



LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS'

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TALKING SENIORS' GOLF: APRIL 2019

The Newsletter of Lancashire Super Seniors

To borrow the oft-used phrase at the world famous Steeplechase earlier this month, "They're off!". And so we were last week at Stand when a field of thirty four contested our Pre-Season Competition at Keith G's home club. This increasingly popular event saw some excellent scoring which is highlighted in the report below.

Preceding the golf, our Working Party gathered at Hesketh during March and you will each have seen the outcome of that meeting with the distribution of the *LSS Forward Plan – 2019 & Beyond* positional paper.

It hardly seems possible, as we look forward to the 2019 season, that LSS has been 'in play' for five seasons now 2019 is off and running – it feels more akin to five minutes with all the progress we have made in such a short time period. Enjoyment, kinship and camaraderie have been our collective watchwords, with plenty of good golf thrown in. Friendships have been rekindled, renewed and new ones made since we set LSS on course at our 2014 End of Season Competition at Southport Old Links GC. Parallel to the human side of the game has been the expansion in fixtures, giving a breadth and depth of matches to suit all tastes, from scratch and handicap matches to a Palatine Trophy tournament, topped off with fun fourball events to begin and end the season. Keith G has been busy cultivating potential new matches followed expressions of interest received from two new parties.

Health issues have been to the fore during the close season with Keith G now restored to striding the fairways again following his recent eye procedure and the news from Bury GC Secretary, David Parkinson, is that Brian Lang is gradually recovering from an infection following his recent open heart surgery.

PRE-SEASON COMPETITION: Stand GC; 18th April:

In an uncanny repeat of our 2018 pre-season day when temperatures hit the 80's, this year saw another very warm Spring day with Stand once again in good early season condition. Scoring hit the heights too, with Jamie Haddow and Peter Hampsey scorching round in 43 points to win the early season plaudits from Terry Pottage and Archie Crick.



Keith Gardner, Andrew Walmsley, Swamy Narayana and Keith Hick prepare for the 'off'

Early morning saw everyone gather for bacon baps and a drink to meet up with golfing pals once again and share their winter stories from on and off the golf course. Keith G had displayed all the 2019 Match Sheets for everyone to view and add their names for the Palatine Trophy at Dunscur GC and End of Season Competition at Manchester GC.

Keith G is now 'playing himself back in' in cricketing terms, and Keith was rewarded with another hugely enjoyable day made all the more special with the Captain of Stand GC, David Eckersley, joining us on the golf course. David and playing partner, Chris Rogers, were one of several pairs recording 40 points as the course yielded to the onslaught of 'Super-dupa' Seniors.

Scores:

Jamie Haddow & Peter Hampsey	43 points
Archie Crick & Terry Pottage	42
Chris Millar & Clive Appleby	41
David Eckersley & Chris Rogers	40
John Howard & Paul Bennett	40
Stuart Bourn & Paul Stanley	40
Rory Callan & Keith Dingley	40
Keith Hick & Swamy Narayana	40
Kevan Marden & Ian Cunningham	39
Ronnie Webster & Rob Squire	38
Jeff Clements & Ian Bond	37
David Ash & Clive Wilson	37
David Hodge & Mal Morton	34
Alan Swift & Eric Ball	34
John Holt & Stephen Daynes	34
Clive Hastie & Ken Stafford	34
Keith Gardner & Andrew Walmsley	32



David Eckersley, Captain of Stand GC, joins the two Keiths following the evening prize presentation

Following the fish 'n chip high tea, courtesy of Stand GC's excellent Catering Team, and the prize presentation, the two Keiths took to the floor to follow up the *LSS Forward Plan – 2019 & beyond* circulated to everyone beforehand. Having outlined the ideas and plans contained within the Paper, Keith & Keith awaited feedback. Without any hesitation, the response was, "get on with it – more of the same!". So, that was that and everyone departed, some clutching prizes, to begin another summer of LSS golf.

