



LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS'

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TALKING SENIORS' GOLF: FEBRUARY 2018

The Newsletter of Lancashire Super Seniors

Now the Hyacinths in our conservatory are emitting their perfume and the dark Winter nights are gradually receding, Spring is around the corner. Although wintertime is traditionally known as the 'close season', many of us will have been donning the waterproof and weatherproof gear to keep our swings well oiled – with a little help from the hip flask here and there!

Hardly had the LSS 2017 season reached its climax when Keith (G) once again demonstrated the huge enthusiasm, which characterizes Lancashire Super Seniors, with progress on two fronts. Two additional all-new fixtures have been agreed, one against Cumbria Super Seniors and the other against the Isle of Man Super Seniors. The match dates, shown in the 2018 Fixture List below, are in July and August, bringing the 2018 fixtures total up to seventeen events.

With a field of forty setting the scene for the pre-season get-together, opening up at Stand GC on 19th April, we have much to look forward to this year for everyone, culminating at Formby Ladies GC on 8th October, for the LSS End of Season Competition.

Another new event for 2018 is the Palatine Trophy when Davyhulme Park GC, our spiritual 'home', hosts this inaugural event on 18th September.

2018 FIXTURE LIST:

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

*Scratch match

Availability for the above matches:

Following distribution of the 2018 Fixture List, Keith (G) has prepared the Match Availability Matrix over the coming season.

Team Kit:

Following the successful launch of the LSS team kit two years ago, 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, with orders being taken, beginning at Stand GC on 19th April at Stand GC.

PALATINE TROPHY: DAVYHULME PARK GC; 18th 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, one prize has been donated, a framed original Antiquarian print of Lancashire dated 1725, graciously supplied by John Roberts. If anyone is aware of a defunct golf-related trophy, suitable for re-engraving, please contact either of the two Keith's.

Albert Woodtli, one of the pioneering members of the Lancashire County Seniors team in the early 1980's and a member of Davyhulme Park GC, will be joining us for the day, together with the Captain of Davyhulme Park GC.

AND NOW FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT: 'LEGENDS OF GOLF HISTORY TRAIL TOUR':

Southport's reputation as a world-class golfing location was brought vividly to life during the recent 'Legends of Golf History Trail Tour' at Royal Birkdale, S&A and Hesketh Golf Clubs. Prize winner and Formby Hall GC member, Dave Gant, together with three friends, Derek Johnstone, Alan Reeves and Alan Carter, were treated to a day with a difference by Hesketh GC Historian, Keith Hick. Keith, who devised the tour on behalf of the Lord Street, Southport, based Atkinson Arts & Culture Centre Development Trust, led the group through the unique history of golf throughout the Golf Coast during the day long tour.

Royal Birkdale's Historian, John Rostron, hosted the opening part of the tour around the club's iconic Art Deco club house, explaining how the Open Championship, Ryder Cup and many other prestigious events, together with past members, Ronnie White and Frances 'Bunty' Smith, had put the club firmly on the map. Walker Cup player and Captain, Dr David Marsh, together with Paul Bagshaw and S&A GC Club Captain, Martin Bennett, then entertained the party to lunch at S&A before sharing anecdotes from the very pinnacle of the professional and amateur game, recalling how the 1933 and 1937 Ryder Cups hosted by S&A almost presaged the club becoming the permanent home of the Ryder Cup from 1941 onwards.....

The golfing Doctor's first-hand account of his historic second shot to the famous 'Road hole' at St Andrews in 1971, to help GB&I win the Walker Cup, enthralled the party.

Then it was on to Hesketh for the afternoon where Club President, Derek Holden, described how Hesketh's Harry and Arnold Bentley swept all before them in the inter-war years, including Arnold, together with Bridlington/Ganton GC member, Tommy Thirsk, winning the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games exhibition golf tournament, 'Golf Pries de Nationen', with the tournament trophy being donated by Adolf Hitler.

Keith wrapped up the day with his hour-long illustrated talk 'How Golf put Southport & the Golf Coast on the World Map'



Dr David Marsh (centre foreground) with S&A Captain Martin Bennett (third right) and Keith host Dave Gant (second left) and friends during their Legends of Golf Tour visit to Southport & Ainsdale Golf Club

PRE-SEASON GET-TOGETHER: STAND GC; 19TH APRIL:

With a current entry of 40 players for the second LSS season opener, Keith (G) is looking forward to welcoming everyone once again to his home club.

Please note that Keith will be displaying the team sheets for all the 2018 season matches on a notice board in the Stand GC club house on the day. **NB:** Will all players please check their availability for the matches for which they have been selected. Should anyone find they cannot play in a particular match, please let Keith (G) know asap in order to secure a substitute.

2018 LSS PLAYERS' SCHEDULE:

This year's list will be distributed with the next Newsletter so please let Keith (H) know by 28th February if your contact details or handicap has changed.

2018 END OF SEASON COMPETITION; FORMBY LADIES' GC; 8TH OCTOBER

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

A booking has now been made with Formby Ladies GC, with grateful assistance from Paul Kelly, for 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.

LSS Web site:

S&A's Paul Stanley has enrolled in a web building course with a view to applying his new-found skills to the creation of our own web site. Hopefully, assembly will begin during 2018 and Paul will keep us up to date with progress.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations are due to Bolton GC's Mike Lay upon his election as LUGC President-Elect for 2018 – we wish Mike every success during his coming year in office.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS:

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

Best regards and happy golfing,

Keith Hick

Secretary

20th February 2018

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