



LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS' GOLF TEAM

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TALKING SENIORS' GOLF: APRIL 2023

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Now everyone has emerged from hibernation in readiness for the coming season, we saw an excellent field gather for the traditional Keith Gardner Trophy at Stand GC on 20th April. The following week took our team to play Formby Hall GC Captains' Team, emerging with an impressive 9-3 win. Reports can be seen below.

Our LSS Working Party convened at Hesketh GC during February to review the 2022 season, preview the 2023 season and consider future improvements to consolidate our place in golf at Super Seniors' level.

Team Captain, Clive, has compiled the 2023 Match Sheets and we continue to welcome 'fresh blood' to help sustain LSS. Long or mid tem health issues – not surprising given our collective 'mature' status – has affected the availability of some of our squad and the influx of new talent continues to bring balance to our pool of players.

So, fasten your seatbelts in readiness for the matches and events to come and please remember the Golden Rule of confirming your availability to the Match Captain.

2023 SEASON OPENER: KEITH GARDNER TROPHY: Stand GC; 20th April:



What LSS is all about as players enjoy the camaraderie and catch up after the match on Stand GC's new decking overlooking the 18th green

Jeff Clements reports:

A bright sunny day with Stand Golf Club looking at it's best in the spring sun, ready for the traditional Lancashire Super Seniors Pre-season opener greeted the early arrivals. Fond memories of our departed LSS fellow golfer and team Captain Keith Gardner exchanged. The fortunes of Keith's favourite football club Preston North End (currently mid-table in the Championship!) and as usual on these occasions, the impact at club level of the implementation of World handicap system, digested over the usual rolls, tea and coffee created and convivial atmosphere as further golf stories were exchanged and the scene set for friendly competitive golf. With a moderate easterly breeze, the course proved a good test of golf. The winner, Stand GC's own Director of Competitions, Kieth Dingley partnered by Roger Cox – (Past Captain of Royal Birkdale GC) took the honours and the Trophy with a creditable 42 pts. Keith happily admitted his putter had decided to behave itself and Roger expressed happiness once again to play for LSS. LSS Captain - Clive Appleby, congratulated the winners and thanked Stand GC for the fixture. Presenting the normal LSS donation to the club he praised green's staff on the course and greens presentation. LSS very much look forward to continuing the annual event once again next year.

Keith Gardner Trophy - RESULTS

Thursday 20th April 2023

Venue: STAND GOLF CLUB, ASHBOURNE GROVE, WHITEFIELD, MANCHESTER M45 7NL

Format: 4 BBB Stableford, 85% H/Cap, Yellow Tees

Prize	Pair	Points
1 st	Keith Dingley + Roger Cox	42
2 nd	Rory Callan + Chris Millar	41
3 rd	Paul Thomas + Kevin Eyre	40
Nearest Pin - 13 th Hole	Steve Melbourne	



Roger Cox and Keith Dingley pictured with the Keith Gardner Trophy



Keith Garner Trophy prize winners

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V FORMBY HALL CAPTAINS' TEAM: Formby Hall G&CC; 26th April




Formby Hall GC Captain, Alan Carter (second left) on the first tee together with club colleague, David Hall, flanked by LSS Match Captain, Chris Millar (right) and Colin Crumlin

Clive Appleby reports:

A great start to the season with our opening match against Formby Hall Seniors played off scratch. We were welcomed on arrival by Alan Carter, the Formby Hall Captain. The first game of Colin Crumlin and LSS match captain Chris Millar set the tone for the day with a convincing win of 6-5 over Formby Hall's captain and playing partner David Hall. A slight blip in the second game saw Chinny and Ian Bond go down to Colin Jones and Steve Wilkinson, there may have been an old score settled between Colin and Ian from their last friendly encounter. The following matches all went LSS way and the last match was halved on the 18th green when the Formby Hall paired holed a 15ft putt to save their game. Final score was LSS 9pts, Formby Hall 3pts. A day of warm sunshine and renewed warm friendships. A post match meal of beef dinner and good old sticky toffee pudding brought the end to a near perfect day.

