



## LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS' GOLF TEAM

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### TALKING SENIORS' GOLF: MARCH 2021

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

"Light the blue touch paper, and retire to a safe distance"! Never has there been a time like the present, when so many have kicked their heels for so long, without any prospect of a return to normal life, be it family, social, pastimes, work or sporting activities.

Now, however, literally everyone is emerging from hibernation and LSS is no exception. Our Working Party of Stuart Bourne, Rory Callan, Jeff Clements, Roger Cox, Clive Hastie, John Howard, Ken Stafford, Paul Stanley, led by Clive and Keith, have completed our 2021 Fixture List (see below).

Assuming there are no unexpected interruptions to the gradual easing of the current lockdown, outdoor sports resume next Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> March. Outdoor dining, followed by indoor dining etc, kick in on April 12<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup> respectively, with the latter date coinciding with our match against SDGA Seniors at Southport Old Links.

Fortunately, the anticipated lifting of restrictions coincides with the beginning of the golf season, allowing a return to action. Team Captain, Clive, has begun the rollout of Match Sheets, emailing these to our players' squad in readiness for the coming season. A full complement of scratch and handicap matches, pre and end-of-season events, and our popular Palatine Trophy, await. To ensure maximum opportunity for socialising, the pre season day at Stand GC has been moved to Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July and we are indebted to the Board of the host club for accommodating our request. The event marks the first opportunity to compete for the Keith Gardner Memorial Trophy, allowing us to pay our own tribute to Keith and his huge contribution to where we are today.

#### ...AND TO GET THINGS OFF AND RUNNING, HERE'S A MESSAGE FROM OUR TEAM CAPTAIN,:

I hope you are all well and looking forward to getting out on the course next week. It feels like it's been a very long winter but, the daffodils are out and the green staff are cutting the greens again, eager for us golfers to go out and start tearing up the course once more.

Thank you all for letting me have your match availability. You should all have now received your sheets for this year's matches.

We have lost a few players this year due to a variety of reasons but because of your enthusiasm and support for the LSS Teams I had enough players and reserves for every match. I was left with the problem of who to play and who to leave out of some matches ( a nice problem to have ). I hope I have not disappointed too many of you.

My thanks go to the members of the working party who have, over the winter, spent time and effort liaising with club and association officials sorting venues, dates and catering for the matches as well as maintaining the LSS website and to Keith for keeping the newsletter flowing ( if anyone needs the password for the LSS website members area they can contact me or Paul Stanley).

**Clive**

#### TEAM KIT

Clive has received confirmation of prices for our Lancashire Super Seniors branded apparel for the 2021 season as follows:

	£
• ZIP TOPS	51.30
• V NECK SWEATER	37.20
• SLEEVELESS SWEATER	37.20
• WHITE SHIRTS	24.60
• CAPS	5.00

Apart from the caps, all the apparel is Glenmuir and high quality, with images shown below. For those who wish to order either new or replacement items, please contact Clive. Our supply of LSS ties has been exhausted, so anyone wanting a new tie, please also advise Clive.



## 2021 FIXTURE LIST:

### 2021 LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS MATCHES & EVENTS:

Match No	Date	Match	Venue	Mgr	Availability: YES/NO
1	27 <sup>th</sup> April (TBC)	Formby Hall Captain's Team*	Formby Hall G&CC	KCH	_____
2	11 <sup>th</sup> May	Heysham Seniors	Heysham GC	JVC	_____
3	17 <sup>th</sup> May	Southport & DGA Seniors*	Southport Old Links GC	KCH	_____
4	17 <sup>th</sup> June	Davyhulme Park Seniors	Davyhulme Park GC	KCH	_____
5	21 <sup>st</sup> June	NWMGA*	Worsley GC	JH	_____
6	5 <sup>th</sup> July	Pre-season get-together	Stand GC	JVC	_____
7	6 <sup>th</sup> July	Bentham GC Seniors	Bentham GC	KCH	_____
8	22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Isle of Man Super Seniors* (Irish Sea Golf Challenge Match)	Heysham GC	JH/PH	_____
9	26 <sup>th</sup> July	South Lincs GA seniors*	Ashton in Makerfield GC	JVC	_____
10	3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Formby Seniors	Formby Golf GC	KCH	_____
11	9 <sup>th</sup> August	Morecambe GC Seniors	Morecambe GC	JVC	_____
12	16 <sup>th</sup> August	Cumbria Super Seniors*	Penrith GC	JH	_____
13	24 <sup>th</sup> August	Denton GC Seniors	Denton GC	JVC	_____
14	6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Bolton GA Seniors*	Hart Common GC	JH	_____
15	9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	LSS Palatine Trophy	Davyhulme GC	KCH	_____
16	14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Silverdale Seniors	Silverdale GC	JVC	_____
17	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Clitheroe GC Seniors	Clitheroe GC	JVC	_____
18	TBC October	End of season competition	Ashton-in-Makerfield	KCH	_____

