



## LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS' GOLF TEAM

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## TALKING SENIORS' GOLF: APRIL 2018

### *The Newsletter of Lancashire Super Seniors*

Talk about being well connected! The hottest Spring day for almost seventy years provided a perfect backdrop to the LSS pre-season Get-Together at Stand GC arranged by Keith (G), who obviously knows the right weather gurus. The 35 strong field found the course in excellent condition, irrespective of the prolonged Winter, with some impressive scores, as described below. Our opening 2018 season match against Formby Hall GC Captain's Team on 1<sup>st</sup> May sees LSS Match Captain, Andrew Walmsley, field a team from the four corners of Lancashire against the squad of host club Captain, Paul Conlon.

21<sup>st</sup> May takes us to Penwortham GC against SDGA Seniors, who are captained this year by SDGA's Vice Chairman, Allan Harrison of S&A GC. Manchester GC's Ken Stafford will be keen to repeat the 2017 result when LSS showed SDGA a clean pair of heels at his home club.

Two matches/events in June, three in July and four each in August and September, sees a busy Summer of seniors golf. Add in the various 'prime' seniors opens, including the Rut Niblick, John Glover, Frank Stableford, David Marsh etc as shown on our LSS 2018 Fixture List (see separate attachment) and this summer promises to be a hive of senior golfing activity.

Entries for the Palatine Trophy (18<sup>th</sup> September) and End of Season competition at Formby Ladies (8<sup>th</sup> October) already exceed 30+ each, with more entries anticipated.

### 2018 LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS FIXTURE LIST:

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Match</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Match Captain</i>
1	19 <sup>th</sup> April	Pre-season get together	Stand GC	N/A
2	1 <sup>st</sup> May	Formby Hall GC Captain's Team*	Formby Hall GC	Andrew Walmsley
3	21 <sup>st</sup> May	SDGA Seniors*	Penwortham GC	Stuart Bourn
4	4 <sup>th</sup> June	Heysham Seniors	Heysham GC	Chris Millar
5	21 <sup>st</sup> June	Davyhulme Park Seniors	Davyhulme Park GC	Peter Hampsey
6	5 <sup>th</sup> July	Bury GA Seniors*	Stand GC	Jeff Clements
7	10 <sup>th</sup> July	Bentham Seniors	Bentham GC	Eric Ball
8	26 <sup>th</sup> July	Isle of Man Super Seniors*	Heysham GC	Keith Gardner
9	2 <sup>nd</sup> August	ELGA Seniors *	Stand GC	Ian Bond
10	13 <sup>th</sup> August	Morecambe Seniors	Morecambe GC	Colin Crumlin
11	20 <sup>th</sup> August	Cumbria Super Seniors*	Grange-o-Sands GC	Keith Hick
12	28 <sup>th</sup> August	Denton Seniors	Denton GC	Clive Wilson
13	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Bolton GA Seniors*	Dunscar GC	Paul Stanley
14	11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Silverdale Seniors	Silverdale GC	Keith Gardner
15	18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	LSS Palatine Trophy	Davyhulme Park GC	N/A
16	24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Clitheroe Seniors	Clitheroe GC	Alan Williams
17	8 <sup>th</sup> October	End of Season Competition	Formby Ladies GC	N/A

\*Scratch match

### 2018 Rut Niblick: Pleasington GC; 2<sup>nd</sup> July:

Ian Woolley has advised of a change to this year's competition format. There will no longer be a team of 3 prize for club members playing together in the same threesome. This is to align the event with current CONGU rules. The change does not affect club members playing together in the same group, who are still entitled to do so, it just means the prize has been withdrawn.

Entries are still being received for this popular event, so if you want to play, hit the Pleasington GC web site asap.

## **LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V FORMBY HALL GC CAPTAIN'S TEAM; 1<sup>st</sup> May; 10.00 for 11.00am:**

- Match 1: Keith Gardner (Stand) & Mike Heritage (Fairhaven)  
2: Kevin Laffey (West Derby) & Paul Morgan (West Derby)  
3: John Roberts (Lancaster) & Ian Bond (Dunscar)  
4: Andrew Walmsley\* (Clitheroe) & Paul Bennett (West Derby)  
5: Chris Millar (S&A) & Ian Sawyer (S&A)  
6: Keith Hick (Hesketh) & Clive Wilson (Hesketh)

\*Andrew Walmsley is Match Captain and can be reached on 01254-492274 [kathandy5@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kathandy5@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Team Kit:**

Following the successful launch of the LSS team kit, several potential new items are on the starting blocks with prices being obtained from our supplier, each carrying the LSS logo, including:

- Baseball cap
- Visor
- Short sleeve wind/shower slipover

Feedback and expressions of interest are welcome, whilst Keith (G) has a few LSS ties remaining, plus a LSS badged Glenmuir V neck sweater. Peter Darlington also has a LSS Glenmuir long sleeve zip front sweater, never worn, for sale.

