



## LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS'

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### TALKING SENIORS' GOLF: AUGUST 2018

#### *The Newsletter of Lancashire Super Seniors*

Another first in the world of Super Seniors saw our team take on Cumbria Super Seniors at Grange-over-Sands Golf Club on 20<sup>th</sup> August. Cumbria's Stephen Rooke, Chairman of Grange-over-Sands, and Keith (G) paved the way for this historic fixture earlier this year and the day proved highly enjoyable – and successful for our side - as will be seen in the report below.

August is a busy month in our calendar with four matches at the height of the season. Although the fixture against ELGA on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August has been postponed until October, the matches against Morecambe GC and Denton GC Seniors gave resounding wins for the 'home' side on each occasion.

Balancing out those two reversals, our LSS team secured a handsome 9-3 win against Cumbria Super Seniors in this inaugural scratch match.

As will be seen from the list of entrants for the inaugural Palatine Trophy being hosted by Davyhulme Park Golf Club on 18<sup>th</sup> September, the field to date exceeds sixty, with a few more names awaited. There is still time to enter, if you haven't already done so.

For those of us who have already indicated their desire to play earlier this year in their responses to Keith(G)'s 2018 season fixture availability schedule, this is a timely reminder. For those yet to consider entering, please advise either of the two Keith's by 9<sup>th</sup> September. Please check the list to make sure you are included.

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



*All our yesterdays: Albert Woodtli (centre, foreground) and Ian Woolley (third right, foreground) and their Lancashire Seniors colleagues pictured at Davyhulme Park GC during Ian's tenure as Lancashire Seniors' Secretary in a 1990's era photograph*

**Venue:**

**DAVYHULME PARK GOLF CLUB**

Gleneagles Road  
Davyhulme  
Manchester M41 8SA; 0161-748-2260 (Sec); 0161-748-3931  
[membership@davyhulmeparkgolfclub.co.uk](mailto:membership@davyhulmeparkgolfclub.co.uk)

**Host club contact:**

Doug Craig 0161-943-8062 e: [doug.craig1@btinternet.com](mailto:doug.craig1@btinternet.com)

**Date:**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**Day programme:**

From 9.00am: Bacon rolls; tea/coffee  
11.00am : Shot gun start  
4.00pm approx: Prize presentation: Welcome and presentation by the Captain of Davyhulme Park GC, Mr David Marsden;  
Response by LSS Team Captain, Keith Gardner

4.15pm approx: Early evening dinner; post dinner closing address by  
Russell Hamer & Ian Woolley, response by LSS  
Secretary, Keith Hick

**Format for this inaugural event is as follows:**

- 18 holes; play from yellow tees; shot gun start
- 4BBB pairs, draw for partners; 90% handicap
- Open to LSS players, selected host club officers & guests, by invitation

**Starter's Desk/Recorder:**

Please report to the Starter's Desk in the Main Lounge upon arrival and hand your card to the Recorder upon completion of your round.

Starter's/Recorder's Desk: Doug Craig

Score Board: Keith Hick

Score card reconciliation: Keith Gardner

**Prizes:**

- First pairing and holders of the Palatine Trophy for 12 months
- R/up pairing
- Third pairing
- Best first 9
- Best second 9
- Nearest the Pin

To date, one prize has been donated, a framed original Antiquarian print of Lancashire dated 1720, graciously supplied by John Roberts of Lancaster GC. Clive Wilson, of Hesketh GC, has also generously donated a trophy for the day.