\* Scratch match

### MATCH MANAGERS :

KCH: KEITH HICK; JVC: JEFF CLEMMENTS; JH: JOHN HOWARD; PH: PETER HAMPSEY;

## SENIORS' CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021:

ENGLISH SENIORS' CHAMPIONSHIP: Blackmoor GC, Bordon. 2-4 June 2021

LANCASHIRE COUNTY SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP: 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> June 2021 @ Ashton and Lea GC

EGU NORTHERN COUNTIES SENIORS' CH'SHIP: 20<sup>st</sup> 21st July 2021 @ Bramhall GC, Stockport

BRITISH SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP: 27<sup>th</sup>/30th July 2021 @ Royal Dornoch GC. Scotland

NORTHERN COUNTIES SENIORS QUALIFIER: 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021 @ Wearside GC. Sunderland

## SENIORS' OPENS 2021:

John Glover Seniors Open

Rut Niblick Seniors Open

Sir Michael Bonallack Seniors Open

Manchester Seniors Open Trophy

David Marsh Seniors Open S&A GC

Morecambe GC Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Pleasington GC Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Clitheroe GC Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Manchester GC Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021

Thursday 2nd/Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

## LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V HEYSHAM SENIORS; Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021:

We are grateful to Peter Hampsey for confirming Heysham GC are installing an 'al fresco' dining facility at the Club to enable golfers to observe all necessary government social distancing requirements. For dining and refreshment purposes, each fourball is required to remain independent of others to adhere to the Rule of Six restrictions, with tables spaced accordingly.

**It is assumed all players representing LSS will have received at least their first vaccination to ensure the safety and well being of team colleagues, opposing players and host club personnel.**

**Venue:** Heysham Golf Club

**Telephone:** 01524 851011

**Location:** Trumacar Park, Middleton, Morecambe LA3 3JH

**Day Format:**

- 18 holes four ball better-ball match play
- 12-a-side (6 matches)
- Qualifying age: 55 and over on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021
- Catering and bar accounts to be self-funded by players on the day

**Day programme:**

- 10.00am: Arrival; bacon rolls, tea/coffee
- 11.00am: Tee-off- 6 matches 4 ball better ball match play
- 4.30/5.00pm: High tea; Welcome by host club Captain; responses by respective team Captains

**Dress code:**

- Golf attire upon arrival – white LSS golf shirt- grey trousers
- \* Jacket and tie for the post-match meal

**Selected players:**

PLAYER	CLUB	CONTACT DETAILS
Rory Callan : Team Captain	Morecambe GC	07703 293854
Alan Harrison	Southport & Ainsdale GC	
John Howard	Dunscar GC	
Keith Hick; Team Secretary	Hesketh GC	
David Hodge	Hesketh GC	
Mal Morton	Formby GC	
Swamy Norayama	Clitheroe GC	
Kevan Marden	Dunscar GC	
Mike Tonge	Lancaster GC	
Les Vine	Formby GC	
Steve Walker	Houghwood GC	
Clive Wilson	Hesketh GC	
Clive Hastie	Dunscar GC	07889 169052
Alan Swift	Hesketh GC	07933 599509
Chris Rogers	Hesketh GC	07903 150458

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IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SELECTED PLAYERS TO PROVIDE A SUBSTITUTE IF UNAVAILABLE TO PLAY**

### NEW RECRUITS:

In addition to Lancaster GC's Mike Tonge, this month we welcome Andy Tiso from Fairhaven GC and we wish Andy every success in his first season representing LSS.

