



## LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS'

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## TALKING SENIORS' GOLF: JULY 2019

### *The Newsletter of Lancashire Super Seniors*

Now the season is in full flow we have plenty to talk about this month with reports on the matches against Bentham, Isle of Man and South Lancs/Ashton-in-Makerfield. One important announcement is the straight swap of venues for the Palatine Trophy and End of Season Competitions. The dates remain as before, 16<sup>th</sup> September for the End of Season Competition at Dunscar GC (previously Manchester GC) and 7<sup>th</sup> October for the Palatine Trophy at Manchester GC (previously Dunscar GC). Three matches to look forward to during August against Morecambe, Cumbria and Denton and then we're into the Autumn, with September and October matches and events wrapping up another successful season.

2020 fixtures are already taking shape with dates and matches secured, including the new match against Formby GC Seniors.

### LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS 5 BENTHAM SENIORS 7 9<sup>th</sup> July:

On a damp, misty Pennine day, the action on the golf course heated up with the hosts scrambling a closely fought victory. Eric Ball's LSS charges gave an excellent account for themselves, coming within a whisker of a tied match as Eric and Alan Swift (Hesketh) just failed to secure a half on the 18<sup>th</sup> against Mike Curwen and Dave Minton. Dave, who was on PNE's books during the early 1960's, shared memories of the Deepdale club afterwards in the bar with Keith H, another lifelong PNE fan.

Bentham's welcome, facilities and course continue to impress, as year on year the club and course pile improvement upon improvement. Friendships (and rivalries!) made over many years are rekindled and the newly constructed holiday chalets adjacent to several fairways prove Bentham GC is on the up and up. The Hesketh pairing of Chris Rogers and Clive Wilson finished all square against Mal Hind and Rob Partington, but the one under gross scoring by Neil Dalton (West Lancashire) and Mal Morton (Formby) proved futile against Les Crohill and John Nicholson, going down on the 15<sup>th</sup>. However, Neil's eagle at the 2<sup>nd</sup> was some consolation for his first visit to Bentham.

S&A's Allan Harrison was virtually level par for the 18<sup>th</sup> holes, but partnered by Keith H, also succumbed on the 16<sup>th</sup> against Ian Slough and Dave Foster. And then.....and then.....our LSS tail kicked in with Peter Hampsey/Ronnie Webster and Steve Daynes/Rob Squire winning their matches out in the country.



*Eric, Mike and their teams have that keen look of anticipation as they await the 'grub up!' after the match*

Once again, LSS Match Captain Eric treated us to one of his store of 'shaggy dog' stories, having thanked Mike and his Bentham team mates for such an enjoyable match, excellent course and catering. Mike looked forward to the 2020 match, adding how much Bentham look forward to their annual tussle with LSS. As a post script to the match, Keith H adds an interesting snippet of information about the pronunciation of Bentham. A recent magazine article reveals the phonetically correct correct 'Bent-ham', not Bentham, as used by long-term residents to Upper and Lower Bentham. Apparently, ask any Bentammer, and the 'h' is dropped. Recorded in the 1086 *Domesday Book*, the Old English name was 'Beonet Ham', meaning homestead in the bent grass. The moorland that surrounds Bentham is covered in thick reedy grasses that grow in watery places. Both High and Low Bentham lie in the valley below. Later names were 'Beny Hame' 'Bent Haim' 'Bent Heim' or 'Bentum'.

## **LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS 2 ISLE OF MAN SENIORS 10: Morecambe GC; 25<sup>th</sup> July:**

Long in the planning, the first match against Geoff Skillicorn and John McMullen's IoM team didn't disappoint, even allowing for all that circumstances and the weather threw at the 2018 and 2019 matches. Many will remember the complete closure of the M6 north of Preston last year on the morning of the match scuppering the chances of players south of Preston reaching Morecambe GC.

Keith G, Geoff and John, together with Rory Callan strove to arrange the 2019 match at Morecambe and whilst thunderstorms and lightning curtailed action on the course, both teams enjoyed a splendid day together.

