



## LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS' GOLF TEAM

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## TALKING SENIORS' GOLF: MAY 2018

### *The Newsletter of Lancashire Super Seniors*

We are now well into our 2018 season with two matches played – gaining one 'gold' and one 'silver' medal – against the Captain's Team from Formby Hall and then against SDGA Seniors, as seen in the match reports below. The fabulous weather has stayed with us during May to guarantee fast running fairways, firm greens and yes, you've guessed it – copious amounts of rough!

The first of the region's senior opens, the Frank Stableford, is scheduled for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, to be followed later in the month by the John Glover Seniors Open at Morecambe GC. Rory advises entries are coming in regularly, but more are needed to boost the numbers for the event first played in 2016. John Holt, Captain of Clitheroe GC this year, has assembled a superb display of John Glover's lifetime collection of golfing memorabilia and medals etc within the Clitheroe club house. Competitors playing in the Sir Michael Bonallack Seniors Open Trophy at Clitheroe GC, on 25<sup>th</sup> July, will be able to view this impressive collection and appreciate the link between Morecambe and Clitheroe GC's, where John Glover played his golf.

Three matches in July and four each in August and September, continues our busy Summer of seniors golf. Add in the other 'prime' seniors opens, including the Manchester GC Seniors Trophy, Bromborough GC's Gordon Edwards Seniors Open and the David Marsh, as shown on our LSS 2018 Fixture List and also included below, this summer promises to be a hive of senior golfing action.

Entries for the LSS 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:

Event	Date	Match	Venue	Match Captain	Result
1	19 <sup>th</sup> April	Pre-season get together	Stand GC	NA	
2	1 <sup>st</sup> May	Formby Hall GC Captain's Team*	Formby Hall GC	Andrew Walmsley	7-5
3	21 <sup>st</sup> May	SDGA Seniors*	Penwortham GC	Stuart Bourn	4-8
4	4 <sup>th</sup> June	Heysham Seniors	Heysham GC	Malcolm Evans	
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 SENIORS' OPENS:

Frank Stableford Seniors Open	Wallasey GC	3 <sup>rd</sup> June
John Glover Seniors Open	Morecambe GC	27 <sup>th</sup> June
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Sir Michael Bonallack Seniors Open	Clitheroe GC	25 <sup>th</sup> July
Manchester Seniors Open Trophy	Manchester GC	31 <sup>st</sup> 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: 7 FORMBY HALL GC CAPTAIN'S TEAM: 5; 1<sup>st</sup> May:**



*Paul Conlon, Captain of Formby Hall GC, welcomes LSS Match Captain, Andrew Walmsley, to his club*

**Over the past twenty plus years, Formby Hall has evolved into a Belfry-like golf resort and Spa, perfectly placed to act as a base to stay and play the legion of courses located upon England's 'Golf Coast'.**

**Now boasting its own Old Course, the 6,736 yard white tee layout, Formby Hall presents a course to test the best, standing shoulder-to-shoulder with its near neighbour classic links courses.**

**So, with much anticipation, did our team arrive, led by Clitheroe GC's Andrew Walmsley, to face up to FHGC Captain Paul Conlon's keen combatants.**

As Captain of the host club, Paul has the choice of his squad for this LSS curtain-raising fixture, introducing one or two 'imports' to add some extra spice to the occasion. Welcomed into the Tommy Fleetwood Lounge, named in honour of the European PGA Number One, himself a product of the local SDGA's junior ranks, everyone looked out of the windows to see a course in excellent Spring condition.

In a match going to the wire, S&A's Ian Sawyer and Chris Millar secured a last-gasp win on the 18<sup>th</sup> green against host club Assistant, Aidan and Ian Chapman to ease LSS over the finishing line to win our opening fixture of the 2018 season.



*Ian Sawyer (S&A GC) tees off*

Other undoubted stars of the LSS show were Kevin Laffey of 'Royal' Bootle and West Derby's Paul (Henry) Morgan. Kevin and Paul pirated a clear-cut five and four win against Dave McDougall and Frank O'Hara. Returning to competitive golf with a twinkle in his eye was Lancaster's John Roberts, who blistered the Old Course with a round of 71 gross (allowing for a couple of 'gimme's'. John and Dunscar's Ian Bond also left Dave Webster and Harry Short in their slipstream. And, talking of slipstreams, ex-Pro Sean Rudd and Bobby Phenna shook off a one down score after four holes to beat Hesketh's Keith Hick and Clive Wilson 'out in the country' with some after-burner golf of their own. During their game, Sean casually mentioned he had played Lee Westwood during his younger days – and won 5&4 – Keith and Clive could see how and why!