## **LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V SOUTHPORT & DISTRICT GOLF ASSN SENIORS: SOUTHPORT OLD LINKS GC; Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

This match coincides with the planned easing of government restrictions, allowing interior dining. For dining and refreshment purposes, each fourball is required to remain independent of others to adhere to the Rule of Six restrictions, with tables being spaced accordingly.

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**Venue: Southport Old Links Golf Club**

**Telephone: 01704 228207**

**Location : Moss Lane, Southport. PR9 7QS**

**Day Format:**

- 18 holes four ball better-ball match play ( Played off scratch )
- 12-a-side (6 matches)
- Qualifying age: 55 and over on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021
- Catering and bar accounts to be self-funded by players on the day

**Day programme:**

- 10.00am: Arrival; bacon rolls, tea/coffee
- 11.00am: Tee-off- 6 matches 4 ball better ball match play
- 4.30/5.00pm: High tea; Welcome by host club Captain Mr Len Mann; responses by respective team Captains. Closing remarks: Harry Tunnicliffe, Chairman SDGA & President LUGC

**Dress code:**

- Golf attire upon arrival – white LSS golf shirt- grey trousers
- Jacket and tie following the match

**Selected players:**

PLAYER	CLUB	CONTACT DETAILS
Paul Bennett : Match Captain	West Derby GC	07709 975122
David Ash	Fairhaven GC	
Andy Tiso	Fairhaven GC	
Mike Tonge	Lancaster GC	
David Hodge	Hesketh GC	
Ken Stafford	Manchester GC	
Alistair Hargreaves	St. Annes OLd Links GC	
Clive Hastie	Dunscar GC	
Les Vine	Formby GC	
David Lomax	Flixton GC	
Mike Heritage	Fairhaven GC	
Clive Appleby Team Captain	Fairhaven GC	
Jamie Haddow	Bolton Old Links	01254 702372
Steve Walker	Houghwood GC	07827 595775
John Howard	Dunscar GC	07557 514790

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## **SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTERS - THANK YOU:**

A word of thank is due to all those who contributed items to our Newsletters last year, helping to keep things 'ticking over', including: Clive Appleby; Rory Callan; Jamie Haddow; Anthony Bennett; Howard Bennet; Keith Hick; Harry Tunnicliffe; Ian Woolley; Bary Ward; Paul 'The Singing Caddie' Stevens – we are grateful to you all.

## **RAMBLINGS OF A WEST LANCASHIRE GOLF CLUB MEMBER:**

**Harry Tunnicliffe, 2021 President of the Lancashire Union of Golf Clubs and SDGA Chairman, looks back on a half century of membership at Lancashire's oldest golf club, founded in 1873. Here, we continue serializing Harry's 'ramblings':**



*Harry Tunnicliffe: 2021 LUGC President, SDGA Chairman and Millennium Captain, West Lancashire GC*

### **5. West Lancashire Characters**

Many of the older members will remember Frank Kennedy. Frank was a single figure golfer who made many appearances in the Scratch team. Known as 'whistling' Frank (he whistled whilst he was swinging), he was a whisky drinker capable of consuming several bottles a week. His drink of choice being a pint glass full of 3 or 4 whiskies topped up with water. I well remember playing at Harlech with Frank on a very windy day. The wind blew his golf bag over and breaking glass was heard. Yes, he carried two full bottles of that whisky/water mix around with him each time he played.

I played a lot of golf with Wilf Barton (an ex merchant seaman). Wilf used to entertain us with his exploits in the Navy particularly during the war. His tales led to several areas of the course receiving 'pet' names (unfortunately too rude to repeat here). I remember playing a Tuesday Foursomes with Wilf when a large plaice, still wriggling landed at his feet dropped from a bird high above. Wilf immediately picked it up, despatched it to 'Plaice Heaven' and put it in his golf bag and spent the rest of the round scouring the course for asparagus and mushrooms. At the end of the round he presented this collection to the steward and asked for them to be cooked as his evening meal. Who else would have done that? Wilf had great wood- working skills and created the stand announcing the 'Tee of the Day', by the putting green.