Keith G takes up the story of the day, *"We discussed what should occur in the likelihood of the weather and decided whatever the position at play being suspended, that was the match result. Rory, John and myself agreed this the best course of action. All the players assembled and, in viewing the IoM team sheet, I realized we were facing quite a challenge with IoM's Mark Pugh off scratch and the remainder five or six handicap. As the games began, we could see we may not be able to finish with thunder & lightning getting ever closer. Once it arrived overhead, everyone was called off the course with safety our top priority. The first match had reached the 14<sup>th</sup> and the last match the 10<sup>th</sup>.*

*Rory was able to bring the post-match meal forward and we were joined by Stephen Rooke from Cumbria Seniors, plus the Captain of Morecambe GC who presented the 'Irish Seas Challenge Trophy' to the IoM Match Captain, John McMullen. After dinner speeches were made by Rory, Morecambe GC's Captain, John and myself, all thanking Rory and the club for their hospitality and presentation of the golf course. Rory did a fantastic job as non-playing LSS Match Captain and host, ensuring everything went smoothly, touring the course on a buggy and shepherding players off the course.*

*All players, and I mean all players thoroughly enjoyed the day, match and format with discussions taking place during the day for a 2020 Round Robin series involving LSS, IoM and Cumbria, as an 'away' fixture in the IoM."*



*Morecambe GC's Captain presents IoM Match Captain, John McMullen with the Irish Seas Challenge Trophy flanked by Rory and Keith Gardner*

Whilst dates, accommodation and venues for the 2020 Round Robin series have to be agreed and secured, this is another exciting development in the life of LSS, all helping to further the causes of Super Seniors golf throughout Northern England and the IoM.

## **LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS 7 SOUTH LANCS SENIORS 5: Ashton-in-Makerfield GC; 29<sup>th</sup> July:**

*"What a result, I never expected this"* said Keith G as LSS registered an impressive and much welcomed win against a team representing the host club and South Lancs Seniors. Added Keith, *"We decided to play 90% handicap, but looking on paper, the handicaps of the two sides appeared almost identical. The first two matches went to the hosts and things were looking a little grim and then, whilst we were changing, the gloom lifted. First, Stuart Bourn (Stand) and Chris Millar (S&A) won 2 up and then Eric Ball (S&A) and Alan Swift (Hesketh) gained a half. After that, it was plain sailing as our David Ash (Fairhaven)/Paul Stanley (S&A) and Paul Kelly (Formby)/Clive Wilson (Hesketh) pairings both won their matches.*



*The two teams assembled after the match for a group photograph*

*Our LSS compatriot, Malcolm Evans from the host club, did a fantastic job organizing everything with the course, catering, welcome and facilities all first class on the day.*

*LSS Match Captain, Jeff Clements made an excellent speech in response to the host club Captain's welcoming speech. I then thanked Malcolm and the Captain for their hospitality and to pass on our collective thanks to the Greens and Catering staff.*

*It was fabulous to hear players talking in the club house expressing what a great match we had enjoyed, and already looking forward to next year's match. A fabulous day had by everyone and a great result for LSS"*

#### **LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS ON THE INTERNET: A REMINDER:**

Just in case you had forgotten the announcement in last month's Newsletter, 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](http://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'.

#### **LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V MORECAMBE GC SENIORS: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August:**

Swamy Narayana (Match Captain)	Clitheroe GC	07764-941377
Keith Gardner (Team Captain)	Stand GC	
Dave Harrison	Hesketh GC	
Ken Stafford	Manchester GC	
Ronnie Webster	Heysham GC	
Dave Hodge	Hesketh GC	
Stuart Bourn	Stand GC	
Eric Ball	S&A GC	
Malcolm Evans	Ashton-in-Makerfield GC	
Jeff Clements	Stand GC	
Clive Hastie	Dunscar GC	
Paul Kelly	Formby	
<i>Reserves:</i>		
Clive Appleby	Fairhaven GC	
Jamie Haddow	Bolton OL GC	
Clive Wilson	Hesketh GC	

**Please confirm your availability to the Match Captain at least 7 days beforehand**

#### **LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS v CUMBRIA SENIORS: Heysham GC; Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August:**

