<u>Branxton Golf Club</u> <u>Saturday, 6 December 2025</u> Monthly Medal (Men's) – Stroke

Sponsored by IGA Branxton

Field: 39

Monthly Medal Winner: Mick Martin 64

A Grade 1st: Robert Biles 66 2nd: Steve Eccles 71 3rd: Peter Conroy 72 (c/b)

B Grade 1st: Malcolm Crossley 67 2nd: Ian Howell 68 3rd: David Kinch 72 C Grade 1st: Mark Faulkner 67 2nd: Dean Clack 68 3rd: Lennard Porter 69

Nearest the Pins

2nd: Steve Eccles 366cm 4th: Mick Barrett 222cm 11th: Lee Jackson 396cm 13th: Robert Biles 190cm

9th/18th: Robert Biles 230cm

Balls: Norm Pringle, Steven Primmer, Mick Barrett, Geoff Geason, Steve Ross, Ed Garland, Garry Taylor,

Kel Mather, Mark Moylan, John Burgess, Murray Kingston, Gary Walsh

Pro's NTP - Robert Biles 230cm = \$60 Pro shop Voucher

Pro Comp – Front 9

1st: Steve Eccles 2nd: Norm Pringle

Balls: Steve Ross, Ian Howell, Malcolm Crossley, Garry Taylor, Mick Martin, Nick Wheeler

The December monthly medal, sponsored by IGA Branxton was today's event. With very hot conditions forecast earlier in the week the decision to change to a 7am shotgun start was applauded by the field of 39 players. Over the past few weeks, the work done by a keen group of volunteers has helped the greens and tees get back into good condition and this has contributed to some low scoring, including today. Mick Martin had a superb back nine of 38 off the stick on his way to winning the monthly medal with a score of 64 nett. Mick commented that he feels like he has been hitting the ball well recently without scoring well (many others can relate to that), but today it all fell into place. In A grade, Robert Biles had a great day out. He easily won the grade with 66 nett (the second best score of the day), which included two NTP's on the 13th and 18th holes. His NTP on the 18th saw him take the Pro NTP prize as well. He made the birdie putt on the last hole to play the back nine in 35 shots, which is par for the back nine. Playing partner Steve Eccles picked up second place in the grade, the NTP on the 2nd hole, and first place in the Pro Comp with a score of 71 nett. Steve had a great front nine going around with a par score of 35 shots. Peter Conroy continued his recent run of good form taking third place with 72 nett on a countback from Mick Barrett and Steve Ross. In B grade, Malcolm Crossley had one of his best rounds for a while, shotting 67 nett to win the grade. Playing partner Ian Howell took second place with 68 nett. Ian always seems to thrive in the stroke events and is regularly on the podium on monthly medal days. David Kinch had a steady day with 72 nett to take third place. Mark Faulkner was another to find some form, winning C grade with 67 nett with consistent scoring the key to his good day. Dean Clack also found a bit more consistency today to post 68 nett and take out second place. Perhaps the earlier application of swing oil had something to do with it. Lenny Porter is another player who has been scoring well lately, and he continued to day with 69 nett to take out third place. Mick Barrett took the NTP on the 4th with a good shot to 222cm. In what will become a regular feature of the monthly medal days, "Barney's tee" (Gary Walsh) will be used on the 11th hole. This tee changes the approach to the hole and is a welcome addition to the course. Robert Biles is donating the ball prize to the winner each month. Lee Jackson was the winner today with 396cm.

Once again, we would like to thank IGA Branxton for their sponsorship and support for today's event.

Next Saturday 13/12/25 is the annual Pro Shop sponsored Christmas event. The event is currently set as a team event, with the best 3 out of 4 stableford scores counting towards the team score for each hole. A singles in conjunction event will be included. Get a team of 4 together for what should be a great day. The halfway house should be open next week.

Wednesday Twilight Golf continues this week. Tee times are available between 2:30-4:30pm. All are welcome and presentations occur straight after in the clubhouse. The Wednesday twilight competition will run on Christmas Eve (24/12/25) and New Years Eve (31/12/25)