In the late 70's/early 80's one of our Saturday morning group Wilson Henry hosted a champagne reception for us each Christmas Eve. He invited other friends as well but was particularly annoyed by one member who had realised that we did this and started to bunk in. After this had happened a few times, Wilson took action and aimed a bottle of Champagne, hit him square in the middle of the forehead with the cork, muttered something like 'got the bastard (in Irish of course) and sat down. Whereas most people would have been put off and angry at this point, the said member simply sat down and stuffed a ham sandwich into his mouth.

This same member had no shame, which was proved by later discrepancies. This man was involved in the famous/infamous 'ball stealing episode in the early 90's. It involved changes (yet again) to the 16<sup>th</sup> hole. A large area of land to the right was roped off and seeded. Members were told quite clearly that if their ball went on to that area, the ball had to be left there and there was a dropping zone nearby. Obviously, it was quite frustrating to see your brand new ball only a few yards away but not be able to retrieve it. The green keeping staff collected the balls each week and they were donated to Charity. The greenkeeper reported that on several occasions, no balls were found, and it was concluded that they were being removed during the night. One of our old members had suspicions as to who was the culprit and decided to try to catch him 'red-handed' with the balls in his hand. He actually hid overnight to see what was happening. The first night, nothing but he was convinced that he camped out a second night. Along came the culprit and started to remove the balls from the area. He was confronted him and the game was up. He was brought up before Council and suspended for a few months. I know, it is hard to believe that it is The West Lancashire Golf Club that we are talking about.



During the eighties I played on several occasions with another character, Tony Ryden (unfortunately long since passed-away). He had a remarkable swing (in its strangeness rather than anything resembling golf) and the only golfer I have ever known whose set of clubs consisted of 9 woods (1 – 9), a sand iron and a putter. I used to ask him if he was looking to acquire a 'wedge-wood'. I thought it was clever, but I don't think he quite understood what I was talking about. I wonder what happened to his 6, 8 and 9 woods as I have never seen one since.

### **Harry Tunnicliffe**

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## **60 NOT OUT! – no, not a cricket score but the number of years LSS Treasurer, Ken Stafford, has played off a single handicap...let Ken explain:**

" I intend to do something special this year.

It celebrates me being a single figure handicapper for 60 years. To celebrate it I intend to play 60 holes of golf on the one day for charity. My intention is to play it at Manchester Golf Club and I intend to walk all 60 holes.

Because the walk alone will be about 18 miles I already have volunteers to assist me caddies and playing partners although no one has said they want to do the whole 60 holes."

Adds Keith, "I'm sure Ken will have a wonderful day and raise lots of funds for his schosen charity. For those who would wish to offer their emotional, physical and, most importantly, their financial support, please get in touch with Ken. In the meantime, keep taking the Weetabix and Guinness in equal measure Ken – we all wish you every success!"

### **Ken Stafford**

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## **AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT:....**

Offered by a golfing friend of our Team Captain, the following will hopefully bring a smile to your lips as we reflect upon the golf-less times over the past year.