**Special Guests:**

- Albert Woodtli & Nick Foy Members, Davyhulme Park GC and founder members of the pioneering Lancashire County Seniors Golf Team in 1983, Captained by Ormskirk GC Past Captain, Dick Berry
- Tom Sharpe Senior Past Captain, Davyhulme Park GC, who recently celebrated 70 years membership and who attained a lowest handicap of 1
- Ian Woolley Member and Past Captain, Pleasington GC; Past President LUGC; Past Secretary to Lancashire Seniors
- Russell Hamer Member, Royal Lytham & St Annes GC; President Lancashire County Seniors

**Cost/head: £30.00/ head, inclusive of all food, competition entry fee & gratuities**

**PLAYERS SCHEDULE: As at 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018:**

**LSS members:** Clive Appleby; David Ash; Eric Ball; Paul Bennett; Stuart Bourne; Rory Callan; Chris Millar; Archie Crick; Terry Pottage; Malcolm Evans; Keith Gardner; Peter Hampsey; Dave Harrison; Keith Hick; Paul Kelly; Brian Lang; David Lomax; Mal Morton; Swamy Narayama; John Roberts; Chris Rogers; Ken Stafford; Ronnie Webster; Clive Wilson; Paul Stanley; Steve Walker; Alan Swift; Alistair Hargreaves; Roger Cox; Jeff Clements; Kevan Marden;

**Davyhulme Park GC members:** Club Captain David Marsden & Seniors Secretary, Doug Craig; Club Seniors Team members: Brian Connor; Dave Higham; Bernard Garrity; Tim Ellis; Don Connor; Peter Ellis; Joe Mann; Jim Fletcher; Derek Page; Paul Clutterbuck; Norman Somerville; Alan Vaughan

**Guests:**

Clitheroe GC: John Holt (Captain) & John Whowell or Don Partington

Formby Hall GC: Paul Conlan (Captain) & Pat Polding (Snrs Captain)

Penwortham GC: Phil Young (Captain) & John Wilson (Vice Chairman)

Denton GC: David Hughes (Past Captain) & Len Walker

Bentham GC: Mike Curwen (Snrs Sec); Ian Slough

Morecambe GC: Phil Goymer

Heysham GC: Tommy Shields (Snrs rep);

Silverdale GC: TBC

**Area Golf Associations:**

BOLTON GA: John Howarth (Comps Sec) & Mark Latham (BGA Sec)

CUMBRIA: Stephen Rooke; John Pinder

SDGA: Harry Tunnicliffe (Chairman) & Allan Harrison (Vice Chairman)

**Special guests (some playing a short round):** Albert Woodtli; Nick Foy; Tom Sharp; Russell Hamer; Ian Woolley;

## Summary:

Long accepted as the spiritual home of golfers who have represented Lancashire County Seniors and Lancashire Super Seniors since those pioneering days of the early 1980's, through to the present day, Davyhulme Park Golf Club is a fitting venue for the playing of the first Palatine Trophy. The event brings together senior golfers from across Lancashire to celebrate all that is good about the senior game, past and present, throughout the County Palatine of Lancashire, hence the tournament title. The occasion also allows recognition of those golfing enthusiasts, past and present, who breathed life into one of the most rewarding and enjoyable forms of golf for the mature generation lads, dads and grandads to enjoy, and who can 'still play a bit'.

## 2018 LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS FIXTURE LIST & RESULTS:

| Event | Date                    | Match                                  | Venue             | Match Captain   | Result |
|-------|-------------------------|--|-------------------|-----------------|--------|
| 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 | 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   | 4-8    |
| 5     | 21 <sup>st</sup> June   | Davyhulme Park Seniors                 | Davyhulme Park GC | Peter Hampsey   | 2-10   |
| 6     | 5 <sup>th</sup> July    | Bury GA Seniors*                       | Stand GC          | Jeff Clements   | 7-5    |
| 7     | 10 <sup>th</sup> July   | Bentham Seniors                        | Bentham GC        | Eric Ball       | 3-9    |
| 8     | 26 <sup>th</sup> July   | Isle of Man Super Seniors* (postponed) | Heysham GC        | Keith Gardner   |        |
| 9     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> August  | ELGA Seniors* (postponed)              | Stand GC          | Ian Bond        |        |
| 10    | 13 <sup>th</sup> August | Morecambe Seniors                      | Morecambe GC      | Colin Crumlin   | 2-10   |
| 11    | 20 <sup>th</sup> August | Cumbria Super Seniors*                 | Grange-o-Sands GC | Keith Hick      | 9-3    |
| 12    | 28 <sup>th</sup> August | Denton Seniors                         | Denton GC         | Clive Wilson    | 1-11   |
| 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

