



LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS' GOLF TEAM

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TALKING SENIORS' GOLF: MAY 2022

The Newsletter of Lancashire Super Seniors

Three matches played during May, one impressive win, one exciting tie and one loss – best described as a drubbing!

Neverthelss, the season is up and running with one other newsworthy item being the postponement of the Palatine Trophy until the 9th August. Half term and the Jubilee week conspired to reduce the field to less than twenty.

2022 has seen the baptism of several fresh faces amidst the LSS squad and a warm welcome goes to all our new Super Seniors colleagues.

THE SINGING CADDIE:

A real-life 'Legend in his lifetime', aka Paul Stevens, known worldwide as the Singing Caddie, flies into the UK on June 8th from his home in Australia for a four month after dinner speaking tour. Paul was the longest-serving Caddy on the erstwhile European Tour, caddying for a variety of famous golfers over several decades ranging from Sam Snead, Tom Watson, right up to Rory McIlroy and has a font of entertaining stories. Paul, who contributed to our LSS Special Edition Newsletters during lockdown, can be reached on thesingingcaddie@aol.com and his website is www.caddielegend.mysite.com



Among the many golfing icons, Paul was bagman to Tom Watson, helping to steer the multiple major winner to one of his Open victories

LSS Guiding Principles and Values:

For everyone's benefit, it is worth reprising the above as we embark upon another enjoyable season. The following act as a framework for players and administrators alike to understand the aspirations of Lancashire Super Seniors(LSS) and how LSS plays it's part in sustaining interest in the game at Seniors level, whilst generating income for host clubs.

Guiding Principles:

- Provide leadership and organizational capability in the management of Super Seniors golf
- Uphold the best traditions and values of golf as laid down by the R&A and USGA, acting as ambassadors for the good of the game
- Promote Super Seniors golf throughout Lancashire, and further afield, to sustain and help grow the game
- Encourage engagement between counties, associations, clubs and teams at Super Seniors level
- Support host clubs and venues in generating income and utilization of facilities
- Maintain a self-funding policy

Values:

- Enjoyment
- Camaraderie and friendship
- Goodwill
- Physical and mental stimulation through competitive golf
- Health and well-being

2022 LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS MATCHES & EVENTS: Match Manager

Match No	Date	Match	Venue		
1	21 st April	Pre-season get-together	Stand GC	JVC	
2	9 th May	Heysham Seniors	Heysham GC	JVC	7 - 5
3	16 th May	SDGA Seniors	Denton GC	KCH	6 - 6
4	24 th May	Formby Hall Captain's Team*	Formby Hall G&CC	KCH	2 - 10
5	16 th June	Davyhulme Park Seniors	Davyhulme Park GC	KCH	
6	27 th June	NWMGA	Bury GC	JH	
7	4 th July	Cumbria Super Seniors*	Lancaster GC	JH	
8	15 th July	Bentham GC Seniors	Bentham GC	KCH	
9	21 st July	Isle of Man Super Seniors* (Irish Sea Golf Challenge Match)	Heysham GC	JH/RC	
10	25 th July	South Lancs GA seniors*	Ashton in Makerfield GC	JVC	
11	2 nd August	Formby Seniors	Formby Golf GC	KCH	
12	9 th August	LSS Palatine Trophy	Hart Common GC	KCH	
13	23 rd August	Denton GC Seniors	Denton GC	JVC	
14	28 th August	Fairhaven GC Seniors*	Fairhaven GC	CA	
15	5 th Sept	Bolton GA Seniors*	Bolton Old Links	CA	
16	13 th Sept	Silverdale Seniors	Silverdale GC	JVC	
17	19 th Sept	Clitheroe GC Seniors	Clitheroe GC	JVC	
18	3 rd October	End of Season Competition	Dunscar GC	KCH	

* Scratch match

Qualifying criteria & playing format:

- Age 55 and over on 1st January 2022
- Handicap index: Notional handicap index up to 12
- 18 holes scratch or handicap match play; 12-a-side

SENIORS' CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022:

ENGLISH SENIORS' CHAMPIONSHIP: 9th-13th May – The Leicestershire

LANCASHIRE COUNTY SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP: 8th-9th June – Chorley GC

EGU NORTHERN COUNTIES SENIORS' CH'SHIP: 19th-20th July – Ponteland, Northumberland

BRITISH SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP: 5th-8th July – Royal Dornoch

