



LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS'

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TALKING SENIORS' GOLF: MAY 2019

The Newsletter of Lancashire Super Seniors

Now we are in our 'third age', we can be excused for missing the occasional shot – some more than others – but when you see a disabled golfer execute a superb shot, one's temporary frustrations can be wrapped up and consigned to your pocket.

This month we include something entirely different. I was invited by EDGA's Tony Bennett, to his stand at the British Masters, hosted by Southport's favourite son, Tommy Fleetwood, at Hillside GC. Read on, and I know you will also feel humbled by what I witnessed at first hand on the tournament's Practice Ground during the event, won by Sweden's Marcus Kinhult, with Scotland's Matt Wallace in hot pursuit.

Two matches to report upon during May, the first against Formby Hall GC's Captains' team and then LSS against SDGA Seniors, hosted by Bury GC. Next month, Heysham Seniors and Davyhulme Park Seniors will be welcoming our LSS team as the season builds up a head of steam.

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS 4 FORMBY HALL GC's CAPTAINS TEAM 8 2nd May:

Captain of Formby Hall GC, Kevin Murthwaite, who succeeded Paul Conlan earlier this year, had quite a surprise when, as FHGC's Match Captain for this year's tussle, his opposite number, LSS Match Captain, Paul Thomas (Ormskirk), recalled their time playing tennis against each other some forty or so years ago. Now each playing a somewhat more sedate sport, Kevin, partnered by club colleague, Alan Wix, played the 1.68" ball against Paul and Clive Appleby (Fairhaven) and scored a 'straight sets' success to provide the home side's opening win and two points. Our following LSS pairing of Archie Crick (Hesketh) and Paul Stanley (S&A) fought hard against Steve Murphy and Paul Conlan but just fell short, losing on the 18th. Formby Hall then ensured victory with wins in games 3 and 4, leaving Chris Millar (S&A) & Ian Bond (Dunscar) and Clive Wilson (Hesketh) & John Howard (Dunscar) to bring some respectability to the scoreline by winning games 5 and 6.



The two teams assemble for a group photograph to conclude another highly enjoyable day – well played Formby Hall! Paul Thomas was effusive in his praise, "We had a great day, even allowing for the result. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we were extremely well treated by the Formby Hall members. It was only the second time I had played there and I thought the course was a good test and in fine condition." Kevin had assembled his Captain's Team squad with a keen eye and was rewarded with a first-ever win against LSS – who will be keen to regain the initiative in next year's match.

TEAM KIT:

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

CONFIRMING AVAILABILITY:

Don't forget to advise each Match Captain of your availability at least one week before the match for which you have been selected.

ADMIN FEE:

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

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS 6 SDGA SENIORS 6: A GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR MATCH; Bury GC; 16th May:

Two aspects stood out for this year's match at Bury GC. Club Past Captain and County/LSS stalwart Brian Lang, who made the original arrangements for the day, and the SDGA Golden Jubilee. Brian is continuing his recovery from major surgery and we hope to see him join us to talk golf again, if not to play, before the end of the season.

For SDGA, 2019 is a very special year – fifty years since Southport & Ainsdale GC were awarded the inaugural Southport & District Scratch Winter League Trophy donated by the then *Southport Visiter* publishers, Stephenson Newspapers. Since those long ago days, the original Scratch Winter League involving seven Southport area golf clubs – now ten - has grown into one of North West England's premier golf associations with five sections: Scratch, Handicap; U-18; Mixed and Seniors. Several seasoned Tour players, including Tommy Fleetwood, Lee Slattery, Matthew Baldwin, James Robinson and Nick Dougherty (now fronting Sky TV) have excelled in their chosen profession, each coming through the ranks of SDGA in their early years. West Lancashire's Hollie Muse has also made a huge impression during the current decade on the Ladies' Amateur scene.

Celebrating the Golden Jubilee in earnest began earlier this year with SDGA hosting the Rest of Lancashire at S&A during late March, rapidly followed by the annual Scratch Team Tournament at Ormskirk in mid April. Each SDGA section is incorporating celebrations within their respective tournaments, matches and finals, during the 2019 season. As a special 'one off' SDGA Executive Members made up 50% of this year's team to play LSS at Bury on 16th May.



SDGA's Allan Harrison of S&A GC gets the match under way with a 6 iron to twenty feet on the first

On a day of wall to wall sunshine, Bury's course looked superb and provided an excellent test with the two Match Captains, Keith G and Allan Harrison of S&A GC claiming a share of the spoils. With the match tied at 6 points apiece, everyone left Bury GC this year impressed by the Club's hospitality, led by Bury GC Captain, Gary Shoreman, testing course layout and condition, together with excellent catering. Gary welcomed the two teams after the high tea, expressing how proud Bury GC were to host the match and in his response, SDGA Chairman, Harry Tunnicliffe, standing in for SDGA Vice Chairman, Allan Harrison, who became indisposed during the day, recalled the days when his handicap was low enough to compete in West Lancashire's Scratch Team, adding how impressive LSS has become in such a short time.



