



LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS'

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TALKING SENIORS' GOLF: JUNE 2019

The Newsletter of Lancashire Super Seniors

This month we lead with a reminder to everyone: please ensure you confirm your availability to the Match Captain at least one week before the match. If you are unable to play, it is your duty to secure a reserve from the Match Sheet provided by Keith G. This is as much to preserve Keith G's sanity as it is to make sure we have a full complement on the day. As always, should you be unable to secure a reserve, Keith G will endeavour to find one – but only if you don't succeed.

Three matches to report upon this month, against Heysham , North West Manchester GA and Davyhulme Park, plus three to look forward to during July: Bentham, Isle of Man Seniors at Heysham and Ashton-in-Makerfield.

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS 6 HEYSHAM SENIORS 6 10th June:

A hum-dinger of a match saw the spoils shared, with LSS Match Captain, Dave Harrison (Hesketh) saying *"It was with the usual trepidation that the squad set off for our annual fixture at Heysham. Our results since the inception of the Super Seniors had been underwhelming and when we were informed that 4BBB full handicap difference was going to be the format, we were slightly shaken (but not stirred, obviously –Ed). Thankfully, we produced a fighting performance under the shadows of the nearby power station on a course that was in excellent condition. It was with great relief that we managed to secure a genuine honourable draw with all the games closely fought and friendships established that we further developed over an excellent meal. All of this was enjoyed watching the pouring rain that somehow held off until after all the players were safely in the clubhouse"*.



Home club host, Peter Hampsey (centre) along with his club colleagues welcomes Keith Gardner and Dave Harrison. Adds Keith G, *"Our match had a remarkable finish with Dave and I expecting to at least halve the short 17th, only for the opposition to hole from off the green and then proceed to win the 18th with a shot for a half!"*

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS 0 DAVYHULME PARK SENIORS 12:

Who said you can't enjoy the day after having been thrashed out of sight? As we have come to expect, Davyhulme Park were 'up for the challenge' once again and they certainly turned on the style without conceding a point on the day.



Davyhulme Park GC Captain, Paul Burton (seated, centre) joined by the two team players, together with Davyhulme Park GC's Albert Woodtli and Tom Sharp, also seated, front row. Home Club Captain, Paul Burton, led the way with Joe Mann against Keith G and Swamy Narayana, gaining the close win to set his team on the winning trail. Brian Connor and Dave Higham finished strongly to leave Keith H and David Ash pointless and the rest, as they say, was history.

Nevertheless, a splendid day at our spiritual home was enjoyed by everyone with Davyhulme Park's welcome, outstanding catering and hospitality, second to none.

Following the dinner, attended by Davyhulme Park Senior Past Captain, Tom Sharp and Albert Woodtli, Doug Craig and Keith H discussed the dates for both the 2020 match and the return of the Palatine Trophy – something for all LSS players to look forward to.

LSS Match Captain, Jamie Haddow and his DPGC counterpart, Norman Somerville, responded to Captain Paul's formal welcome, thanking their team and the host club for such a hugely enjoyable day.

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS 5 NORTH MANCHESTER GA 7: Stand GC; 24th June:

Even before a ball was struck, the day proved quite a 'red letter' occasion with LSS stalwart, Brian Lang of Bury GC, arriving to say "hello" after his long stint in hospital. Brian watched the match tee-off and quite a day was to unfold. NWMGA arrived minus two Swinton Park GC players, owing to a communications mix-up. To preserve the goodwill factor, which is vital in these games, LSS members, Jamie Haddow (Bolton OL) and Jeff Clements (Stand), agreed to play a singles with Jeff bagging a one-up win for NWMGA, Jamie having represented LSS. Without that magnanimous gesture, the match would have finished tied.

With two wins each and a halved match, the remaining matches finished 5-5.

Reflecting upon the day, the first such match between LSS and NWMGA, LSS Match Captain Keith G said, *"All the matches were played in a fantastic spirit and camaraderie, the weather being fine, dry and hot. The club provided fantastic food and hospitality, with praise all round from the players. Ian Bond and I enjoyed a great match against Club Captain, David Eckersley and his partner Keith Dingley, with David birdying the 18th to finish all square. My friend, Chris Harding the NWMGA President, attended the post-match meal and praised the work Keith Dingley and I had done to get the match played, looking to make it an annual event."*



The two teams join Stand GC Captain, David Eckersley, adjacent to the 18th green after the match. All the LSS players played well, but giving shots as we know is never easy. Ken Stafford (Manchester) and John Howard (Dunscar) played against a good friend of mine, one-handicapper Craig Cuthbert and his partner, Simon Naylor. After the match, I spoke with David Parkinson of Bury GC and Andy Sandam of Worsley GC regarding a return match and venue, with both indicating they would ask their respective clubs to host future matches.

It was great to see and greet Brian Lang prior to teeing off; he did say he would try and attend future matches and looks forward to catching up with everyone.

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS ON THE INTERNET:

Thanks to S&A's Paul Stanley, we now have our own dedicated web site which can be accessed via the following address: lssgolf.co

In addition to the Home Page and About Us pages, Fixtures, Newsletters, photo gallery etc are all included. The Members' Page is password protected and, when included, this will include the Players' List to enable everyone to contact each other. In order to comply with current legislation, please advise either Keith G or Keith H if you wish your name to be removed.