Lancashire Super Seniors v Formby Hall Seniors
Wednesday 26th April at Formby Hall 2023 1st Tee time 11:03

FOUR BALL BETTER BALL MATCH PLAY

Lancashire Super Seniors			Formby Hall Seniors		
Pairings	Score	Points	Points	Score	Pairings
Chris Millar & Colin Crumlin	W6-5	2	0	L6-5	Alan Carter & David Hall
Ian Bond & Andrew Charnock	L2Down	0	2	W2 up	Colin Jones & Steve Wilkinson
Dave Shepherd & Steve Smalley	W3-2	2	0	L3-2	Dave McDougall & David Davies
Ian Clark & Mike Spencer	W2-1	2	0	L2-1	Simon Chung & Darren Cahill
Clive Appleby & Mike Tonge	W6-5	2	0	L6-5	Steve O'Brien & Alan Gibson
Colin Taylor & Steve Melbourne	Half	1	1	Half	David Stevens & Ian Jones
Lancashire Super Seniors			Formby Hall Seniors		
Chris Millar : Match Captain					Alan Carter (Club and Team Cap)
Clive Appleby : Team Captain					Darren Cahill
Ian Bond					Simon Chung
Andrew Charnock					David Davies
Ian Clark					Alan Gibson
Colin Crumlin					David Hall
Colin Taylor					Colin John Jones
Steve Melbourne					Ian Jones
David Shepherd					David McDougall
Steve Smalley					Steven O'Brien
Mike Spencer					David Stevens
Mike Tonge					Steve Wilkinson
 LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS					FORMBY HALL CAPTAINS' TEAM
	Match result: (2 points for a win; 1 for a half)	9	3		

LSS Secretary, Keith, invited his Working Party colleagues to Hesketh GC during February for the first Working Party gathering of the year.

WORKING PARTY MEETING: HESKETH GC; 2nd FEBRUARY 2023: 11.00am

Chaired by KCH, the meeting opened at 11.10am.

Present: : Clive Appleby (CA) Team Captain Fairhaven GC
Rory Callan (RC) Morecambe GC
Jeff Clements (JVC) Stand GC
Keith Hick (KCH) Secretary Hesketh GC
John Howard (JH) Dunscar GC
Ken Stafford (KJS) Treasurer Manchester GC
Paul Stanley (PS) Web Master S&A GC
Apologies: Clive Hastie (CH) Dunscar GC

AGENDA & MINUTES (*Minutes shown in italics*)::

- Approve Minutes of October 2021 meeting & matters arising:** **KCH:** *The Minutes were taken as read and there were no matters arising. Proposed by JH; Seconded by RC.*
- Review 2022 season** **CA:** *CA outlined another successful season tempered with players failing to confirm their availability or late withdrawal of players. The 3 + 3 scratch/handicap format had been used to good effect at selected matches.*
- Preview 2023 season fixtures:** **CA/JVC**
 - Securing dates/venues for outstanding matches:** *CA advised all 2023 fixtures are confirmed apart from NWMGA, with Bury GC as the preferred venue, and the Denton match. CA to contact Terry Pottage. Action: CA*
JVC confirmed the Pre-Season day at Stand GC on 20th April.

- b. **Impact of WHS; Handicap matches format:** *It was agreed the 3 + 3 scratch/handicap format to be promoted wherever possible in agreement with opposing teams. It was further acknowledged the increased introduction of a facility/green fee by some clubs was likely to become common practice.*
- c. **Match & Event Managers:** *It was agreed to retain the current arrangement for the coming season. RC suggested LSS' Kevin Eyre be approached to assume the role of LSS Fixtures Secretary from the 2024 season.* Action: CA

4. **2023 Pre-Season Competition:**

JVC/CA

- a. **Keith Gardner Memorial Trophy:** *JVC recalled the popularity of this event with 38 entrants to the 2022 day. Format to remain as 2022 with a 11.00am start time, followed by a 2 course meal. KCH requested JVC to contact Maureen Gardner re attendance by the family for the evening prize presentation.* Action: JVC
CA advised a healthy number had already signalled their intention to play this year. Keith Gardner Trophy to be returned by 2022 prize winners.

