



LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS'

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TALKING SENIORS' GOLF: OCTOBER 2019

The Newsletter of Lancashire Super Seniors

We're all familiar with the oft-used term, 'a game of two halves'. Well, we could easily paraphrase this into 'a season of two halves'. Without any doubt, our 2019 season has been a resounding success with several wins and halved matches, all liberally sprinkled with the enjoyment and camaraderie LSS is well known for. However, tempering our on course activities, came the news of Keith Gardner's major health issues. As we all now know, Keith is facing the greatest challenge of his life, which he is tackling with absolute determination to make the most of every moment. And, as a typical mark of his resolve, Keith will continue to plan ahead for our 2020 season.



A sun-kissed Stand GC welcomed LSS as we assembled for our Pre-Season Day in April. The two Keiths flank Andrew Walmsley and Swamy Narayana on the first tee.

Typically, 2019 finished on a high and a low. The highlights included our superb End of Season Competition at Dunscar GC, reported upon in the September Newsletter and the low, the cancelled Palatine Trophy at Manchester GC on 7th October. Once again, heavy rain washed out any chance of playing golf and our thanks go to Ken Stafford and Ian Cunningham from the host club for all their pre-match assistance.

Cancellation of the event robbed us of the opportunity to openly review the season and debate future options, as we usually do at this season-wrapping day.

Nevertheless, our LSS Working Party met earlier this month, as can be seen in the report below. The majority of 2020 fixtures are also secured – see below.

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' Area is password protected and, following consultation, now includes the Players' List to enable everyone to contact each other.

Members' Area Password:

lssgolf@1948

Please advise Paul Stanley should you have any problems accessing the site.

In order to comply with current legislation, please advise Keith H or LSS Web Master, Paul Stanley, 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. 2020 will be the first full season for the site, so please get into the routine of 'pinging' onto lssgolf.co

Introduction of the site is just one of the tools to help LSS 'come of age' in providing a comprehensive communications network.

LSS Working Party meeting; Penwortham GC; 11th October:

Following an opening statement by Keith G advising all present of his current health issues, everyone conveyed their very best personal wishes to Keith and his family.

The various Agenda items discussed are summarized as follows:

- **Review of 2019 season:** another excellent season apart from late players' withdrawals & failing to secure a substitute, plus failure to advise beforehand re non-attendance at the post-match meal.
- **Preview 2020 season:** the majority of match venues and dates are secured with host clubs & Associations. Keith G to forward 2020 Players' availability schedule to everyone during early November 2019
- **O&M:** In readiness for the new season it was agreed to adopt the following structure:
 - Team Captain*
 - Match Manager*
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- the above to ensure the necessary O&M responsibility for each match/event is efficiently shared. Rory Callan, Jeff Clements & Keith H to share the role of Match Managers, each being allocated a number of matches, with Jeff and Stuart Bourn also assuming future responsibility for management of the Players' Availability Matrix, plus allocating Match Captains. *It was agreed Keith H prepare a brief Guidelines Schedule for each of the above roles.
- **Relationship management:** LSS continues a watching brief in communication with Counties, Associations etc in forwarding the cause of Super Seniors golf.
- **Formation of LSSGA:** Following acceptance of the concept at the 2019 Pre-Season day, it was agreed to defer this in anticipation of formal agreement at the 2020 Pre-Season day.
- **Communication:** It was agreed all communications tools were working well, to be further improved with the release of the Players' List on the web site. Keith H demonstrated a pull up banner prepared for the SDGA Golden Jubilee and it was agreed a similar banner for promoting LSS be worked up in draft form, for use at matches & tournaments.
- **Finances:** Ken Stafford advised LSS currently holds a modest cash sum in readiness for formation of LSSGA. It was agreed a £10/head Registration Fee be introduced from 2020 to help bolster funds and support the necessary administration, all audited by Ken.
- **Web site:** Paul Stanley advised the web site is now sufficiently mature for general use by LSS players and others and that everyone be encouraged to regularly utilise the site, particularly once the Players' List is uploaded. A 'value for money' review will be conducted after a period of 2-3 years to ensure the validity of the site hosting expenditure.

2019 RESULTS:

				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 (Irish Sea Golf Challenge Match)	Morecambe GC*	2-10
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*	5-7
15	10 th Sept	Silverdale Seniors	Silverdale GC	6-6
16	16 th Sept	End of season competition	Dunscar GC	n/a
17	23 rd Sept	Clitheroe Seniors	Clitheroe GC	5-7
18	7 th Oct	LSS Palatine Trophy	Manchester GC	n/a

*Scratch match



Davyhulme Park GC – venue of the 2020 Palatine Trophy and spiritual home of Lancashire Super Seniors

2020 FIXTURES:

1	16 th April	Pre-season get-together	Stand GC	JVC
2	29 th April	Formby Hall Captain's Team	Formby Hall GC*	KCH
3	19 th May	SDGA Seniors	Penwortham GC*	KCH
4	28 th May	NWMGA Seniors	TBC*	RC
5	8 th June	Heysham Seniors	Heysham GC	JVC
6	25 th June	Davyhulme Park Seniors	Davyhulme Park GC	KCH
7	7 th July	Bentham Seniors	Bentham GC	KCH
8	9 th July	Bury GA Seniors	Brightmet GC*	RC
9	July TBC	Isle of Man Super Seniors (Irish Sea Golf Challenge Match)	TBC*	RC
10	27 th July	South Lancs GA/A-in-M Seniors	Ashton-in-Makerfield GC*	JVC
11	4 th August	Formby Seniors	Formby GC	KCH
12	10 th August	Morecambe Seniors	Morecambe GC	JVC
13	17 th August	Cumbria Super Seniors	TBC*	RC
14	25 th August	Denton Seniors	Denton GC	JVC
15	7 th Sept	Bolton GA Seniors	Hart Common GC*	RC
16	14 th Sept	LSS Palatine Trophy	Davyhulme Park GC	KCH
17	10 th Sept	Silverdale Seniors	Silverdale GC	JVC
18	21 st Sept	Clitheroe Seniors	Clitheroe GC	JVC
19	5 th October	End of season competition	Ashton-in-Makerfield GC	KCH

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Match Manager key: RC: Rory Callan JVC: Jeff Clements KCH: Keith Hick**NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS:**

As always, contributions are welcomed for inclusion within future editions, inclusive of photos. So, put on your thinking caps and, in best Morecambe & Wise style, let your fingers do the talking with a "like wot I wrote" contribution!

AND FINALLY.....

Congratulations to Hesketh's Chris Rogers, who appeared in a recent edition of the *Daily Mail*, following his successful weight loss regime.



Chris playing the 'sweeper's role' at the 2018 match against Cumbria Seniors at Grange-over-Sands GC

Best regards and happy golfing,

Keith Hick
Secretary

27th October 2019

Keith Gardner
Team Captain