



LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS' GOLF TEAM

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TALKING SENIORS' GOLF: MAY 2021

The Newsletter of Lancashire Super Seniors

Just like a bus, or for those of us who remember trams, you wait for a year for one and three come along together. Yes, three matches to report upon this month. Action, and plenty of it! And, the match against Bentham Seniors is now confirmed for 15th July.

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS: 5 HEYSHAM SENIORS: 7; Tuesday 11th May 2021:



Left to right: Dave Atkinson, Dennis Greaves, Mal Morton, Jamie Haddow

LSS Match Captain, Mal Morton, reports:

LSS narrowly lost the match today against Heysham 5-7 with me awaiting the last result with bated breath with the score standing at 5-5

Myself and Jamie Haddow, out first, lost our match 5 & 4 after being on the receiving end of the Heysham pair of Dave Atkinson and Dennis Greaves, both receiving 11 strokes from myself. Dave pitched in from 70 yards and twice had gimme's from around 50 yards out, plus as a pair they achieved several other nett birdies to our bare pars. It was an impressive display from two 15 Handicap index players. We played well but couldn't live with their performance.

Our second pair of Mike Tonge and newcomer Les Vine (Formby) won impressively with a 5 & 3, and I heard both Heysham players comment about how steady Les played to help win the match. Our third pair of Rory Callan and Clive Hastie, playing Heysham team captain Ronny Webster and club Captain Howsy Weale, halved their match.

John Howard and Alan Swift lost on the 18th but a strong pairing of Allan Harrison and Clive Wilson triumphed 2 & 1 with the Heysham players commenting how impressive and steady Allan had been. Most of both teams were waiting on the patio to receive the news that the last LSS pair of Dave Hodge and Kevan Marden had lost 4 & 2 after a tight match.

Thankfully we had only a couple of very brief light showers during the round, with the course and greens staying firm and in good condition after the heavy rain of recent days.

We captains agreed on brief speeches and quick meals on the open patio to hopefully avoid the forecast imminent heavy showers, and we departed still dry after a great day's golf and company. Often may it be repeated (apart from the result!).

Mal Morton

Team Captain, Clive, adds:

I stayed to watch all the games teeing off and did wonder sometimes who the lower handicap team was, I don't think I saw any of the Heysham players hit a shot off the first tee that didn't find the middle of the fairway. It sounds like the match was played in a good competitive spirit and it wasn't far from being a better result for LSS.

Les Vine has contacted me to say what a great day he had in his first LSS match.

Clive Appleby

**LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS: 6 SOUTHPORT & DISTRICT GOLF ASSN SENIORS: 6
SOUTHPORT OLD LINKS GC; Monday 17th May 2021**

LSS Match Captain, Paul Bennett, strikes the opening tee shot

LSS Match Captain, Paul Bennett writes:

Monday 17th May saw the return of the Lancashire Super Seniors match against Southport and District Golf Association at Southport Old Links Golf Club.

The match was a very even affair finishing tied 6-6 with 2 wins, 2 losses and 2 tied games for both sides. A remarkable even result epitomised by the first game out with Jamie Haddow and myself tied with Alan Harrison and Jeff Cummins with neither pair being more than one up throughout the game and played in a very friendly atmosphere.

The weather was splendid, the course in excellent condition and a return to having a meal afterwards with the Captain, Vice-Captain and President of Southport Old Links Golf Club in attendance was much appreciated after the long lockdown.

Thanks to all who organised and played in the fixture.

Paul Bennett



Left to right: Jamie Haddow; Paul Bennett; Jim Trail, Southport Old Links GC Vice Captain; Len Mann, Captain Southport Old Links GC; Jeff Cummins; SDGA Match Captain Allan Harrison



Left to right: Peter Darlington; Mal Morton; Dorothy Vickers, President, Southport Old Links GC; Clive Appleby; Mike Tonge

Clive Appleby reflects upon the match:

Keith, first of all thanks to yourself for making the arrangements and to the Captain, Vice Captain and President for making it a memorable day. Everyone was very complementary of the course and catering. Myself and Mike Tonge had a great battle with Mal Morton and Peter Darlington. Peter stopping us from running away with the front nine then Mal with a string of pars and birdies took the match to a 3-2 win for the SDGA pairing. The weather, far better than the forecast, was as pleasant as the course and welcome we received from the club. A close match played in a competitive spirit ending in a deserving draw for both teams.

