



LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS' GOLF TEAM

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TALKING SENIORS' GOLF: JUNE 2018

The Newsletter of Lancashire Super Seniors

With fairways more akin to the Sahara or Karoo desert, the oases presented by greens look inviting and easier to see. And, who needs bunkers when everything appears a sea of sand? Flaming June saw our LSS squads visit Heysham and Davyhulme Park and despite some scorching golf, come away empty-handed on each occasion thanks to some sizzling par busting golf from the hosts. Now well into our fourth season, it is worth reflecting how rapidly the Super Seniors game has developed. The Guiding Principles and Values we set ourselves eighteen months ago have been consistently fulfilled in each match or event and are worth recalling here:

Guiding Principles:

- Provide leadership and organizational capability in the management of Super Seniors golf
- Uphold the best traditions of values of golf as laid down by the R&A and USGA, acting as ambassadors for the good of the game
- Promote Super Seniors golf throughout Lancashire and further afield, to sustain and help grow the game
- Encourage engagement between counties, associations, clubs and teams at Super Seniors level
- Support host clubs and venues in generating income and utilization of facilities
- Maintain a self-funding policy

Values:

- Enjoyment
- Camaraderie and friendship
- Goodwill
- Physical and mental stimulation through competitive golf
- Health and well being

Three matches to look forward to in July, versus Bury GA on the 5th at Stand GC, Bentham on the 10th and 26th against the Isle of Man Seniors at Morecambe GC. The latter is for the informal 'Irish Sea Challenge' when Geoff Skillicorn and John McMullen are hopping over on the ferry for this inaugural match. As those who enjoyed our pre-season get-together on 19th April will recall, Geoff and John joined us for a recce, to weigh up the quality of the opposition, and will be welcomed back to the mainland together with their team.

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

2018 LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS FIXTURE LIST:

Event	Date	Match	Venue	Match Captain	Result
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	7-5
3	21 st May	SDGA Seniors*	Penwortham GC	Stuart Bourn	4-8
4	4 th June	Heysham Seniors	Heysham GC	Malcolm Evans	4-8
5	21 st June	Davyhulme Park Seniors	Davyhulme Park GC	Peter Hampsey	2-10
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	Keith Gardner	
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

2018 SENIORS' OPENS:

Frank Stableford Seniors Open	Wallasey GC	3 rd June
John Glover Seniors Open	Morecambe GC	27 th June
Rut Niblick Seniors Open	Pleasington GC	2 nd July
Sir Michael Bonallack Seniors Open	Clitheroe GC	25 th July
Manchester Seniors Open Trophy	Manchester GC	31 st July (AM only)
Gordon Edwards Seniors Open	Bromborough GC	14/15 August
David Marsh Seniors Open	S&A GC	6/7 September

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS 4 HEYSHAM GC SENIORS 8; Heysham GC 4th June:



Peter Hampsey, Keith Gardner, Malcolm Evans and Ronnie Webster ready to tee-off

With the golf course looking a real picture, the opening match sped off down the first and, before too long LSS Match Captain Malcolm and Keith Gardner had built a healthy lead, arriving at the 14th tee four up. Whether it was the Leprechauns or a touch of Irish wizardry, Malcolm and Keith weren't sure but, summoning all of their several decades of local experience, Peter and Ronnie tip-toed home on the last green, one up.

Heysham were soon two up following Tommy Green and Mike Croft seeing off Keith Hick and Mal Morton 2 up. Even consecutive birdies were only good enough for halved holes as Keith and Mal had to give sway to some superb scoring from the home pair.

Then, just when we needed a point or two, up popped Jeff Clements/Clive Appleby and Chris Rogers/Alan Swift to bring a result within reach by winning at the 17th and 18th. However, Heysham GC Captain, Gavin Thompson and Dennis Greaves had other ideas, dispatching Rory and Clive Hastie on the 16th. Rick Kirkman and Mike Bowen also proved too strong for Eric Ball and Swamy Narayana to make the final score 8-4 in favour of the home side.

Following a delicious high tea, Heysham GC's Captain, Gavin Thompson expressed the Club's delight at welcoming LSS back and for putting up such a good account of themselves against their multiple 'course specialists'. Club President, Barry Simcox endorsed Gavin's thoughts and LSS Match Captain, Malcolm thanked Heysham for their hospitality and, most important of all, such an enjoyable day's golf in good company.

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS 2 DAVYHULME PARK SENIORS 10: Davyhulme Park GC; 21st June:

Doug Craig, Davyhulme Park's Seniors' Organiser and Match Captain, not only laid on the red carpet treatment for our visit this year as usual, but perfect weather and playing conditions as well.

