



## LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS' GOLF TEAM

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### TALKING SENIORS' GOLF: SPECIAL EDITION 1: MARCH 2020

#### *The Newsletter of Lancashire Super Seniors*

Keith G and I have come up with a little idea to keep spirits up during the current barren spell without any golf being played. However, we can still stay interested in the game for as long as it takes before striding the fairways again.

And, the idea is very simple – we plan to keep our Newsletter Special Editions flowing until we once again tee the ball up and watch, with a mixture of exhilaration and relief, our tee shot soar into the distance.

So, here we go; the rules are there are no rules, only a few guidelines to help shape our Special Editions, which are:

- Each Special Edition will contain a selection of memories, anecdotes, recollections from your association with golf
- These can typically include highlights from your golfing career as a player or team member
- Great players seen at first-hand, spectacular shots witnessed or an event which left a lasting impression
- Humour
- Photographs, cartoons, drawings and diagrams, either as individual items or in support of your contribution
- And...keeping bang up to date, any amusing stories from our respective 'confined to barracks' experiences

Each edition will also keep everyone up to date with the current fixture situation. As can be seen below. Where a match has TBC alongside, a decision will be taken whether or not to proceed.

As most of you know, I have been associated with the Southport & District Golf Association (SDGA) since its inception in 1968 as the Southport & District Scratch Golf League. My golfing career began some ten years earlier at Southport Municipal playing with my parents, a course designed by none other than the famous Golf Architect, Harry S Colt.

Playing most sports, including as Goalkeeper for Southport Schoolboys in the early 60s, alongside current LUGC President and SDGA Chairman, Harry Tunnicliffe, I was usually understudy to Jimmy 'Prim' Rimmer, who went on the play for Manchester United, Arsenal and Aston Villa, winning several European Cup Winners medals along the way.

Seeing the light, ie: not wishing to have my teeth knocked out or fingers broken diving fearlessly at oncoming forwards' feet, golf took over.

Joining Hesketh GC and Longridge GC in Spring 1964, I knew golf would become my chosen sport for life. Hesketh was half a mile from home, but why, I hear you ask, Longridge?

My parents, out for a drive during 1963, called in at Longridge GC on Jeffrey Hill, for a coffee, began chatting to members, who all seemed a friendly bunch and joined. Dad, a keen pre-war golfer, found out Longridge were looking for members, so that was that. This meant a near fifty mile round trip from home in Southport, but it was worth every mile. Lifelong friends were made and memories remain as fresh today as they were at the time. Ten happy years later and with Sandie and two young children to support, I said goodbye to membership at Longridge, with the then course record 67 safely tucked under my belt.

Fast-forward to 1976 and I began feeding SDGA related golf news stories to the local press. This led, in 1983, to taking over as the Southport & West Lancashire area Golf Correspondent – all as a 'labour of love' and an ideal complement to playing the game – all interspersed with my career in Architecture, Civil Engineering and Construction. But, as the saying goes, more of that anon.



**The Southport District Scratch Golf League (now SDGA) first winter Scratch League presentation - 1969:**  
 S&A GC Captain, Bill Wilding (centre left) receives the Stephensen Newspapers Southport Visiter Trophy from Norman Daish, Captain of Ormskirk GC in March 1969. Left to right: Runners-up Royal Birkdale GC Scratch Team members Arthur Stephenson; Michael Reece; Gordon B B Jeffrey; Ian Campion; Ken Bamber; John Pasquill; S&A team member, Brian P Williams; Joe Moore, Southport Visiter Series Sports Editor; S&A Captain Bill Wilding; Ormskirk GC Captain, Norman Daish; S&A GC team members Tom Hiley; Dixon Rawlinson; Dr David Marsh and Mark Rawlinson

## 2020 LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS MATCHES & EVENTS:

Match No	Date	Match	Venue	Mgr	Cancelled: YES/NO
1	16 <sup>th</sup> April	Pre-season get-together	Stand GC	JVC	<u>Yes</u>
2	29 <sup>th</sup> April	Formby Hall Captain's team	Formby Hall G&CC	KCH	<u>Yes</u>
3	12 <sup>th</sup> May	Heysham Seniors	Heysham GC	JVC	<u>Yes</u>
4	19 <sup>th</sup> May	Southport & DGA Seniors*	Southport Old Links GC	KCH	<u>Yes</u>
5	28 <sup>th</sup> May	NWMGA*	Worsley GC	RC	<u>Yes</u>
6	25 <sup>th</sup> June	Davyhulme Park Seniors	Davyhulme Park GC	KCH	<u>TBC</u>
7	7 <sup>th</sup> July	Bentham GC Seniors	Bentham GC	KCH	<u>TBC</u>
8	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Isle of Man Super Seniors* (Irish Sea Golf Challenge Match)	Heysham GC	RC	<u>      </u>
9	27 <sup>th</sup> July	South Lancs GASeniors* (Ashton-in-Makerfield Seniors)	Ashton-in-Makerfield GC	JVC	<u>      </u>
10	4 <sup>th</sup> August	Formby GC Seniors	Formby GC	KCH	<u>      </u>
11	10 <sup>th</sup> August	Morecambe GC Seniors	Morecambe GC	JVC	<u>      </u>
12	17 <sup>th</sup> August	Cumbria Super Seniors*	TBC	RC	<u>      </u>
13	25 <sup>th</sup> August	Denton GC Seniors	Denton GC	JVC	<u>      </u>
14	7 <sup>th</sup> September	Bolton GA Seniors*	Hart Common GC	RC	<u>      </u>
15	10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	LSS Palatine Trophy	Davyhulme Park	KCH	<u>      </u>
16	15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Silverdale GC Seniors	Silverdale GC	JVC	<u>      </u>
17	21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Clitheroe GC Seniors	Clitheroe GC	JVC	<u>      </u>
18	8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	End of season competition	Ashton-in-Makerfield GC	KCH	<u>      </u>

\* Scratch match

Event Manager code: RC: Rory Callan JVC: Jeff Clements KCH: Keith Hick

Note: Following the recent demise of Bury GA, the match planned for 9<sup>th</sup> July at Brightmet GC, is cancelled

## OVER TO YOU.....

So, come and share your memories, stories, funnies, or whatever, to help keep us smiling through these trying times and send them to Keith H.....you never know where this might lead.....

In the meantime, stay safe and well for your families and yourselves.

Best regards,

Keith Hick  
 Team Secretary  
 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Keith Gardner  
 Team Captain