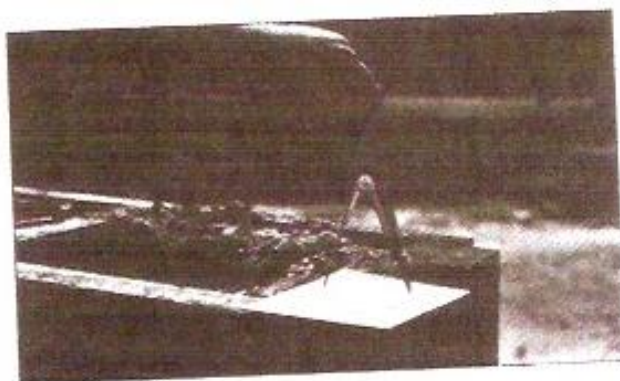
*I used to swing a golf club with, in truth., not much prowess  
I'd drive and chip then three putt, as I also lacked finesse  
I'd hook and slice and thin and fat and even sometimes shank  
While others would break 80 I habitually stank  
I used to think I'd crack it with lessons and new tech  
But in every comp I'd man the decks of another fresh shipwreck  
I've walked the plank towards quitting but never got that far  
Dragged back by dreams of 40 points and some day breaking par  
It took a damn pandemic to put the clubs in store  
And now I'd kill for just nine holes, no matter what the score  
For at long last I've learned the scorecard didn't mean a thing  
It was those who joined the battle that made me feel a king  
Friends who walked the rough together and shared their own disgraces  
Jokers at this stupid game, but in life itself all aces  
These days the course lies empty, on the fairways not a soul  
All drink now consumed at home in the Covid 19th hole  
Golf itself will rise again to drive us all insane  
But never let it break you for it's just a bloody game  
We may never groove a downswing or control the curs-ed ball  
But it's the four hours spent with friends that is the greatest gift of all*

Here, here!

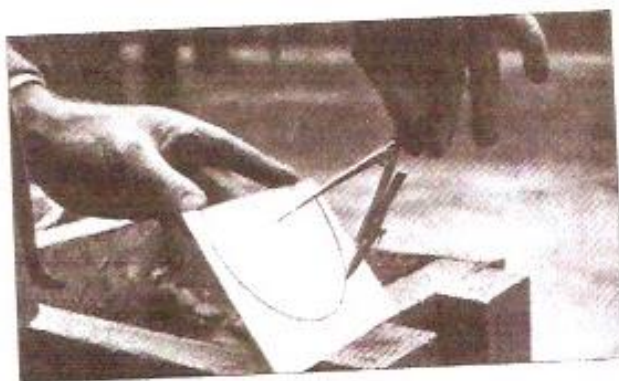
## WORLD RENOWNED GOLF COACH HOWARD BENNETT CONTINUES HIS SERIES OF THOUGHT - PROVOKING SUGGESTIONS TO HELP YOU IMPROVE YOUR GAME:

As you can see from the picture it's in black & white, what can we expect, it was taken in 1922? We can see from the diagram the path the club head wants to travel, as the quote says at the bottom of the picture, when it describes:- by the club head during the swing as seen from overhead, ( the pencil line of the compass) .

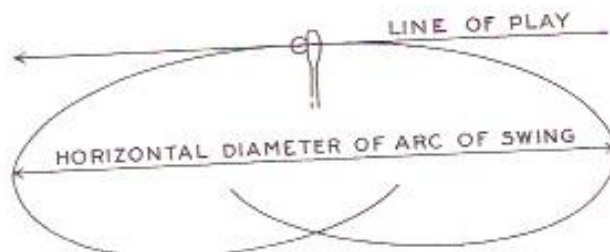
Don't forget the club in the tummy drill, for the initial move away from the ball on the backswing, then at around about waist high, the club head starts to travel up wards as you keep turning the body, the reason for this is the ball is below our feet which means the club has to work up and down in the golf swing in order to get the clubhead to get to the bottom of the ball, then the loft on the club can give the correct flight and distance for the shot required.



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4 The arc described by the club head during the swing as seen from overhead

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**Howard Bennett**

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## **PRE-SEASON DAY – THE KEITH GARDNER MEMORIAL TROPHY:**

### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021; Stand GC:**

Clive received thirty entries for the original date of 15<sup>th</sup> April. Now a new post lockdown date has been agreed, Clive will be sending out, via email, a refreshed call for entries to play.

### **WEBSITE:**

Our LSS Web Master, Paul Stanley, has now updated the website, including all the Match Sheets released by Clive. Please make this your regular 'port of call' for all LSS information. News, fixtures, match sheets, results, reports, contact details and photo gallery all make the site a single point repository of information and can be accessed as follows:

website  
<https://lssgolf.co.uk>

Member's Area password : **Southport@1953**

Best regards and happy golfing

**Keith Hick**  
**Secretary**  
25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Clive Appleby**  
**Team Captain**