5. **2023 Palatine Trophy; Date & venue TBC**

All: *It was agreed the*

Palatine Trophy be played at Davyhulme Park GC as an integral part of the End of Season Day in lieu of Manchester GC to preserve the DPGC offer to host the event in alternating years. KCH to discuss with DPGC's Dom Connor to secure the revised date of 5th October 2023 instead of September. Action: KCH

6. **2023 End of Season Competition; Date & venue TBC**

All: *See above. It was*

agreed to retain the format of a 4BBB event.

7. **New recruits**

All: *CA ran through*

the list of current LSS players unavailable for the coming season for various reasons. KCH advised his family commitments precluded his availability; however he will continue as LSS Secretary. JVC suggested introduction of a protocol to vet new recruits requiring a Proposer & Secunder prior to submission to CA & KCH. It was agreed the future qualifying criteria for new recruits be raised to 60 years of age with a single figure handicap.

8. **Liaison with County Seniors/LUGC**

CH: *RC advised a*

general reluctance from current County Seniors to join LSS at present owing to their enthusiasm for senior events throughout the UK. At present, Super Seniors are not formally recognised by EG or LUGC. However, it is believed Cheshire Super Seniors enjoy the support of the Cheshire Union. KCH recommended continuation of the successful organic growth of LSS with a meeting planned with County Secretary, Mark Bardsley to brief LUGC and discuss potential future options.

9. **Lancashire Super Seniors Golf Association; Change of name**

CA/KCH: *It was*

agreed to defer this item, not least because of the need to formalise a dedicated bank account as identified by KJS.

10. **Team kit:**

CA: *CA advised*

approx £1K spent on team kit with our regular supplier during 2022. New items to be explored for 2023 include a branded visor and short sleeved shower top. Action: CA

11. **Communication:**

KCH/PS

- Newsletter
- Web site

It was agreed current communication tools be retained. PS advised the LSS site is proving increasingly popular thanks to the inclusion of team sheets etc. PS also advised the anticipated site hosting expenditure of £130 during 2024 for a 4 year tenure.

12. **Accounts:**

KJS

- Current surplus in hand
- Players' Registration Fee @ £10e
- Ad hoc generated income

KJS tabled the LSS accounts for 9 months period ending 31.12.2022 giving a surplus of £669.00. It was agreed the practice of 'topping up' match day fees replaces the £10.00 annual player Registration Fee. KJS further advised catering/facility fees income to participating clubs generated by LSS during 2022 amounted to £5K. Taking into account the addition of bar receipts income generated on match days, the actual amount would be well in excess of this

figure. KJS also advised the setting up of a separate bank account in his name, dedicated to LSS and recommended an independent audit. PS agreed to complete the annual audit. Action: PS It was also agreed the modest snack lunch costs be funded from the LSS account.

Action: KJS

The meeting thanked KJS for managing the LSS funds during 2022.

13. **AOB:** RC reiterated his suggestion for Kevin Eyre to be approached in time for the 2024 season. There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 12.20pm.

Keith Hick

Secretary

5th February 2023

Notes:

1. Following the meeting and snack lunch, Hesketh's Ian Clark (a new LSS recruit) and Archie Crick joined us for an enjoyable afternoon's golf, as shown below:

Afternoon golf:



A bevy of admiring looks follow Clive's opening tee shot to start the afternoon's golf. From left to right: Ian Clark, Jeff, Ken and Archie

Scores:

RORY CALLAN & IAN CLARK:	43 POINTS
JOHN HOWARD & KEITH HICK:	41
CLIVE APPLEBY & JEFF CLEMENTS:	39
KEN STAFFORD & ARCHIE CRICK:	38

NEW RECRUITS:

LSS welcomes Paul Bradbury from St Annes' Old Links GC and Graeme Slater of Clitheroe GC, wishing them every success during their first season.

