



LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS' GOLF TEAM

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TALKING SENIORS' GOLF: AUGUST 2021 *The Newsletter of Lancashire Super Seniors*

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS 5 FORMBY GC SENIORS 7; Formby GC; Tuesday 3rd August 2021:

Match Captain Keith Hick writes:

If ever there is a golfing Nirvana Formby would factor in highly. The vista welcoming everyone upon arrival at this majestic Lancashire links was well nigh perfect. Golf courses, (yes, there are Ladies' and Men's courses) stretching out framed by distant pine trees, whetted the golfing appetite. Formby Seniors Match Captain, LSS compatriote Mal Morton, welcomed everyone as we tucked into bacon baps overlooking the 18th green. Hosts to the Staysure Seniors' Open the previous week, Formby's greenstaff were ensuring the stimp meter readings were maintained, with the iron plying back and forth across the greens before play began.



Keith Hick, Clive Appleby, Formby GC Captain, John Hussey and Mal Morton ready to tee-off

Making a welcome return to the fixture calendar courtesy of Mal, the match was a continuation of the annual match played between Formby and the County Seniors in years gone by. On paper, the two sides looked well matched with each fielding a one handicapper, the hosts with Huw Lewis-Jones and LSS' Allan Harrison. And so it proved, with the result determined by the last putt on the 18th, with Formby Seniors gaining a 7-5 victory.

In the first game, Club Captain John Hussey and Mal shared the first six holes in a cat & mouse tussle against Clive and Keith, until the 'cat grabbed the cream' with the home pairing shooting a six hole purple patch to close the game out by 5/4, courtesy of some efficient golf. As Clive ruefully said afterwards, "we more than held our own for the first six and last six, but....!" Peter Darlington and Paul Bennett then redressed the balance with a closely fought win on the 18th against Paul Kelly and Dave Hopkins. Paul Stanley and Ian '007' Bond in game three raced into an early comfortable lead only to be pegged back, finishing all square, with Ian's last green put lipping out.

Pual Jenkins and Steve Morgan accounted for Clive Wilson and Terry Pottage, rapidly followed by Dave Thirlwell and Nigel Tootill beating Chris Rogers and Alan Swift on the 17th to give Formby an unassailable lead.

Then came a battle royal with the two one handicappers and their partners in the last game. Huw Lewis-Jones and Shaun Thomas couldn't quite muster the firepower to match Allan Harrison and Andy Tiso for the visitors to win 2 up.

A splendidly convivial après golf evening meal was followed by Formby Captain, John Hussey, formally welcoming LSS, paying tribute to Mal Morton for arranging such an enjoyable match, adding how much Formby had enjoyed playing hosts on such a superb day for golf.

In response, LSS Match Captain Keith Hick thanked John for his warmth of welcome and hospitality, recalling how far LSS had come in such a short time and Formby as a happy hunting ground during his time as Hesketh's Scratch and Colts team captain.



Shaun Thomas, Huw Lewis-Jones, Andy Tiso and Allan Harrison exit the 18th green

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS 4 CUMBRIA SENIORS 8; Penrith GC; Monday 16th August:



Denis Wright, Dave Harrison, Clive Appleby, Chris Rogers and John Pnder on the 1st tee

Match Captain Dave Harrison reports:

The next stage of reopening from the latest covid lockdown coincided with the long awaited return fixture against Cumbria Seniors at Penrith on 16 August.

Whilst many of the golfers may initially have struggled to get used to the new found freedom of movement in the clubhouse, the Cumbrian players certainly wasted no time in asserting themselves on the golf course. Cumbria raced out into an early, and ultimately unassailable, lead by winning the first four matches but Lancashire Super Seniors rallied to win the final two matches to see Cumbria win 8-4.

