



LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS'

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TALKING SENIORS' GOLF: AUGUST 2019

The Newsletter of Lancashire Super Seniors

A distinct change of mood and a feeling of optimism. No, not a comment on the present political landscape, just the response to three more immensely enjoyable matches during August which saw LSS gain our second success in a scratch match during the current campaign. Despite two heavy defeats during August in the handicap matches at Morecambe and Denton, nothing could detract from the sheer pleasure in pitting ourselves against the best seniors both clubs could throw at us. Winning is important, but not absolute and it is clear LSS brings out the best in the opposition. Par golf against 'course specialists' often fails to register on golf's Richter Scale, but the enjoyment factor helps to redress the balance.

Cumbria Seniors, once again Captained by 'Rookie', provided a stern test at Heysham where LSS's Peter Hampsey laid on a superb day at his home club for the match – read more in the report below. September 16th sees our LSS End of Season Competition at Dunscair GC, with the Palatine Trophy wrapping up LSS's 2019 successful summer at Manchester GC on 7th October. Again, more below. And we look to the future with a feature on Succession Planning.

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS 2 MORECAMBE GC SENIORS 10 12TH August:



LSS Match Captain, Swamy Narayana, Paul Kelly, Morecambe Seniors Match Captain, Rory, and Chris Homer
Only a few weeks after the inaugural match against Isle of Man Seniors, LSS returned to Morecambe to face the might of 'Rory's Regulars', aka Morecambe GC Seniors. As ever, the welcome and hospitality Swamy Narayana's team received was warm, and so was the roasting metered out to his LSS squad. As a master match play protagonist, Rory has few peers and he had obviously inspired his team to scale the heights, leading off the charge with Chris Homer for a 2/1 win against Clitheroe's Swamy and Paul Kelly of Formby GC. Keith G and Jeff Clements of Stand GC had hopes of at least a half against Les Pritchard and Malcolm Partington, but the home pair also eased home on the 17th. With home club Match Captain, Peter Vovett-Hall and club Secretary, Alec Cooper, beating Stuart Bourn and Malcolm Evans, LSS had a hill to climb. Then Dave Hodge (Hesketh) and Ronnie Webster (Heysham) won on the last to give LSS a vestige of hope, only for the last two matches to go to the hosts.

Shot of the day belonged to Stuart Bourn who holed out for an eagle 2 on the 8th – well done Stuart!
Post match 'craic' was excellent, as was the catering and the two Match Captains exchanged 'thank you's' after the evening meal, looking forward to the 2020 match.

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS 8 CUMBRIA SENIORS 4: Heysham GC; 4th August:

The 2018 match at Grange-over-Sands had seen LSS prevail, so we knew Stephen Rooke's Cumbria team would be itching for the chance to gain revenge this year. With a venue in prime late summer condition, Heysham looked picture postcard perfect and with rain clearing just prior to the 'off', the waiting was soon over as LSS Match Captain, Keith G and Lindsey Groves (St Annes OL) got proceedings under way against Paul Flynn and Tom Hill. Reversing an early deficit, Keith and Lindsey walked off the 18th one up, soon to be followed by Hesketh's Keith H, partnered by Fairhaven's Clive Appleby, who just outlasted Peter Robinson and Geoff Bell with some dogged par golf to win on the 17th. Then along comes home club 'Maestro' Peter Hampsey, partnered by club colleague, Ronnie Webster, who also won 2/1 against

Cumbria's John Pinder and Stan Smith. Three up after three, but don't get carried away was the watchword and with Rory Callan and Clive Hastie (Dunscar) falling to Harry Hargreaves and Ron Wood, Cumbria registered their first points. Rob Squire (Hesketh) and Ian Bond (Dunscar) then put the result beyond any doubt with a clear-cut win for LSS against Dennis Wright and Duncan Miller, but Cumbria weren't finished. Playing his 'stinger' Rookie and Alan Calvert held off close pal Chris Rogers (Hesketh) and Royal Birkdale's Roger Cox to prove Cumbria had a sting in the tail.