NORTHERN COUNTIES SENIORS QUALIFIER: 5th September – Pleasington GC

SENIORS' OPENS 2022:

John Glover Seniors Open	6 th July – Morecambe GC
Rut Niblick Seniors Open	27 th June – Pleasington GC
Sir Michael Bonallack Seniors Open	13 th July – Clitheroe GC
Manchester Seniors Open Trophy	2 nd August – Manchester GC TBC
David Marsh Seniors Open S&A GC	1 st -2 nd Septmebr – S&A GCTBC

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS: 7 HEYSHAM SENIORS: 5

Monday 9th May: Heysham GC:

Heysham Golf Club 2022 Captain, Ronnie Webster, managed his loyalty dilemma with aplomb when LSS descended for this year's match. Welcoming his LSS counterpart and opposing Match Captain, David Lomax, Ronnie wished David and the visiting team well over the morning bacon baps, no doubt hoping for a 'home run'. And the match didn't disappoint with scores level with the last match still on the course. David and Jeff Clements got the better of Ronnie and Ian Gardner in the top game, only for Heysham to return the favour by taking the second game. With game three ending all square and games four and five shared, it was left to Rory Callan and Dave Harrison to tip-toe over the line with a one up win to get LSS off to a flying start for the 2022 season.



Left to right: Jeff Clements; Heysham GC Captain Ronnie Webster; LSS Match Captain David Lomax; Ian Gardner

LSS Team Captain, Clive, popped in during the early morning together with wife, Chris, before catching the nearby Isle of Man ferry, wishing his charges 'bon voyage' for the match, which was fully reciprocated!

Heysham's rolling layout proved a splendid venue and is highly regarded by LSS players, whose keen sense of anticipation is matched by the warmth of welcome from the host club.

Heysham GC and LSS stalwart, the late Peter Hampsey, was fondly remembered during the day. Heysham Captain, Ronnie, thanked everyone for an entertaining day's golf and looked forward to welcoming LSS back in 2023.

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS : 6 SDGA SENIORS: 6

Denton Golf Club; Monday 16th May:

Yet again, the two sides couldn't be separated in a thrilling tie over a course in first rate condition. Torrential rain in the early morning gave way to a dry, warm late morning and afternoon as SDGA Match Captain Allan Harrison struck the opening tee shot watched by host club Captain, Martin Unsworth. Partnered by Andrew Charnock, Clive Appleby succumbed on the 17th against Allan (S&A) and Paul Rooney (West Lancashire). SDGA moved into a two nil advantage when Peter Darlington (S&A) and Huw Lewis-Jones (Formby) accounted for Andy Tiso and Mike Hornby on the 16th.

Then it was the turn of LSS to hit back, taking games three and four. Mal Morton (Formby) and David Shaw (Southport Old Links) were just too good for their LSS opposition only for Clive Hastie to birdie the 18th to secure the last game with partner David Ash against SDGA's Keith Hick and SDGA 'guest' player, Terry Pottage



Denton GC Captain, Martin Unsworth (centre) joins Paul Rooney, Clive Appleby, Allan Harrison and Andrew Charnock on the first tee

Keith and Terry were drafted into action as last-minute substitutes for health related withdrawals from the SDGA squad. 2022 Denton GC President, Terry teamed up with SDGA's President, Keith, pushing Clive and David to the last putt on the last green, leaving the match, as has happened so often over the years, finishing as a tie.



All the President's men: Keith Hick, Terry Pottage, David Ash and Clive Hastie

Denton GC Captain, Martin Unsworth, formally welcomed the two teams following the high tea, expressing his and the Club's delight at staging this year's match before looking forward to welcoming LSS back later this summer for their match against Denton Seniors on 23rd August.

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SDGA SENIORS

Andrew Charnock & Clive Appleby		0	2	2/1	Allan Harrison & Paul Rooney
Andy Tiso & Mike Hornby		0	2	3/2	Peter Darlington & Huw Lewis-Jones
Steve Melbourne & Ken Stafford	3/2	2	0		Jeff Cummins & Archie Crick
Mike Spencer & Alistair Hargreaves	2/1	2	0		Paul Stanley & Paul Thomas
Mark Holland & Ian Cunningham		0	2	1UP	Mal Morton & David Shaw
Clive Hastie & David Ash	2UP	2	0		Keith Hick & Terry Pottage
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Formby Hall GC Captain, Bobby Phenna (centre right) is flanked left to right by Paul Bennett, LSS Match Captain Paul Stanley, Steve O'Brien, LSS Team Captain Clive Appleby and FHGC Honourary Member, Ian Clark

Bobby Phenna, Formby Hall GC's 2022 Captain, welcomed LSS Match Captain Paul Stanley and his squad on a bright, sunny day ideally suited to good golf, over a course which has matured superbly since opening in 1996. Always a keenly contested fixture, Bobby assembled an impressive squad to play host to their Lancashire visitors.