Clive Appleby

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS 3 FORMBY HALL CAPTAIN'S TEAM 9

Formby Hall G&CC; Tuesday 25th May

Courtesy of Simon Chung, Formby Hall's 2021 Captain, the host club 'pushed the boat out' to welcome our team on a perfect day for golf. As a golf resort, Formby Hall continues to expand and impress in equal measure.



Left to right: Simon Chung, Formby Hall G&CC Captain; Bobby Phenna Formby Hall Vice Captain; Clive Appleby; Keith Hick

LSS Match & Team Captain, Clive, describes the day:

Our third outing of the year took place at Formby Hall Golf and country club on Tuesday 25th May and there was a feeling of almost normality to the match and post match refreshments following the easing of Covid restrictions. Both teams were greeted by the Formby Hall Captain Simon Chung on arrival and suitably fed and watered prior to the game. After starting in a strong breeze the wind settled down and the sun came out. Unfortunately the result not so bright for the LSS team on the day with Formby Hall winning 9 points to 3 although it was suggested that some of the Formby Hall players were nearer in age to play for the junior team than the seniors. Well done to Ian Bond and Peter Darlington, the only players to bring a win home for LSS and to Paul Bennett and Andy Tiso who managed a draw. Everyone agreed that the match had been a great success with friendships renewed from previous years. Captain Simon pulled out all the stops for the post match meal and the wine flowed freely.

It was great to see Harry Tunncliffe LUGC President at the post match meal which can only help to lift the profile of the LSS and bodes well for the future.

Clive Appleby

Simon Chung, Formby Hall G&CC Captain responds:

Dear Keith

Thank you for your wonderful accolade statement as your host. It is the least we could do and it has been a pleasure and our privilege to host this annual event.

I will be sharing my thoughts from our day with our fellow members via my monthly letter and I have inserted the extract from the relevant paragraphs regarding to our fantastic day.

"To top it all I had the privilege of leading a team of our best players to compete against the "LSS" Lancashire Super Seniors (the senior scratch golfers of Lancashire). An annual event where the LSS team v FHGC Captain's Team. In a similar format of the Ryder Cup, the Captain have the most difficult task. Picking 11 players from a large pool of excellent players is more difficult than playing the match itself. The tough choice of leaving out on paper better players for someone who would not be the obvious choice is heart breaking. I have my reasons and it goes beyond the realm of logic. I trust the ones who have been left out can understand you have not been overlooked.

On the brighter note, may I take this opportunity in congratulating my team for their excellent display of a great host and most importantly winning the match convincingly. In the Club's history this is the second time we have won this special match, a match with bragging rights. I am immensely proud and privilege to lead a team of fine men to fight a match known as "lambs to the slaughter". The LSS team are the best of Lancashire, lead by Clive Appleby an extraordinary gentleman who I had the privilege to play against. Clive's playing partner Keith Hick another fine chap gave us the biggest lesson in up and down. The LSS is a great example of the rich history of golf in Lancashire. May I take this opportunity to thank Clive, Keith and their team of fine men who fought us all the way to the 18th hole".



Left to right: Keith Hick; LUGC President Harry Tunncliffe, Formby Hall Past President Ian Clark; Formby Hall President Jim Wood; Formby Hall Captain Simon Chung; Formby Hall Vice Captain Bobby Phenna

The host club and both teams were delighted to welcome Harry Tunnicliffe, 2020/2021 President of the Lancashire Union of Golfers to the evening dinner. Harry is recovering from a fractured hip and is now gradually resuming his LUGC duties, together with looking forward to a return to playing action later this summer.

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V DAVYHULME PARK SENIORS:

Thursday 17th June

PLAYER	CLUB	CONTACT DETAILS
Andy Tiso	Fairhaven GC	07730 399170
Jamie Haddow	Bolton Old Links GC	01254 702372
Allan Harrison	Southport & Ainsdale GC	07778 180988
Keith Hick- Team Secretary	Hesketh GC	07767 383820
David Hodge	Hesketh GC	07932 871991
David Lomax	Flixton GC	07929 640211
Mal Morton	Formby GC	01704 872487
Terry Pottage	Denton GC	07970 474236
Ian Cunningham	Manchester GC	07789 456029
Mike Tonge	Lancaster GC	07595 182584
Steve Walker	Houghwood GC	07827 959775
Clive Wilson	Hesketh GC	07702 218728
Clive Appleby: Match Captain	Fairhaven GC	07376 927398