## **PRE-SEASON GET-TOGETHER: Stand GC ; 19<sup>th</sup> April:**



*Literally 'hot' off the golf course, left to right: Eric Ball; Keith Hick; John McMullen (Isle of Man); Russell Hamer; Keith Gardner; Rory Callan; Geoff Skillicorn (Isle of Man) and Paul Thomas*

**LSS Team Captain Keith Gardner welcomed two special guests from the Isle of Man to this year's pre-season get-together, Geoff Skillicorn and John McMullen. Geoff and John, who are regular visitors to the 'mainland', had joined Rory for a game at Morecambe GC earlier in the week before driving South and playing Stand with Keith the day before the 19<sup>th</sup>. They couldn't have timed their visit better with the sun putting on its hat and coming out to play, bathing everyone in temperatures almost touching 25C.**

The aroma of bacon rolls, tea and coffee welcomed the field to Stand and with Keith writing up the large club score board beforehand, everything was set for the action to get under way. Keith (G) and Geoff, together with John and Keith (H), started the ball rolling with par matching scores only to give sway to a host of par busting scores led by host club member, Jeff Clements partnered by Clitheroe's Andrew Walmsley, who scorched round with 44 points. Jeff and Andrew were head and shoulders above the next best scores, a trio of pairings on 40 points, separated by card play-off's for the prizes.

Thirsts were quenched before the high tea of fish 'n chips laid on by Stand's Chef and, once the card play-off's had been reconciled, Keith (G) formally welcomed our IOM guests, Geoff and John, then ran through the prize presentation prior to inviting the floor for any feedback, suggestions or comments about the LSS set up. Unanimous agreement in 'more of the same' was the watchword. A short debate about the format for this year's inaugural Palatine Trophy decided to retain the 4BBB pairings format, as agreed at Morecambe last Autumn. After that, Keith (H) led the appreciation to his LSS Team Captain colleague who had worked so hard to make the day a resounding success. Match sheets for the 2018 season were on show for players to peruse and advise Keith (G) of any changes to availability.

<b>Prize winners:</b>	<b>Jeff Clements (Stand) &amp; Andrew Walmsley (Clitheroe)</b>	<b>44</b>
	Kevan Marden (Dunscar) & Chris Rogers (Hesketh)	40
	Paul Bennett (West Derby) & Stuart Bourn (Stand)	40
	Roger Cox (Royal Birkdale) & Ian Bond (Dunscar)	40
	Ronnie Webster (Heysham) & David Ash (Fairhaven)	39
	Dave Hodge (Hesketh) & Paul Stanley (S&A)	37

### **DATA PROTECTION ACT:**

All present at the pre-season Get-Together agreed their contact details could be shared amongst LSS colleagues for the purpose of day-to-day/match contact requirements. The storage and accessibility of personal data is to become more regulated from May 2018. As a second reminder, all LSS players are requested to advise Keith (G) or Keith (H) should they not wish their contact details to be retained for the purpose of communication between players'.

### **PALATINE TROPHY: DAVYHULME PARK GC; 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018:**



Format for this inaugural event is as follows:

- 18 holes
- 4BBB pairs, 90% handicap
- Open to LSS players & selected host club officers, by invitation
- Catering: bacon rolls upon arrival; evening meal

To date, Lancaster GC's John Roberts has graciously donated a framed original Antiquarian print of Lancashire dated 1725. Clive Wilson (Hesketh), a past County Squash Champion, has also offered some defunct trophies, so we're getting there without spending an arm and a leg.

Several Lancashire Seniors' stalwarts from earlier era's will hopefully joining us on the day for the après golf occasion, including Lancashire Seniors' President, Russell Hamer, Ian Woolley who contributed so much to the success enjoyed by Lancashire Seniors' during his time as Secretary and Albert Woodtli, one of the pioneering members of the Lancashire County Seniors team in the early 1980's, a member of Davyhulme Park GC, together with the Captain of Davyhulme Park GC, Mr David Marsden.

### **2018 END OF SEASON COMPETITION; FORMBY LADIES' GC; 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**



*"A superb course in delightful surroundings, wholly set within Formby Men's course, ideally suited to seniors golf"*

A £300.00 deposit has now been lodged by Keith (H) with Formby Ladies GC for this year's event on the above date. Package cost for the day's golf and catering is £56/head, a slight reduction from the original quote, to which £4/head will added for modest prizes. Thanks to everyone who replied with a positive response for this venue and places are limited to a maximum of 36.

### **NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS:**

As always, should anyone have any contributions, photographs, comments or suggestions for inclusion within future Newsletters, please contact either of the two Keith's.

Best regards and happy golfing,

**Keith Hick**  
**Secretary**  
27<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**Keith Gardner**  
**Team Captain**