Just how impressive rapidly became clear as FHGC Past Captain and Honourary Member, Ian Clark, together with Keith Hick, enjoying a light lunch, listened to the scores as the matches headed towards the 10th tee. All but one saw the home players in control resulting in a clear-cut 10-2 win for the hosts.

Only Clive and Mike Hornby managed to salvage LSS from a whitewash as Bobby's team produced a stunning victory.

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FORMBY HALL CAPTAIN'S TEAM

Paul Stanley & Paul Bennett		0	2	2/1	Robert Phenna & Steven O'Brien
Colin Crumlin & Keith White		0	2	2/1	Simon hung & Darren Cahill
Dave Hodge & Mal Morton		0	2	6/5	Dave Stevens & Pete Sampara
Mike Hornby & Clive Appleby	5/4	2	0		Alan Carter & David Davies
Allan Harrison & Paul Tebay		0	2	5/4	Colin Jones & Steve Wilkinson
Mark Wilmore & Lol McNally		0	2	5/4	Dave McDougall & Steve Howard

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And LSS Match Captain, Paul Stanley, adds:

The Lancashire Super Seniors Team were treated to a very enjoyable day on Tuesday 24th May at Formby Hall. The hospitality, condition of the course and after game dinner were all very good and appreciated by everybody.

Congratulations go to the Formby Hall Captain's team who certainly brought their 'A-game' on the day, with only our LSS team captain Clive Appleby and partner, Mike Hornby, managing to secure a win for the LSS team. I'm sure Tommy Fleetwood wasn't in their team, but perhaps he supplied some coaching ?

**Cheers,
 Paul**

2022 PALATINE TROPHY: NEW DATE: TUESDAY 9TH AUGUST

Hart Common Golf Club.

The new date for the Palatine Trophy is Tuesday 9th August at Hart Common. Tee times are reserved from 10:30am. Entry fee will be £40 incl. Bacon butties tea/coffee on arrival, 18 holes of golf, prizes and a buffet after play.

For those who are not aware, we had to cancel the planned day on the 30th May due to lack of entries for various reasons mostly due to the bank holidays falling this week for the Jubilee celebrations.



*The Palatine Trophies: left: Nett; Holder: David Lomax (Flixton GC)
right: Gross; Holder: Allan Harrison (S&A GC)*

Please let me know if you are playing on the new date. It's your competition it would be a shame to have to cancel it again for lack of entries as there are no other dates spare in the our fixtures calendar for this year.

**Thanks,
Clive**

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V DAVYHULME PARK SENIORS; Thursday 16th June 2022; Davyhulme Park GC:

Jeff Clements: MatchCaptain	Stand GC	07931 347246
Ian Cunningham	Manchester GC	07789 456029
David Harrison	Hesketh GC	07976 429892
John Howard	Dunscar GC	07557 514790
Keith Hick: Team Secretary	Hesketh GC	07767 383820
Lol Mc Nally	Ashton-in-Makerfield	07801 648628
Chris Miller	Southport & Ainsdale	07905 626605
Terry Pottage	Denton GC	07970 474236
Chris Rogers	Hesketh GC	07903 150458
Paul Tebay	Dunscar GC	07801 435740
Rory Callan	Morecambe GC	07703 293854
Kevan Marden	Dunscar GC	07912 347294

Reserves:

Mal Morton	Formby GC	01704 872487
Andy Tiso	Fairhaven GC	07730 399170
Mike Tonge	Lancaster GC	07595 182584

DON'T FORGET YOU MUST CONFIRM YOUR AVAILABILITY TO THE MATCH CAPTAIN AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR TO MATCH IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SELECTED PLAYERS TO PROVIDE A SUBSTITUTE IF UNAVAILABLE TO PLAY.

Best regards and happy golfing

Keith Hick
Secretary
3rd June 2022

Clive Appleby
Team Captain