Paul was partnered by club Vice President, Ian Clark, against Stand's Keith (G) and West Derby's Alan Williams. Alan had to retire from the round early with a knee ligament ailment and we wish Alan a speedy recovery.

In their respective post dinner addresses, Paul and Andrew expressed their delight about the day's proceedings, each looking forward to the 2019 fixture and once Keith (G) had read out the match score, Keith (H) wrapped up the day by thanking Ian Clark for all his help behind the scenes.

## LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS 4 SDGA SENIORS 8: Penwortham GC; 21<sup>st</sup> May

Once again, we had the advantage of a superbly presented course played in ideal weather conditions. It seemed difficult to believe only a few weeks ago Spring seemed further away than ever. But, rather like pressing switch, everything blossoms into growth – including the rough on courses up and down the land!

Presenting a perfect picture from the club house terrace and lounge, the Penwortham course looked superb in the morning sunshine and with Club Captain, Phil Young, there to welcome everyone, the day was well set. SDGA were intent upon redressing the balance following last year's 3-9 drubbing at Manchester GC, so Keith (H), donning his SDGA Executive Secretary's hat, had assembled an SDGA squad sporting handicaps from one to eight. Keith of course had the rare advantage of 'his' team winning, having a foot in each camp, whoever came out tops on the day.



*Phil Young, Penwortham GC Captain( green Captain's jacket, centre) joins Match Captains Stuart Bourn (LSS) and Allan Harrison (SDGA) and the two teams outside the terrace following the afternoon high tea*

With the match tipped in SDGA's favour after five games, leading 3-2, the result was still in doubt. SDGA's anchor pairing from Hesketh, Archie Crick and Clive Wilson, had run up an early lead against Eric Ball (S&A) and David Ash (Fairhaven), only to see it whittled down, but finally closed out the result on the 17<sup>th</sup> to give SDGA victory by a 4-2 margin.

LSS Match Captain, Stuart Bourn (Stand) and club mate Jeff Clements had quite a tussle against Stuart's SDGA counterpart Allan Harrison (S&A) and Formby's Dave Thirlwell in the top game. During his post high tea response Stuart light-heartily complained about having a crease in his neck watching Allan's ball seemingly disappear 'over the horizon' after each tee shot. And Stuart added, "things weren't improved when the SDGA pair scored an outrageous two on a short hole when we were sitting pretty". So, one match to the good, SDGA were then pegged back by the two LSS Paul's from West Derby, messrs Morgan and Bennett, who beat Gary Henwood (Formby) and Peter Darlington (S&A) by a nose – or rather putting their tee shot to six inches on the par 3 eighteenth.

SDGA took control by taking the next two games when homegrown talent, Phil Stanley and Chris Rogers (Hesketh) beat Jamie Haddow (Bolton OL) and Mal Evans (Ashton-in-Makerfield) before SDGA's brace of Paul's, Thomas (Ormskirk) and Stanley (S&A) pressed the repeat button against Ken Stafford (Manchester) and Morecambe's Rory Callan.

It was up to Mal Morton (Formby), making a welcome return to action following leg surgery, partnering Fairhaven's Clive Appleby, to claw back a win against Hesketh's Keith (H) and Alan Swift to set up Archie and Clive's denouement in the last game against Eric and David.

Penwortham's Captain, Phil Young, had made everyone feel very welcome during the day. Following a delicious high tea of Penwortham's famous home baked steak pie, preceding a scrumptious cheesecake dessert, Phil set the scene in his post meal address for the two Match Captains, Stuart and Allan, to express their respective thanks to the host club and the teams for all contributing towards an enjoyable – and keenly fought – day's golf.

### **2018 REGISTRATION & ADMIN FEE:**

The £5/head annual Registration & Admin Fee will be collected, as in previous years, from each player during the season.

### **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.

## **LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V HEYSHAM GC SENIORS: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June:**

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

**Malcolm Evans**

**Match Captain**

**Ashton in Makerfield GC**

**07958-955214**

Clive Appleby

Fairhaven GC

Eric Ball

S&A GC

Rory Callan

Morecambe GC

Jeff Clements

Stand GC

Clive Hastie

Dunscar GC

Keith Hick

Hesketh GC

Paul Kelly

Formby GC

Mal Morton

Formby GC

Swamy Narayana

Clitheroe GC

Chris Rogers

Hesketh GC

Alan Swift

Hesketh GC

## **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.

Best regards and happy golfing,

**Keith Hick**  
**Secretary**

27<sup>th</sup> April 2018

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