins

2nd/11th: Ben George 10cm	4th: Ben Porter 545cm
9th/18th: Robert Biles 240cm	13th: Greg Tearle 327cm

Balls: Not available at the time of writing

Pro's NTP – Norm Redgrove 160cm = \$84 Pro shop Voucher

Overnight rain did not stop an enthusiastic field taking on the 2024 club Par 3 championship event. The Murray Johanson designed course has almost all of the tee positions in unfamiliar spots on the course, meaning some creative tee shots are needed in order to hit the green in regulation. 2023 Club Champion Cameron Johanson showed the way in A Grade, winning with a scratch score of 57 (3 over). Cameron attributed the excellent score to the hard work done with him by his young caddie Harley. Lee Hunt had a very consistent round to take scratch runner up with a score of 60. Jeff Haywood made a welcome return to competition play to win the A Grade nett event with 52 (2 under his handicap). His one over scratch score of 28 on the back nine is worthy of mention. Norm Redgrove shot a 54 nett to take runner up on a countback from Ricky Bush in third, also with a 54 nett.

As predicted in last week's report, Neil Jordan was indeed the man to watch in the Par 3 championships, taking out B Grade with a wonderful 64. Neil was pretty chuffed with the win, stating that he has "finally won one of these (championship events)." Paul Johansen was scratch runner up with a fine 66, including a great birdie on the tricky 10th hole. Michael Carling took out the B Grade nett event with a very good one under handicap score of 53. David Pearce claimed the runner up prize with 54 nett, two clear of event sponsor Murray Johanson on 56.

In C Grade, Richie Turnbull became the first player to win the C Grade event twice with a very pleasing scratch score of 71. Two great up and downs after finding the penalty areas on the 10th and 11th holes proved decisive. Pip Lancaster was runner up with 73, attributing his score to the figure hugging blue shirt he was wearing. A countback was needed to determine the C Grade nett winner, with Brett Tresize getting the win over Lenny Porter, with both players shooting 53 nett. Karen Johanson, co-sponsor with Murray, made it a great day for the Johanson's picking up the daily event prize.

The usual holes hosted the NTP events, with Ben George producing the shot of the day on the 2nd hole, leaving it only 10cm short of the hole – great shot (he sank the putt for birdie)! On the 4th Ben Porter showed how to hit it close enough from a tricky tee location, making up for the adventurous score of 10 he had on the first hole. Greg Tearle has developed a liking for the 13th hole, taking out the NTP again, while Robert Biles was the sharp shooter on the 9th/18th. Norm Redgrove hit a beauty on the Pro NTP hole to win the pro shop voucher.

Pennant Results 11/2/24

A Grade had the Bye, B Grade lost 4 – 1 against Maitland, with Alex Greenway winning his match on debut, and the Seniors lost 2 – 1 against Murrurundi.

Upcoming Events

The women's Par 3 club championship is on the 14/2/24. The men's Summer Cup concludes with Round 4 on 17/2/24. The last day to enter the 2024 Singles knockout, sponsored by Urban Real Estate, is 24/2/24.