## MORECAMBE GC SENIORS: 10

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### Morecambe GC; 13<sup>th</sup> August

It was a case of Scot versus Scot this year with our LSS Match Captain, Colin Crumlin (Hesketh) lining up his team against fellow Scot and home grown 'talent scout', Rory Callan. Rory obviously has an eye for a guid golfer whenever he sees one and, having assembled a blend of 'local knowledge experts', proceeded to give virtually no quarter, Morecambe Seniors rampaging home by 10 points to 2.

Keith Gardner (Stand) and Roger Cox (Royal Birkdale) fought all the way against the two Davids, Jolleys & Baxter, only to lose on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Morecambe GC's Captain, Keith Morley, himself a LSS player, paired up with Rory and also scored a win, this time on the 17<sup>th</sup> against Colin and Chris Millar (S&A). A trio of 3&2 wins for the hosts then followed and it was left to Heysham GC's Rick Minnery and Ronnie Webster, citing some local knowledge of their own, to wag the LSS tail against Dick Pemberton and Derek Barrow, tip-toeing off the last green one up.



*A welcoming glass of post match refreshment for Rory, Chris Millar, Colin Crumlin and Morecambe GC Captain, Keith Morley*

Once again, the visual splendour of Morecambe Bay and superb course condition provided for a cracking day's golf and Club Captain, Keith Morley welcomed his fellow LSS golfers with the sort of genial hospitality his club is well known for. In his usual modest (?) response to Colin's vote of thanks on behalf of LSS, Rory looked forward to the 2019 match, plus the 2019 John Glover Trophy, promising to put the opposition to the sword again, but in the best possible taste! We'll see, Rory, we'll see!

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### Grange-over-Sands GC; 20<sup>th</sup> August

A sea of lush green fairways and greens welcomed our LSS team upon arrival at Grange-over-Sands GC, offering a stark contrast to the parched courses so much in evidence this summer. Cumbria

Super Seniors' Stephen Rooke, Club Chairman and principal host for this inaugural match, welcomed everyone in his inimitable style for the 'golfer's breakfast' of bacon rolls, tea or coffee.

The match has come about following a discussion between Stephen, known to all and sundry as 'Rookie', and LSS Team Captain, Keith Gardner, earlier this year. The discussions rapidly turned into an invitation – and challenge – for Cumbria Super Seniors to play hosts for this first ever match against their Red Rose counterparts. Enthused by the success of the day, Keith Gardner said, "The importance of the fixture cannot be overstated. Whilst everyone wanted their team to win, we all realised the significance of the match, which was played in a great spirit, proving there is a huge appetite for senior golfers to continue playing competitive golf well into their third age as Super Seniors".



*Match Captains Stephen Rooke of Cumbria (third right) and LSS Keith Hick (first left) pictured together with Ian Bond (Dunscar), Keith Gardner (Stand), Peter Cresswell (Barrow) and Roger Tringham (Carlisle)*

Added Stephen Rooke, "It really was a superb day. Our lads were up for the match, having played Cheshire in a similar fixture earlier this summer. We knew we would be up against a strong Lancashire Super Seniors side and our congratulations go to the two Keiths. Their team is very fortunate to have them at the head of their organisation and we look forward to the return match next year."

Summing up the day, LSS Secretary and Match Captain for the day, Keith Hick, said, "With seventeen fixtures over the summer, seven each as scratch and handicap matches against area golf associations and clubs throughout Lancashire, together with pre and post season get-togethers, our Super Seniors squad of players is more enthusiastic than ever to continue enjoying the sense of camaraderie, kinship and competition from golfing careers, often spanning several decades. Having known 'Rookie' from our days playing against each other in the Southport area SDGA scratch matches over fifty years ago, it was great to meet up again, both on and off the course and our thanks go to Cumbria Super Seniors, Grange-over-Sands GC and, of course 'Rookie', for playing such excellent mine hosts."