Peter Hampsey (Match Captain)	Heysham GC	07973-443598
Keith Gardner (Team Captain)	Stand GC	
Keith Hick (Team Secretary)	Hesketh GC	
Rory Callan	Morecambe GC	
Lindsay Groves	St Annes OL GC	
Alistair Hargreaves	St Annes OL GC	
Chris Rogers	Hesketh GC	
Ronnie Webster	Heysham GC	
Ian Bond	Dunscar GC	
Clive Hastie	Dunscar GC	
Stuart Bourn	Stand GC	
Clive Appleby	Fairhaven GC	
<i>Reserves:</i>		
Dave Harrison	Hesketh GC	
Clive Wilson	Hesketh GC	

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#### **2019 SENIORS' OPENS**

- Frank Stableford Open Wallasey GC 2<sup>nd</sup> June
  - Winner: Bryan Hughes (Hesketh GC)
- Rut Niblick Pleasington GC 1<sup>st</sup> July 140 entrants
  - Winner: Trevor Dickinson (Nelson GC)
  - 55-59 Age group: John Kenyon
  - 60-64: Clinton Jolly
  - 65-69: John Topolinsky
  - 70-74: Duncan Smith
  - 75-79: Paddy Griffin
  - 80+: Mac Levett
- John Glover Open Morecambe GC 10<sup>th</sup> July 97 entrants
  - Winner: I McKenzie (Lancaster GC)
  - Best nett: D Cousins (Morecambe GC)
  - 55-59: D Lloyd (Ulverston GC)
  - 60-64: I Rigg (Silverdale GC)
  - 65-69: N Fletcher (Chorley GC)
  - 70-74: Ken Stafford (Manchester GC)
  - 75+: W Morris (Morecambe GC)
- Sir Michael Bonallack Open Clitheroe GC 17<sup>th</sup> July
- Manchester GC Open (NB: am only) Manchester GC 6<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> April	Pre-season get-together	Stand GC	n/a
2	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Formby Hall Captain's Team	Formby Hall GC*	4-8
3	16 <sup>th</sup> May	SDGA Seniors	Bury GC*	6-6
4	10 <sup>th</sup> June	Heysham Seniors	Heysham GC	6-6
5	20 <sup>th</sup> June	Davyhulme Park Seniors	Davyhulme Park GC	0-12
6	24 <sup>th</sup> June	NW Manchester Seniors	Swinton Park GC*	5-7
7	4 <sup>th</sup> July	Bury GA Seniors	Brightmet GC*	Match cancelled
8	9 <sup>th</sup> July	Bentham Seniors	Bentham GC	5-7
9	25 <sup>th</sup> July	Isle of Man Super Seniors	Morecambe GC	2-10
		(Irish Sea Golf Challenge Match)*		
10	29 <sup>th</sup> July	South Lancs GA Seniors	Ashton-in-Makerfield GC*	7-5
11	12 <sup>th</sup> August	Morecambe Seniors	Morecambe GC	
12	19 <sup>th</sup> August	Cumbria Super Seniors	Heysham GC*	
13	27 <sup>th</sup> August	Denton Seniors	Denton GC	
14	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Bolton GA Seniors	Stand GC*	
15	10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Silverdale Seniors	Silverdale GC	
16	16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	End of season competition	Dunscar GC	
17	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Clitheroe Seniors	Clitheroe GC	
18	7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	LSS Palatine Trophy	Manchester GC	

\*Scratch match

#### STOP PRESS CHANGE OF VENUE 1: 2019 END OF SEASON COMPETITION: Dunscar GC; 16<sup>th</sup> Sept:

Invitations are to be extended to representatives from each Club/Association we play against this year to join us to play at Dunscar GC on 16<sup>th</sup> September. This promises to be another special occasion in our calendar with a full field anticipated for our annual (not quite) end of season day. Keith G has sent out a separate note for this event – please ensure you advise Keith G of your availability if you haven't already done so.

#### STOP PRESS CHANGE OF VENUE 2: PALATINE TROPHY: Manchester GC; 7<sup>th</sup> October:

This year's competition will be a singles Medal for LSS players and host club officers 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.

LSS's Ian Cunningham of the host club suggests anyone requiring a buggy for the day to impersonate a Rally driver should contact the Manchester GC Pro, Brian Connors on a first come, first served basis.

Best regards and happy golfing,

**Keith Hick**  
Secretary

7<sup>th</sup> August 2019

**Keith Gardner**  
Team Captain