



LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS' GOLF TEAM

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TALKING SENIORS' GOLF: JULY 2022

The Newsletter of Lancashire Super Seniors

Matches came thick and fast during July with two wins, one tie and one drubbing. Old friendships were nurtured and new ones made as LSS criss-crossed the County to continue spreading the joys of Super Seniors golf. The infusion of several new recruits has helped sustain the team during the residual effects of the pandemic.

August sees three matches, on the 2nd against Formby GC Seniors, the 23rd against Denton GC Seniors and, thanks to Clive's efforts, a new match against Fairhaven GC Seniors on Sunday 28th.

Two more new recruits to welcome this month and help swell the LSS ranks: Damon Lawrenson from Ashton-in-Makerfield GC and Colin Quilan of Ashton-under-Lyne GC.

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS: 10 CUMBRIA SUPER SENIORS: 2
Lancaster GC; Monday 4th July:



Paul Stanley and Allan Harrison on the first tee with Tom Hill and Brian Cowperthwaite



Steve Rooke, known to everyone as 'Rookie' with David Lomax and Clive Hastie

Clive Appleby reports:

A bright and very breezy day greeted us at Lancaster golf club for the annual match against Cumbria Super seniors. After bacon butties/tea/coffee in the magnificent old club house and a meeting of old friends we set out on a course that was in beautiful condition, if not very testing in the strong breeze. The first match of Allan Harrison and Paul Stanley went to the last putt on the last hole but their opponents Thomas Hill and Brian Cowperthwaite came out the victors. After the first game things got better for LSS with Colin Jones and Archie Crick winning 1 up, Ian Bond and David Shepherd won 6&5, Alan Williams and Paul Woods 4&3, Rory Callan and Clive Appleby 4&3, Clive Hastie and David Lomax 3&2 against Steve Rooke who did well to battle against the two Lancashire men as his partner was under the impression that he was playing the following day so failed to appear for the match. A lovely meal was served to us by Niall (the caterer) and plenty of good humour followed. As my partner summed it up," that's what golf is all about, a competitive and friendly game amongst friends.

Clive Appleby



Final result LSS 10pts Cumbria Super Seniors 2 pts

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS: 2 BENTHAM SENIORS: 10
Friday 15th July:



Bentham's iconic 18th hole as seen from the club house terrace

Always a happy pilgrimage, the Bentham match has everything a golfer could wish for: an enthusiastic opposing team, an excellent test of golf with matching course condition and the outstanding Pennines panorama of Ingleborough, Wild Boar Fell etc. This obviously plays into the home team's hands with their opponents seduced by these various visual pleasures. Rarely do LSS come away with anything like a result and this year was no exception.

LSS Match Captain Alan Swift of Hesketh GC was full of praise for the warmth of welcome and high standard of catering enjoyed by his team colleagues on the day.

Taking a deep breath, Alan runs through the matches as follows:

Game 1: LSS Match Captain Alan Swift and Ken Stafford enjoyed a close match against Bentham's Match Captain Brian Wilson and Ian Slough, only going down 2&! on the 17th when their opponents closed out the game with a solid par.

Game 2: Kevan Marden and Chris Rogers played steadily against P Burns and Malcolm Hind to register our only success with a closely fought win on the last green for a score of 2 up

Game 3: Paul Bennett and Alistair Hargreaves were in the match against P Gerrie and A McDowell until the last few holes when the home pairing's handicaps proved decisive, losing 3&2

Game 4: Keith White and Peter Darlington played a lot better than the score suggests against S Barber and L Crohill, going down 5&4

Game 5: Allan Harrison and Andy Tiso also played well, but having to concede a fair number of shots to T Steele and T Dobson, lost 3&2

Game 6: Jamie Haddow and Paul Woods almost held on in another closely fought match against D Brown and B Taylor, losing on the 18th.