## **DENTON GC SENIORS      11      LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS      1**

### **Denton GC; 28<sup>th</sup> August**

Lancashire Super Seniors breed 'em well, if the result is anything to go by. Host club Match Captain and LSS stalwart, Terry Pottage, the 'Karate King', had coached his squad well, including Club Captain, Trevor Taylor. So well, in fact, they conceded only one point, a half, to claim bragging rights this year.

Terry teamed up with club colleague Len Walker against Jeff Clements (Stand) and Ronnie Webster (Heysham), to win a close match on the last green to get the home team off to a flier. LSS Match Captain Clive Wilson (Hesketh) and S&A's Eric Ball 'went quietly' against Brian Fairbrother and Daniel Schofield and only the resolute pairing of Rory Callan (Morecambe) and Clive Hastie (Dunscar) had anything to show with a 'quarried' half against Geoff Thomas and Alan Painter.



*Match Captains, Terry Pottage (third right) and Clive Wilson (fifth right) join their teams for the post match photograph*

Acknowledging his LSS side were second best on the day, Clive Wilson nevertheless paid tribute to Terry and his own brand of home-grown super seniors in congratulating Denton Seniors on such a superb result. Club Captain, Trevor Taylor welcomed everyone to Denton after the evening meal, thanking both teams and their respective organisers for such a splendid day's golf, offering LSS the opportunity to gain the upper hand in 2019. It wasn't reported whether Clive had offered a karate lesson to Terry and for Terry to reciprocate with a golf lesson – perhaps we will find out in 2019.

#### **LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V BOLTON GA SENIORS: Dunscar GC; 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

|                               |              |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Paul Stanley (Match Captain ) | S&A          | 07863-225383 |
| Keith Gardner (Team Captain)  | Stand GC     |              |
| Keith Hick (Secretary)        | Hesketh GC   |              |
| Colin Crumlin                 | Hesketh GC   |              |
| Archie Crick                  | Hesketh GC   |              |
| Andrew Walmsley               | Clitheroe GC |              |
| Peter Darlington              | S&A GC       |              |
| Stuart Bourne                 | Stand GC     |              |
| Paul Thomas                   | Ormskirk GC  |              |
| Chris Rogers                  | Hesketh GC   |              |
| Rory Callan                   | Morecambe GC |              |
| Paul Kelly                    | Formby GC    |              |

#### **LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS KIT**

Keith (G) is planning to place an order for various items of LSS clothing during the coming close season with our supplier, including branded shirts, sleeveless slippers, long-sleeve jumpers, shower tops etc. Please advise Keith (G) of your orders, preferably by the End of Season day at Formby Ladies on 8<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **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 be 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.

#### **Entries to date are:**

**David Ash; Eric Ball; Paul Bennett; Rory Callan; Eddie Chesworth; Roger Cox; Archie Crick; Colin Crumlin; Ian Cunningham; Peter Darlington; Malcolm Evans; Keith Gardner; Jamie Haddow; Russell Hamer; Peter Hampsey; Dave Harrison; Alistair Hargreaves; Mike Heritage; Keith Hick; Dave Hodge; Kevin Laffey; Dave Lomax; Kevan Marden; Chris Millar; Paul Morgan; Mal Morton; Swamy Narayana; Terry Pottage; John Roberts; Chris Rogers; Ken Stafford; Steve Walker; Andrew Walmsley; Alan Williams; Ronnie Webster**

#### **2018 SENIORS' OPENS:**

|                          |        |               |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------|
| David Marsh Seniors Open | S&A GC | 6/7 September |
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#### **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**  
2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018

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