As always, any suggestions are welcome in order to improve the site, so please take a few moments to view the site and pass on your comments.

Introduction of the site is just one of the tools to help LSS 'come of age'.

2020 FIXTURES:

Next year's Fixture List is already being compiled by the two Keiths, with a new fixture against Formby Seniors, courtesy of Mal Morton. As the venue for the Amateur and English Amateur Championship, Curtis Cup etc, Formby needs little introduction and we are indebted to Mal for securing the match.

The Provisional 2020 Fixture List will be displayed at this year's End of Season Competition.

IAN WOOLLEY MBE; CONGRATULATIONS!

This month we say "Congratulations!" to Ian Woolley, who received his MBE from the Prince of Wales earlier this year for services to the Blackburn local community and area Health Trust. Ian's contribution to golf throughout Lancashire, and Lancashire Seniors in particular, is well known. Less appreciated is Ian's huge selfless contribution to the well being of residents throughout East Lancashire. Ian, we salute you!

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V BENTHAM SENIORS: Tuesday 9th July

Eric Ball (Match Captain)	S&A GC	01772-815974
Keith Hick (Team Secretary)	Hesketh GC	
Stephen Daynes	Manchester GC	
Peter Hampsey	Heysham GC	
Chris Rogers	Hesketh GC	
Neil Dalton	West Lancashire GC	
Allan Harrison	S&A GC	
Clive Wilson	Hesketh GC	
Rob Squire	Hesketh GC	
Mal Morton	Formby GC	
Ronnie Webster	Heysham GC	
Alan Swift	Hesketh GC	

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS v ISLE OF MAN SENIORS: Morecambe GC; Thursday 25th July:**- For the Irish Sea Challenge Golf Trophy**

Rory Callan (Match Captain)	Morecambe GC	07703-293854
Keith Gardner (Team Captain)	Stand GC	
Keith Hick (Team Secretary)	Hesketh GC	
Paul Stanley	S&A GC	
Peter Hampsey	Heysham GC	
Paul Kelly	Formby GC	
Chris Millar	S&A GC	
Clive Wilson	Hesketh GC	
Ronnie Webster	Heysham GC	
Chris Rogers	Hesketh GC	
Ian Wookey	Hesketh GC	
Mal Morton	Formby GC	

Reserves:

Eddie Chesworth	West Derby GC
Ken Stafford	Manchester GC
David Hodge	Hesketh GC

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD/SOUTH LANCS SENIORS: Monday 29th July:

Jeff Clements (Match Captain)	Stand GC	07931-347248
Keith Gardner – Team Captain	Stand GC	
Keith Hick (Match Secretary)	Hesketh GC	
Clive Wilson	Hesketh GC	
David Ash	Fairhaven GC	
Rory Callan	Morecambe GC	
Paul Kelly	Formby GC	
Chris Millar	S&A GC	
Paul Stanley	S&A GC	
Paul Bennett	West Derby GC	
Ken Stafford	Manchester GC	
Ian Wookey	Hesketh GC	

Reserves:

Eric Ball	S&A GC
Stuart Bourn	Stand GC
Jamie Haddow	Bolton OL GC

PALATINE TROPHY: Dunscair 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.

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.

BEST WISHES TO COLIN & ANDREW:

Hesketh's Colin Crumlin is recovering from a broken wrist, whilst Clitheroe's Andrew Walmsley has suffered a sprained ankle, so on behalf of everyone, we wish you both a speedy recovery and return to the fairways.

2019 SENIORS' OPENS

• Frank Stableford Open	Wallasey GC	2 nd June
• Rut Niblick	Pleasington GC	1 st July
• John Glover Open	Morecambe GC	10 th July
• Sir Michael Bonallack Open	Clitheroe GC	17 th July
• Manchester GC Open (NB: am only)	Manchester GC	6 th August
• Gordon Edwards Open	Bromborough GC	14/15 August
• David Marsh Open	S&A GC	5/6 September

2019 FIXTURE LIST:

				Match Result:
1	18 th April	Pre-season get-together	Stand GC	n/a
2	2 nd May	Formby Hall Captain's Team	Formby Hall GC*	4-8
3	16 th May	SDGA Seniors	Bury GC*	6-6
4	10 th June	Heysham Seniors	Heysham GC	6-6
5	20 th June	Davyhulme Park Seniors	Davyhulme Park GC	0-12
6	24 th June	NW Manchester Seniors	Swinton Park GC*	5-7
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

AND FINALLY:

If you're wondering why this edition is a little late, Sandie and I celebrated our Golden Wedding Anniversary last month. We spent part of our celebrations touring North Norfolk last month, having kicked-off celebrations with our daughter and family in the USA. During our tour of Norfolk, we passed Royal Cromer, Hunstanton, Brancaster and Sheringham Golf Clubs, but with no golf clubs in the car. Now, how's that for self discipline?!

Best regards and happy golfing,

Keith Hick
Secretary
8th July 2019

Keith Gardner
Team Captain