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V FORMBY HALL CAPTAIN'S TEAM: Formby Hall GC; 2nd May:

Paul Thomas – Match Captain	Ormskirk GC	07971-186282
Archie Crick	Hesketh GC	
Clive Appleby	Fairhaven GC	
Paul Stanley	S&A GC	
Ian Cunningham	Manchester GC	
Paul Bennett	West Derby GC	
Rory Callan	Morecambe GC	
Paul Kelly	Formby GC	
Ian Bond	Dunscar GC	
Chris Millar	S&A GC	
Clive Wilson	Hesketh GC	
John Howard	Dunscar GC	
<i>Reserves:</i>		
Eddie Chesworth	West Derby GC	
Alan Williams	West Derby GC	
Swamy Narayana	Clitheroe GC	

Get well Langy!

All our LSS players send their very best wishes to Brian for a full recovery from his recent surgery. Bury GC Secretary, David Parkinson, has advised Brian is gradually recovering and we look forward to hearing more from David, hoping that Brian will be well enough to return home in time for the match between SDGA Seniors and LSS Seniors at Bury GC on 16th May.

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V SDGA SENIORS: BURY GC; 16TH MAY:

Keith Gardner – Match Captain	Stand GC	07970-967616
Rory Callan	Morecambe GC	
Ian Bond	Dunscar GC	
Stuart Bourne	Stand GC	
Swamy Narayana	Clitheroe GC	
Ken Stafford	Manchester GC	
Terry Pottage	Denton GC	
Paul Bennett	Worst Derby GC	
Ian Cunningham	Manchester GC	
Andrew Walmsley	Clitheroe GC	
Clive Appleby	Fairhaven GC	
Lindsay Groves	St Annes Old Links GC	
Reserves:		
Malcolm Evans	Ashton-in-Makerfield GC	

2019 FIXTURE LIST:

1	18 th April	Pre-season get-together	Stand GC
2	2 nd May	Formby Hall Captain's Team	Formby Hall GC*
3	16 th May	SDGA Seniors	Bury GC*
4	10 th June	Heysham Seniors	Heysham GC
5	20 th June	Davyhulme Park Seniors	Davyhulme Park GC
6	24 th June	NW Manchester Seniors	Swinton Park GC*
7	4 th July	Bury GA Seniors	Brightmet GC*
8	9 th July	Bentham Seniors	Bentham GC
9	25 th July	Isle of Man Super Seniors	Morecambe GC (Irish Sea Golf Challenge Match)*
10	29 th July	South Lancs GA Seniors	Ashton-in-Makerfield GC*
11	12 th August	Morecambe Seniors	Morecambe GC
12	19 th August	Cumbria Super Seniors	Heysham GC*
13	27 th August	Denton Seniors	Denton GC
14	2 nd Sept	Bolton GA Seniors	Stand GC*
15	10 th Sept	Silverdale Seniors	Silverdale GC
16	16 th Sept	LSS Palatine Trophy	Dunscar GC
17	23 rd Sept	Clitheroe Seniors	Clitheroe GC
18	7 th Oct	End of season competition	Manchester GC

*Scratch match

PALATINE TROPHY: Dunscar GC; 16th September:

This year's competition will be a singles Medal for LSS players only. An excellent list of entrants has been compiled by Keith G and anyone wishing to add their name to play should contact Keith G.



Dunscar GC offers spectacular golf and views in equal measure

2019 END OF SEASON COMPETITION: Manchester GC; 7th October:

Invitations are to be extended to representatives from each Club/Association we play against this year to join us to play at Manchester GC on 7th October. This promises to be another special occasion in our calendar with a full field anticipated to wrap up our 2019 season.

TEAM KIT:

Anyone wishing to order new/replacement items, including shirts, slipovers, pullovers and ties are requested to contact Keith G.

Best regards and happy golfing,

Keith Hick
Secretary
April 2019

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