Bury GC Captain, Gary Shoreman (second right) joins SDGA President & Executive Secretary, Keith Hick; SDGA Chairman, Harry Tunnicliffe and LSS Match Captain, Keith Gardner

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V HEYSHAM SENIORS: Heysham GC; 10th June:

Dave Harrison – Match Captain	Hesketh GC	07976-429892
Keith Gardner – Team Captain	Stand GC	07970-967616
Archie Crick	Hesketh GC	
Clive Appleby	Fairhaven GC	
Andrew Walmsley	Clitheroe GC	
Jeff Clements	Stand GC	
Rory Callan	Morecambe GC	
Alan Swift	Hesketh GC	
Clive Hastie	Dunscar GC	
Chris Millar	S&A GC	
Rob Squire	Hesketh GC	
Swamy Narayana	Clitheroe GC	
Reserves:		
Clive Wilson	Hesketh GC	

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V DAVYHULME PARK SENIORS: 20th June:

Jamie Haddow – Match Captain	Bolton OL GC	01254-702372
Keith Gardner – Team Captain	Stand GC	07970-967616
Keith Hick – Secretary	Hesketh GC	
Rory Callan	Morecambe GC	
Swamy Narayana	Clitheroe GC	
Ian Cunningham	Manchester GC	
Colin Crumlin	Hesketh GC	
Dave Hodge	Hesketh GC	
Terry Pottage	Denton GC	
Eric Ball	S&A GC	
Eddie Chesworth	West Derby GC	
David Ash	Fairhaven GC	
Reserves:		
Chris Millar	S&A GC	

DISABLED GOLFER MASTERS THE GAME: Keith H explains how he was both humbled and impressed by a very special golfer during the British Masters tournament at Hillside GC:

As Sweden's Marcus Kinhult, the eventual winner, and Scotland's Matt Wallace were slugging it out at Hillside in the 2019 Betfred British Masters, hosted by Southport's favourite golfing son, Tommy Fleetwood, something very special was happening a few hundred yards away.

Demonstrating how he has triumphed over his disability, Telford's Tony Lloyd, a Thalidomide youngster of the 1970's, was showing Sky TV's Nick Dougherty how shot after shot arrowed 220 yards from the tournament's Practice Tee. Setting himself up with his 65" driver, Tony astonished Nick, his Sky TV audience and spectators alike, with his golfing skills. A single figure golfer, Tony Lloyd was at Hillside for the 2019 British Masters at the invitation of the European Disabled Golf Association, EDGA. Upon entering the tournament's golfing village, the EDGA stand greeted spectators with copies of their newly published book ***Mulligan – tough love and second chances***. Chronicling eighteen inspiring stories of golfers throughout the world who have accepted their disabilities and challenged themselves to both play and improve, the book is helping to change attitudes.



Tony Lloyd, holding his 65" driver, is interviewed by Sky TV's Nick Dougherty at Hillside GC during the 2019 British Masters

The International Golf Federations Head of Disability and Inclusion, and President of EDGA Tony Bennett explains “*I had the opportunity to interview more than 50 players with disability, and after each one to one session I had come away shaking my head in amazement at the power of their stories. It was obvious that these men and women could help others by sharing their accounts of how they had faced disability or illness, how they had come out the other side and how golf had helped on that journey.*”

A small team of trusted friends and myself put together Mulligan - tough love and second chances, all volunteering our time and skills to give the book life. The book has already exceeded our expectations and a second print run is underway. The unique GIVE and GIFT campaign means that every donation for the book, results in a copy being given free of charge to a hospital, rehabilitation centre or organisation for people with disability, and another being given to the donor as a token of our appreciation”.

Adds Keith Hick, SDGA's President and Executive Secretary and driving force in steering SDGA since 1972 “*The massive support and endorsements for EDGA from across the golfing world, including The European PGA Tour; R&A; USGA; International Golf Foundation; EGA and Ryder Cup European Development Trust mean that playing golf with a disability carries no limits. Golf's introduction to the Paralympics is also rising up the agenda proving golf really is a game for all, irrespective of age, ability, gender or handicap*”.

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.

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	
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 (Irish Sea Golf Challenge Match)*	Morecambe GC	
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

2019 SENIORS' OPENS

Pleasington GC's Ian Woolley, our County Seniors Past Secretary, has reminded me the Rut Niblick will soon be upon us on Monday 1st July this year. As keen as ever in promoting 'his' tournament, one of the regions longest established senior opens, Ian advises entries are coming in with an excellent field anticipated for a perennially popular event.

• 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

Best regards and happy golfing,

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22nd May 2019

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