



LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS'

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TALKING SENIORS' GOLF: SEPTEMBER 2019

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Come September and there's quite a rush of activity. Matches against Bolton GA, Silverdale and Clitheroe interspersed with our End of Season day at Dunscar, plus all the necessary planning for the Palatine Trophy on 7th October at Manchester GC. As another successful season draws to a close it is time to reflect upon our results and, of equal importance, the fulfilment factor for ourselves, the clubs who have hosted the matches and their members, against whom we have played since April.

Without exception, each host club has invited LSS to return in 2020. As previously mentioned, the new match against Formby GC Seniors, together with the possibility of a Round-Robin match between LSS, Isle of Man and Cumbria Seniors, will provide plenty to bite at for our playing squad next year.

Our LSS Working Party will be reconvening during the close season to review 2019, preview 2020 and consider various future plans and strategies.

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

LSS Match Captain Ken Stafford and his oppo, LSS's own Clive Hastie and their two teams laid on a birdie fest during a day of superb scoring as Bolton GA won by a nose 7-5. The damp conditions were ideal for attacking golf with the Stand course in splendid condition and when Keith H enquired about the state of match six after 11 holes, Alan Swift and Clive Wilson (Hesketh) quipped, "We've had eight birdies and an eagle so far between us!" The opening match between Keith G/Allan Harrison (S&A) against Ian Bond and Joe Donnelly summed up the day perfectly. With Ian and Joe two up on the 15th tee, Keith and Allan then birdied fifteen and the last to gain a much merited half. The pendulum then swung towards BGA as Graham Martin and Peter Whittaker stole a march against Ken and Stuart Bourn to win 3&2. Rob Squire (Hesketh) and Clive Appleby (Fairhaven), together with Ian Wookey (Hesketh) and Formby's Mal Morton then gave LSS the lead with wins. Clive Hastie's powercaddy collapsed early in the round, to be rescued by Keith H's spare one, only for Clive and Peter Nicholson to go down 2&1 against Mal and Ian. BGA then wrapped up the last two games to win a close encounter.



BGA and LSS Match Captains Clive Hastie and Ken Stafford with the two teams following the superb high tea

Once again, a great spirit emanated between the two teams with each looking forward to the 2020 match, planned for Hart Common GC.

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS: 6 SILVERDALE GC SENIORS: 6; Silverdale GC, Tuesday 10th September:

Some of our LSS players were playing Silverdale for the first time, including the writer and what a treat lay in store! Almost 'hidden away' in the Lancashire peninsular, the course, originally 9 holes, now boasts a full 18 holes bisected by the Cumbrian Coast railway line, adjacent to Silverdale station. On a course that will stay long in the memory, LSS raced into an early lead with two wins and a half in the first three games. Keith G (Stand) and Clive Hastie (Dunscar) eking out a half against Ian Rigg and Brian Gibb. LSS Match Captain Ian Cunningham (Manchester) and Stuart Bourn (Stand) then set our team onto solid ground with a two up win against Alec Cooper and Mike Dawson and with Keith H (Hesketh) and Paul Stanley (S&A) winning out in the country against Rob Hollingsworth and Geoff Standleven, things were looking rosy. Reversals then took hold in games four and five and with the match delicately poised at five all, the outcome rested with Mal Morton (Formby) and Jamie Haddow (Bolton OL). Jamie was full of praise for Mal who, as Jamie acknowledged, was the mainstay in their pairing, producing an invaluable halved match and point to tie the overall scores.



The two Match Captains, Rob Hollingworth (second right) and Ian Cunningham (centre, left) assemble on the Club patio after the match – and refreshments!

The match signals a welcome return to what was a regular fixture some years ago and, once again, the date for the 2020 match was agreed between Keith G and host club Secretary, Stuart Wells.

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

With a field in excess of fifty, including the Club Captain and Seniors' Representatives of the majority of clubs visited this year also in attendance, Dunscar Golf Club proved an excellent venue for this year's shot gun tournament. Scoring over a course in fine condition was matched by eye catching panoramic views of the Lancashire countryside. What a pleasure it was to play and Club President, Ian Bond, made everyone feel very welcome before the evening prize presentation got under way. Top scorers on the day were Kevin Murthwaite, Captain of Formby Hall GC and his immediate predecessor, Alan Wix with 42 points. Taking full advantage of home turf, John Howard and Clive Hastie, together with Chris Rogers (Hesketh) and David Lomax (Flixton) didn't go home empty handed. Keith H almost holed out for an ace on the 16th, breathing a sigh of relief he failed to add to his tally of holes-in-one. "With a full club house, the bank balance would have taken quite a hit!" said Keith.



Ian Bond, President of Dunscar GC, pictured centre with the prize winners, together with organisers Clive Hastie and Keith Hick following the evening prize presentation

Results:	John Howard (Dunscar GC)	41 points (ACPO)
	& Chris Rogers (Hesketh GC)	
	Clive Hastie (Dunscar GC)	41
	& David Lomax (Flixton GC)	
	Mal Morton (Formby GC)	40 (ACPO)
	& Stuart Bourne (Stand GC)	

EXECUTIVE GUESTS COMPETITION:

Kevin Murthwaite (Captain, Formby Hall GC)	42 (ACPO)
& Alan Wix (Immediate Past Captain, Formby Hall GC)	
Carl Sadler (Captain, Heysham GC)	42
& John Hobson (Heysham GC)	
Frank Harrison (Secretary, Dunscar GC)	41 (ACPO)
& Peter Nicholson (Dunscar GC)	

SUCCESSION PLANNING – A REMINDER:

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 providing practical support running LSS 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 good time for 2020.

So, if you are keen to help out, please contact either of the two Keiths.

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*	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

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS 5 CLITHEROE GC SENIORS 7: 23rd September:

Aided and abetted by Andrew Walmsley, Clitheroe Seniors' Captain, Peter Hargreaves had assembled a squad with plenty of muscle and a titanic tussle evolved – a challenge LSS Match Captain, Alan Swift of Hesketh, gladly responded. Partnered by Terry Pottage (Denton), their match against Peter and Clitheroe General Manager, Steve Alcock, ebbed and flowed until the home pair shook hands on the 17th to post the first Clitheroe points on the board. LSS Match Captain, Keith G and Chris Rogers (Hesketh) then leveled the scores and with Archie Crick (Hesketh) and Eric Ball (S&A) gaining a half, hopes were raised. Two rapid-fire wins by John Hacking/Jeff Crowther and Peter Foley/Dennis Underwood then gave Clitheroe a clear-cut advantage. Clive Appleby (Fairhaven) and Paul Kelly (Formby) won at the last – but the last word was with Archie who lamented losing their one up advantage on the 18th tee – but that, as the saying goes, is golf.



Match Captains, Keith Gardner and Andrew Walmsley flank Terry Pottage, Peter Hargreaves, Alan Swift and Steve Alcock on the first tee

After a sumptuous post match meal, Peter 'held court' with merriment galore to underline just how hugely enjoyable these matches are. In his response, Alan paid tribute to the two Keiths for all their tireless work in getting LSS to where it is today, after which Andrew and Keith G wrapped up proceedings with collective thanks for another fabulous day's golf, with hospitality, kinship and camaraderie to match.

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.

PALATINE TROPHY: Manchester GC; 7th October:

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

Please refer to the separate entry sheet distributed by 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.

As in previous years, the opportunity will be taken for an open floor discussion following the golf.

Best regards and happy golfing,

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3rd October 2019

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