So, another hugely enjoyable day at Bentham concluded with a convivial evening meal when the two Match Captains expressed their respective thanks to their team colleagues, the course greenkeeping team and, of course, Bentham's catering and bar teams.

Alan & Keith

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS: 6 ISLE OF MAN SENIORS: 6
Heysham GC; Thursday 21st July:



The two teams assemble for a group photograph to conclude a highly successful and enjoyable day's golf

" After receiving a warm welcome from the Club secretary and Ronnie Webster, Heysham's club captain, we te'd off for the annual Irish sea challenge match. Both teams had a short fall of the 12 players required but thanks to Cumbria super Seniors and Heysham senior's we managed 12 players in each team. The first pairing of John Howard : match captain : and Mike Tonge lost a well fought match 2 down, the second pairing of Mark Holland and Colin Crumlin evened the match up winning 2 up. with the next pairings of Clive Appleby & John Pinder, Rory Callan & Alistair Hargreaves halving their matches the match was evenly poised. Paul Thomas & Malcolm Evans won the next match 5&4 helped by Malcolm eagling the par 5 14th. The last match ended with a win for the Isle of Man 3&2 against Steve Melbourne & Paul Kelly.



The Irish Sea Golf Challenge Trophy



LSS Match Captain John Howard; Isle of Man Match Captain Geoff Skillicorn; Heysham GC Captain, Ronnie Webster and LSSTeam Captain Clive Appleby

As the Isle of Man team were the holders of the trophy they retained it following the match ending in a draw. Both teams were looked after very well by the caterers and bar staff and it was agreed the winner's on the day were golf and the Super Senior movement. Both teams were eager for the Irish Sea Challenge to continue and a date and venue was agreed upon for next year. A big thank you to all those that took part and to John Howard for being Match Captain for the day "

Regards Clive

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS: 7 SOUTH LANCS GA SENIORS: 5
Ashton-in-Makerfield GC; Monday 25th July:
Malcolm Evans reports:

Hi Keith. Just to let you know today's scratch match at Ashton-in-Makerfield resulted in a 7 - 5 win for LSS on a day where the man above blessed us with a few light showers and some sunny intervals the course was presented in fantastic condition the match going down to the wire LSS leading 6 - 5 with the last two matches won and lost on the 18th hole giving LSS a 7 -5 win. Praise from both teams to the Bob Cooper and his green staff for the fantastic condition of the course.and to Clare and the catering staff for a superb after match meal.I as captain of the South LanCS team and one of the founding members of LSS can look back with pride on how far we have come in 6 years.

This was the 3rd match between LSS and South LanCS Seniors with both teams looking forward to 2023 fixture.



I had the pleasure of linking up with 2 old friends from my time at Fishwick Hall Golf Club both playing for LSS, Mick Hornby who I have remained in close contact with over the years and Colin Jones who I had not seen since I left Fishwick in 1999 Sadly for Colin playing with Archie Crick loosing on the last to a 30ft put for birdie to Paul Woods and myself

A great day was had by all

Kind regards

Malcolm

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	5 - 7
6	27 th June	NWMGA	Bury GC	JH	9 - 3
7	4 th July	Cumbria Super Seniors*	Lancaster GC	JH	10-2

8	15 th July	Bentham GC Seniors	Bentham GC	KCH	2-10
9	21 st July	Isle of Man Super Seniors* (Irish Sea Golf Challenge Match)	Heysham GC	JH/RC	6-6
10	25 th July	South Lancs GA seniors*	Ashton in Makerfield GC	JVC	7-5
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

6th July – Morecambe GC

Rut Niblick Seniors Open

27th June – Pleasington GC

Sir Michael Bonallack Seniors Open

13th July – Clitheroe GC

Manchester Seniors Open Trophy

2nd August – Manchester GC

David Marsh Seniors Open

1st-2nd September – S&A GC

Best regards and happy golfing

Keith Hick

Secretary

28th July 2022

Clive Appleby

Team Captain