The opening match saw team captains Dave Harrison and John Pinder partnered by Chris Rogers and Denis Wright respectively. Once John and Denis established an early lead, Dave and Chris struggled to make much of a dent even with successive birdies at the turn with the Cumbrian pairing winning 5&4. The same result occurred in the second match where Clive Appleby and Keith Hick found it difficult to handle some excellent golf from Martin Hodgson and Harry Horridge. In the third game, Even an eagle 2 from Keith failed to dent the home pair's resolve. Andy Tiso and Ian Bond took Duncan Miller and Peter Robinson down the 18th but Cumbria prevailed by the finest of margins. Roger Tringham and Thomas Hill made it 4-0 to Cumbria beating Dave Hodge and Paul Stanley 3&2 to secure the overall team victory but then Allan Harrison and Paul Thomas 1up against Chris Malpas and Bob Nelson and Mike Tonge and Archie Crick 3&2 against Ron Wood and Paul Flynn brought much needed respectability to the overall score.

It was clear that all the games were played in just the right spirit with some old rivalries resumed and new friendships made. Penrith was in fine condition with the greens a joy to putt on. The only downside was some low cloud that prevented the golfers from enjoying the normal stunning views of the Cumbrian hills but that didn't detract from what was a truly enjoyable day's golf.

By the time the matches had finished the sun had appeared and the players were able to sit out and have post game drinks and inquests outside on the terrace looking out on the now visible hills. The defeat somehow seemed much more bearable in such convivial circumstances. The golf was followed by a splendid traditional post golf meal.



Looking west towards the spectacular Lake District panorama, the two teams gather on the club terrace

It was sad that the Cumbria captain, Steve Rooke, was unable to play, particularly as he and John Pinder had put so much effort into preparing for the game. However, the upside was that both captains were able to make a series of humorous remarks at Rookies' expense without him having the opportunity to respond. No doubt he will be back next year and he will almost certainly seize the opportunity get his own back."

All in all, a most enjoyable day's golf."

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS: 2 DENTON GC SENIORS: 10; **Tuesday 24th August**

Match Captain Clive Appleby reports:

The first game out was Clive Wilson and Jamie Haddow against Terry Pottage and Alan Newbold set a trend for the day with Denton Seniors taking the honours, there was a glimmer of hope in the 5th match with the pairing of David Ash and David Harrison taking an early lead of 3 up on the front nine but local knowledge and some very steady play by the pairing of Paul Welsby and Dave Schofield saw them whittle the lead back to win on the 17th green. The only bright spot in the day was the pairing of Alan Swift and Ian Cunningham securing a victory on the last hole to win 1 up.

Although the result was not the best this year for LSS we were looked after very well by the Captain and his team and thanks should be given to Terry Pottage for his work in arranging a very successful day.



Dave Hughes, Steve o'Shaughnessy, David Lomax and Colin Crumlin in the opening match

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V SILVERDALE GC SENIORS; Tuesday 14th September:

Venue: Silverdale Golf Club : 01524 701300

Location: 1 Red Bridge Lane, Silverdale. Carnforth. LA5 0SP

Day Format:

- 18 holes four ball better-ball match play
- 12-a-side (6 matches)
- Qualifying age: 55 and over on 1st 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

Advisory Note : 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.

PLAYER	CLUB	CONTACT DETAILS
Ian Cunningham: Match Cap't	Manchester GC	07789 456029
Paul Bennett	West Derby GC	07709 975122
Brian Clark	Fairhaven GC	01253 640326
Jamie Haddow	Bolton Old Links GC	01254 702372
Alan Harrison	Southport & Ainsdale GC	07778 180988
Ken Stafford	Manchester GC	07885 255815
Swamy Narayana	Clitheroe GC	07764 941377
Clive Hastie	Dunscar GC	07889 169052
Paul Thomas	Ormskirk GC	07971 186285
Clive Wilson	Hesketh GC	07702 218728
Keth Hick- Team secretary	Hesketh GC	07767 383820
Rory Callan	Morecambe GC	07703 293854

2021 PALATINE TROPHY: Daveyhulme Park GC; Thursday 9th September:
Team Captain Cluive will be forwarding the Start Sheet w/e 3rd September.