Match captains Stephen Rooke and Peter Hampsey are flanked by the two Keiths and 'surrounded' by the two teams on Heysham GC's patio

Rookie is well known to many in the two teams, with some friendships reaching back to school days, and the banter before, during and after the match, was outstanding. Almost single handed, he has pumped and primed his Cumbria Seniors squad and now has annual matches against Cheshire Seniors and LSS. Following the post meal courtesy of thanking the host club, in particular Peter Hampsey, for laying on such a splendid day, Keith G and Rookie outlined the planned 'Round Robin' match between LSS, Cumbria and Isle of Man Seniors for next year.

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS 2 DENTON SENIORS 10: 27th August:

Main talking point before play began, was, "Where's Terry?". The answer: on holiday. Perennial host, Terry Pottage, had decamped to sunnier climes and was to miss this year's installment of his home club entertaining LSS. And Terry would have been delighted with the news his team had almost shown LSS a clean pair of heels. Denton GC Captain, Doug McCullen and Alan Painter gave LSS Match Captain Keith G and Ken Stafford (Manchester) little room for manoeuvre closing out their game on the 15th. The impressive Graham Pollitt and long-standing member Geoff Booth withstood back 9 birdies and chip-ins from Keith H and West Derby's Paul Bennett to prevail on the 16th and with LSS failing to make any further impression until the last game, it was 'over and out'. However, Archie Crick (Hesketh) and Jamie Haddow (Bolton OL) brought some relief – and a smile to LSS lips with a win against Ken Blunkett and Mike Pearson to put some points on our board.



Denton Captain, Doug McCullen, Alan Painter, Ken Stafford and Keith Gardner

Much bonhomie was in evidence as the two teams 'talked golfing shop' in the bar afterwards and after a sumptuous meal, Doug formally welcomed LSS, adding he believed the fixture was now entering its second decade, having been instigated in 2009 by Terry. During Keith G's response, Keith expressed thanks on behalf of LSS to Denton for their hospitality and to Terry, in his absence, for arranging the match. Keith H then quipped, "Do we have Terry on a video link from Cyprus, as they do in Sports Personality of the Year?!". All in all, a great days golf, kinship and camaraderie.



Replete after the evening meal, the two teams join Denton GC Captain Doug and Keith G on the club balcony

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V BOLTON GOLF ASSOCIATION SENIORS: Monday 2nd Sept: Stand GC:

Ken Stafford (Match Captain)	Manchester GC	07885-255815
Keith Gardner (Team Captain)	Stand GC	
Stuart Bourn	Stand GC	
Rory Callan	Morecambe GC	
Archie Crick	Hesketh GC	
Chris Rogers	Hesketh GC	
Clive Wilson	Hesketh GC	
Rob Squire	Hesketh GC	
Ian Wookey	Hesketh GC	
Allan Harrison	S&A GC	
Mal Morton	Formby GC	
Clive Appleby	Fairhaven GC	
<i>Reserve:</i>		
Keith Hick	Hesketh GC	

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

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS v SILVERDALE GC SENIORS: Silverdale GC; Tuesday 10th September:

Ian Cunningham (Match Captain)	Manchester GC	07789-456029
Keith Gardner (Team Captain)	Stand GC	
Keith Hick (Team Secretary)	Hesketh GC	
Eric Ball	S&A GC	
Stuart Bourn	Stand GC	
Clive Appleby	Fairhaven GC	
Peter Hampsey	Heysham GC	
Clive Hastie	Dunscar GC	
Dave Harrison	Hesketh GC	
Ronnie Webster	Heysham GC	
Mal Morton	Formby GC	
Paul Stanley	S&A GC	
Swamy Narayama	Clitheroe GC	
<i>Reserves:</i>		
Clive Wilson	Hesketh GC	
Ian Wookey	Hesketh GC	
Jamie Haddow	Bolton OL	

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SENIORS' OPENS:

- S&A GC David Marsh Trophy 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*	Match cancelled
8	9 th July	Bentham Seniors	Bentham GC	5-7
9	25 th July	Isle of Man Super Seniors	Morecambe GC	2-10
		(Irish Sea Golf Challenge Match)*		
10	29 th July	South Lancs GA Seniors	Ashton-in-Makerfield GC*	7-5
11	12 th August	Morecambe Seniors	Morecambe GC	2-10
12	19 th August	Cumbria Super Seniors	Heysham GC*	8-4
13	27 th August	Denton Seniors	Denton GC	2-10
14	2 nd Sept	Bolton GA Seniors	Stand GC*	
15	10 th Sept	Silverdale Seniors	Silverdale GC	
16	16 th Sept	End of season competition	Dunscar GC	
17	23 rd Sept	Clitheroe Seniors	Clitheroe GC	
18	7 th Oct	LSS Palatine Trophy	Manchester GC	

*Scratch match

SUCCESSION PLANNING:

Many will remember the 'Lancashire Super Seniors Forward Plan: 2019 and Beyond' prepared and circulated earlier this year. A product of our LSS Working Party, this prepared the way for us all to consider whether we take the next step and formalize our structure into a Golf Association. There will be the opportunity to discuss and debate this option at the conclusion of the Palatine Trophy at Manchester GC on 7th October. The Working Party will then review things during the coming close season.

Irrespective of the outcome of the above is the need to provide both cover and plan ahead, in shadowing and providing practical support to the two Keiths from 2020. The 'riding tandem' approach employed by the two Keiths during the past five seasons has reaped a quite amazing harvest in providing a growing – and consolidating – number of matches at County, Association and Club level.

Having assembled a sound O&M, communications and team selection foundation, the time is right for candidates from within LSS to 'throw their hat into ring' in providing assistance to the roles of Team Captain and Secretary from 2020.

So, if you are keen to help out, please let us know.

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS ON THE INTERNET: lssgolf.co :

As indicated in the previous Newsletters, 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' in providing a comprehensive communications network.

2019 END OF SEASON COMPETITION: Dunscair GC; 16th Sept:

Entries received to date include: CLIVE APPLEBY; DAVID ASH; ERIC BALL; PAUL BENNETT; STUART BOURN; RORY CALLAN; JEFF CLEMENTS; ROGER COX; ARCHIE CRICK; MALCOLM EVANS; KEITH GARDNER; KEITH HICK; ALISTAIR HARGREAVES; CLIVE HASTIE; JOHH HOWARD; DAVID LOMAX; CHRIS MILLAR; IAN BOND; IAN WOOKEY; MAL MORTON; SWAMY NARAYAMA; TERRY POTTAGE; CHRIS ROGERS; ROB SQUIRE; STEPHEN DAYNES; ALAN SWIFT; RONNIE WEBSTER; CLIVE WILSON; IAN CUNNINGHAM; DAVE HARRISON; DAVE HODGE; PAUL KELLY; KEVAN MARDEN; LINDSAY GROVES; PAUL THOMAS.

Anyone not entered is asked to let Keith G know asap, including, where necessary, up-to-date contact details and exact handicaps.

In addition to the Captain and Secretary of the host club, invitations have been extended to representatives from each Club/Association we play against this year to join us as follows: FORMBY HALL GC; BURY GC; HEYSHAM GC; STAND GC; DAVYHULME PARK GC; ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD GC; MORECAMBE GC; DENTON GC; SILVERDALE GC; SOUTHPORT & DISTRICT GA; BENTHAM GC; BOLTON GC/GA; CUMBRIA SENIORS; CLITHEROE GC. This promises to be another special occasion in our calendar with a full field anticipated for our annual (not quite) end of season day.

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V CLITHEROE GC SENIORS: 23rd September:

Keith G to distribute the Match Sheet, inclusive of location and contact details etc.

PALATINE TROPHY: Manchester GC; 7th October:

This year's competition will be a singles Medal for LSS players, host club officers and Davyhulme Park GC's Norman Somerville who, together with David Ash, won the Palatine Trophy last year at Davyhulme. 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 should contact the Manchester GC Pro, Brian Connors on a first come, first served basis.

Best regards and happy golfing,

Keith Hick
Secretary
31st August 2019

Keith Gardner
Team Captain