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V NORTH WEST MANCHESTER GA SENIORS;

Worsley GC; Monday 21st June

PLAYER	CLUB	CONTACT DETAILS
Allan Harrison: Match Capt	Southport & Ainsdale GC	07778 180988
Ian Bond	Dunscar GC	07850 290955
Brian Clark	Fairhaven GC	01253 640326
Archie Crick	Hesketh GC	07435 564454
David Lomax	Flixton GC	07929 640211
Clive Hastie	Dunscar GC	07889 169052
Jamie Haddow	Bolton Old Links GC	01254 702372
Paul Stanley	Southport & Ainsdale GC	07863 225383
Paul Thomas	Ormskirk GC	07971 186285
Andy Tisa	Fairhaven GC	07730 399170
Peter Darlington	Southport & Ainsdale GC	07855 355910
Paul Bennett	West Derby GC	07709 975122
Ian Cunningham	Manchester GC	07789 456029

PRE-SEASON DAY – THE KEITH GARDNER MEMORIAL TROPHY:

Monday 5th July 2021; Stand GC:

Team Captain, Clive, has received the following entries to date:

Paul Bennett.; Ian Bond; Rory Callan; Roger Cox; Archie Crick; Colin Crumlin; Malcolm Evans;. Jamie Haddow; Peter Hampsey; Allan Harrison; Clive Hastie; John Howard; Keith Hick; David Hodge; David Lomax; Kevan Marden; Swamy Narayana; Chris Rogers; Ken Stafford; Paul Stanley; Alan Swift; Mike Tonge; Steve Walker; Andrew Walmsley; Andy Tiso; Clive Appleby;. The following host club officers are also invited: Andrew Taylor; Keith Dingley; Chris Jenyon.

2021 FIXTURE LIST:

2021 LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS MATCHES & EVENTS:

Match No	Date	Match	Venue	Mgr	Availability: YES/NO
1	11 th May	Heysham Seniors	Heysham GC	JVC	_____
2	17 th May	Southport & DGA Seniors*	Southport Old Links GC	KCH	_____
3	25 th May	Formby Hall Captain's Team*	Formby Hall G&CC	KCH	_____
4	17 th June	Davyhulme Park Seniors	Davyhulme Park GC	KCH	_____
5	21 st June	NWMGA*	Worsley GC	JH	_____
6	5 th July	Pre-season get-together	Stand GC	JVC	_____
7	15 th July	Bentham GC Seniors	Bentham GC	KCH	_____
8	22 nd July	Isle of Man Super Seniors* (Irish Sea Golf Challenge Match)	Heysham GC	JH/PH	_____
9	26 th July	South Lincs GA seniors*	Ashton in Makerfield GC	JVC	_____
10	3 rd August	Formby Seniors	Formby Golf GC	KCH	_____
11	9 th August	Morecambe GC Seniors	Morecambe GC	JVC	_____
12	16 th August	Cumbria Super Seniors*	Penrith GC	JH	_____
13	24 th August	Denton GC Seniors	Denton GC	JVC	_____
14	6 th Sept	Bolton GA Seniors*	Hart Common GC	JH	_____
15	9 th Sept	LSS Palatine Trophy	Davyhulme GC	KCH	_____
16	14 th Sept	Silverdale Seniors	Silverdale GC	JVC	_____
17	22 nd Sept	Clitheroe GC Seniors	Clitheroe GC	JVC	_____
18	27 th Sept	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: 14th/15th June 2021 @ Ashton and Lea GC

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

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

NORTHERN COUNTIES SENIORS QUALIFIER: 30th August 2021 @ Wearside GC. Sunderland

SENIORS' OPENS 2021:

John Glover Seniors Open

Morecambe GC Wednesday 7th July 2021

Rut Niblick Seniors Open

Pleasington GC Monday 28th June 2021

Sir Michael Bonallack Seniors Open

Clitheroe GC Wednesday 14th July 2021

Manchester Seniors Open Trophy

Manchester GC Tuesday 3rd August 2021

David Marsh Seniors Open S&A GC

Thursday 2nd/Friday 3rd September 2021

Best regards and happy golfing

Keith Hick

Secretary

31st May 2021

Clive Appleby

Team Captain