2021 END OF SEASON COMPETITION: Ashton-in-Makerfield: Monday 27th September:

In addition to all who originally expressed their interest to play, entries are now being accepted.
Please contact either Clive or Keith by Friday 17th September:

2021 END OF SEASON COMPETITION: V2



With a striking resemblance to Augusta National, Ashton-in-Makerfield GC awaits our 2021 tournament

Venue: Ashton-in-Makerfield Golf Club
Liverpool Road
Ashton-in-Makerfield
Wigan WN4 0YT
01942-719330

Date: Monday 27th September 2021

Time: Mid/late morning - TBC

Notes:

- 1) All current government and host Club Covid-19 regulations and guidelines to be adhered to
- 2) Entries will be taken from the Lancashire Super Seniors' pre-season match availability schedule and anticipated entries.
- 3) Invitations to be extended to the Club Captain, President, Seniors Organiser and Secretary/Manager from the host club
- 4) Invitation to attend the post golf dinner and prize presentation to be extended to LUGC President, Harry Tunnicliffe
- 5) Invitations to play to be extended to identified potential new LSS recruits as a means of introduction and 'getting to know you'
- 6) Dress code: For those wishing to sport the Lancashire Super Seniors' tie: jacket & tie; otherwise, smart casual

Provisional Day Programme:

From 10.00am Bacon rolls; tea/coffee

From 11.00am First tee

5.00pm approx Dinner

6.00pm approx Prize presentation followed by season review when the floor is opened to a discussion

Starter's Desk/Recorder:

Please report to the Starter's Desk in the Main Lounge upon arrival

Format: 18 holes; 4BBB Stableford pairs; 85% handicap

Prizes: First pairing
Second pairing
Third pairing
Nearest the pin

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

GET WELL PETER:

LSS stalwart, Peter Hampsey of Heysham GC has our collective good wishes for a speedy return to full health. Peter, we are all thinking of you.

SENIORS' OPENS 2021:

John Glover Seniors Open	Morecambe GC Wednesday 7 th July 2021
Rut Niblick Seniors Open	Pleasington GC Monday 28 th June 2021
Sir Michael Bonallack Seniors Open	Clitheroe GC Wednesday 14 th July 2021
Manchester Seniors Open Trophy	Manchester GC Tuesday 3 rd August 2021
David Marsh Seniors Open S&A GC	Thursday 2nd/Friday 3 rd September 2021

2021 FIXTURE LIST:

2021 LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS MATCHES & EVENTS:

Match No	Date	Match	Venue	Mgr	Results:
1	11 th May	Heysham Seniors	Heysham GC	JVC	5-7
2	17 th May	Southport & DGA Seniors*	Southport Old Links GC	KCH	6-6
3	25 th May	Formby Hall Captain's Team*	Formby Hall G&CC	KCH	3-9
4	17 th June	Davyhulme Park Seniors	Davyhulme Park GC	KCH	7-5
5	21 st June	NWMGA*	Worsley GC	JH	7-5
6	5 th July	Pre-season get-together	Stand GC	JVC	n/a
7	15 th July	Bentham GC Seniors	Bentham GC	KCH	1-11
8	22 nd July	Isle of Man Super Seniors* (Irish Sea Golf Challenge Match)	Heysham GC	JH/PH	Cancelled (C-19)
9	26 th July	South Lancs GA seniors*	Ashton in Makerfield GC	JVC	6-6
10	3 rd August	Formby Seniors	Formby Golf GC	KCH	5-7
11	9 th August	Morecambe GC Seniors	Morecambe GC	JVC	Cancelled (C-19)
12	16 th August	Cumbria Super Seniors*	Penrith GC	JH	4-8
13	24 th August	Denton GC Seniors	Denton GC	JVC	2-10
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;

Best regards and happy golfing,

Keith Hick

Secretary

31st August 2021

Clive Appleby

Team Captain