With the aroma of bacon rolls and coffee to twitch the nostrils as soon as we arrived in the sun-kissed main lounge, a keen sense of anticipation was in the air as LSS Match Captain, Peter Hampsey worked out his tactics for the coming fray.

Soon, pairings were being compared by Peter and Doug. Word had it that Rory may be a little delayed, owing to an early morning appointment. Just then, the sound of a helicopter drowned out conversation and, could it be, surely not Rory arriving by air? Almost on cue, Rory came through the door, so our LSS team was complete - each arriving by conventional means!



Left to right: Doug Craig; Peter Hampsey; Dave Higham; David Marsden (Davyhulme Park GC Captain); Jamie Haddow; Brian Connor

Hopes of a repeat of our 2016 match success soon faded with Doug's disciples, headed by Brian Connor and Dave Higham racing into an early three game lead. Brian and Dave just outpaced LSS Match Captain, Peter Hampsey and Jamie Haddow on the 18th and then Dave Reynolds and Hugh Mulholland, one down after 9, zipped home in six under the card to leave Stuart Bourne and Keith Hick in their wake. Ian Cunningham and Archie Crick also fell at the last against Bernard Garrity and Tim Ellis, but bravely staunching the flow, Brian Lang and Peter Darlington won a tight match against Dom Connor and Peter Ellis. And that, as they say, was that, with the remaining two matches pocketed by the host club. Irrespective of the clear-cut result, with three matches going to the 18th, the day proved not only hugely enjoyable but memorable. Tom Sharp, Davyhulme Park's Senior Past Captain, joined Doug to ride a buggy to keep tabs on the matches throughout the day and then joined us for the evening meal.



Davyhulme Park GC Senior Past Captain, Tom Sharp (first right, seated) sits alongside Doug Craig for the post match group photo

Keith (H) had the pleasure – and privilege – of sitting alongside Tom during dinner, hearing about Tom's seventy years of membership, achieving a handicap of one, playing in the Boys Championship and more, much more. It turned out we had common friends within the game stretching back several decades, as Keith sat enthralled at Tom's ability to recall times gone by in such detail.

One person missing on the day was Albert Woodtli, still recovering from a recent fall, but hopefully Albert will be fit enough to join us for the Palatine Trophy in September, when we return to Davyhulme Park. We wish Albert a speedy recovery. Doug formally welcomed everyone following a superb meal, setting the scene for Peter to respond, after which Keith (H) wrapped up proceedings by looking forward to the inaugural Palatine Trophy on 18th September.

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V BURY GA SENIORS: Stand GC; Thursday 5th July:

Arrival: from 10.00am for bacon rolls, tea/coffee; Tee-off: 11.00am; High tea: 5.00pm approx

Jeff Clements Match Captain

Stuart Bourne
Brian Lang
Paul Kelly
Archie Crick
Dave Harrison
Paul Thomas
Paul Bennett
Paul Morgan
Roger Cox
Malcolm Evans
Ken Stafford

Stand GC 07931-347246

Stand GC
Bury GC
Formby GC
Hesketh GC
Hesketh GC
Ormskirk GC
West Derby GC
West Derby GC
Royal Birkdale GC
Ashton in Makerfield GC
Manchester GC

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V BENTHAM GC SENIORS: Bentham GC; Tuesday 10th July:

Arrival: from 10.00am for bacon rolls, tea/coffee; Tee-off: 11.00am; High tea: 5.00pm approx

Eric Ball Match Captain

Paul Stanley
Rick Minnery
Peter Hampsey
Ronnie Webster
Keith Hick
Chris Rogers
Clive Wilson
Archie Crick
Kevan Marden
Brian Clark
Malcolm Evans

S&A GC 01772-815974

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Dunscar GC
Fairhaven GC
Ashton in Makerfield GC

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V ISLE OF MAN SENIORS: Morecambe GC; Thursday 26th July:

Arrival: 1.00pm for snack lunch; Tee-off 2.04pm; Evening dinner: 7.00pm approx:

Rory Callan Match Captain

Keith Gardner Team Captain

Keith Hick Team Secretary

Paul Kelly

Paul Bennett

Paul Morgan

Ronnie Webster

Stuart Bourne

Morecambe GC

Stand GC

Hesketh GC

Formby GC

West Derby GC

West Derby GC

Heysham GC

Stand GC

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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, 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, plus Nick Foye and Albert Woodtli, pioneering members of the Lancashire County Seniors team in the early 1980's, members of Davyhulme Park GC, together with the Captain of Davyhulme Park GC, Mr David Marsden and Senior Past Captain, Tom Sharp.

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 £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

30th June 2018

Keith Gardner

Team Captain