2023 LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS MATCHES & EVENTS:

Match No	Date	Match	Venue	Mgr	Result
1	20 th April	Pre-season get-together	Stand GC	JVC	n/a
2	26 th April	Formby Hall Captain's Team*	Formby Hall G&CC	KCH	9-3
3	12 th May	Heysham Seniors	Heysham GC	JVC	
4	15 th May	Southport & DGA Seniors*	Hurlston Hall	KCH	
5	19 th June	Davyhulme Park Seniors	Davyhulme Park GC	KCH	
6	7 th June	NWMGA	Pike Fold GC	JH	
7	22 nd June	Cheshire Super Seniors***	Manchester GC	CA	
8	3 rd July	Cumbria Super Seniors*	Kirby Lonsdale GC	JH	
9	14 th July	Bentham GC Seniors	Bentham GC	KCH	
10	24 th July	South Lincs GA seniors*	Ashton in Makerfield GC	JVC	
11	27 th July	Isle of Man Super Seniors* (Irish Sea Golf Challenge Match)	Lancaster GC	JH/RC	
12	1 st August	Formby Seniors	Formby Golf GC	KCH	
13	10 th August	St Annes Old Links	St Annes Old Links GC	AH	
14	22 nd August	Denton GC Seniors	Denton GC	JVC	
15	27 th August	Fairhaven GC Seniors*	Fairhaven GC	CA	
16	4 th Sept	Bolton GA Seniors*	Bolton-Old-Links	JH	
17	12 th Sept	Silverdale Seniors	Silverdale GC	JVC	
18	25 th Sept	Clitheroe GC Seniors	Clitheroe GC	JVC	
19	5 th October	Palatine Trophy	Davyhulme Park GC	KCH	

* Scratch match

*** Scratch match Over 65's only

Qualifying criteria & playing format:

- Age 60 and over on 1st January 2023
- WHI Handicap index: Notional single figure handicap index
- 18 holes scratch or handicap match play; 12-a-side

SENIORS' CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023:

ENGLISH SENIORS' CHAMPIONSHIP: Alwoodly/Pannal 7-9th June 2023

LANCASHIRE COUNTY SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP: Fleetwood GC 12-13th June 2023

EGU NORTHERN COUNTIES SENIORS' CH'SHIP: Furness GC 25-26th July 2023

BRITISH SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP: Royal Porthcawl GC 26-30th July 2023

NORTHERN COUNTIES SENIORS QUALIFIER: Casteltown GC 10th August 2023

SENIORS' OPENS 2023:

John Glover Seniors Open Wednesday 5th July - Morecambe GC

Rut Niblick Seniors Open Monday 26th June – Pleasington GC

Sir Michael Bonallack Seniors Open Wednesday 12th July– Clitheroe GC

Manchester Seniors Open Trophy Thursday 6th July – Manchester GC

David Marsh Seniors Open S&A GC 31st Aug-1st Sept – S&A GC

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V HEYSHAM SENIORS: 12th MAY:

PLAYER	CLUB	CONTACT DETAILS
Clive Appleby : Match Captain	Fairhaven GC	07376 927398
Allan Harrison	S&A	07778 180988
Rory Callan	Morecambe GC	07703 293894
Jeff Clements	Stand GC	07931 347246
Dave Harrison	Hesketh GC	07976 429892
Clive Hastie	Dunscar GC	07889 169052
Archie Crick	Hesketh GC	07435 564454
Chris Millar	Southport & Ainsdale GC	07905 626605
Swamy Narayana	Clitheroe GC	07764 941377
Malcolm Evans	Ashton-in-Makerfield GC	07958955214
Paul Tebay	Dunscar GC	07801 435740
Andy Tiso	Fairhaven GC	07730 399710

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V SDGA SENIORS: HURLSTON HALL GC; 15TH MAY:

PLAYER	CLUB	CONTACT DETAILS
Jamie Haddow : Match Captain	Dunscar GC	01254 702372
Alistair Hargeraves	St. Anne's old links GC	07792 027509
Clive Hastie	Dunscar GC	07889 169052
Mike Hornby	Pleasington GC	07867 788168
David Lomax	Flixton GC	07929 640211
Swamy Narayana	Clitheroe GC	07764 941377
Mike Tonge	Lancaster GC	07595 182584
Terry Pottage	Denton GC	07970 474236
Vince Sarsfield	Pleasington GC	07831 141411
Malcolm Evans	Ashton-in-Makerfield GC	07958 955214
Mike Spencer	Ashton in Makerfield GC	07876 454951
Clive Appleby : Team Captain	Fairhaven GC	07376 927398

Best regards and happy golfing

Keith Hick
Secretary
29th April 2023

Clive Appleby
Team Captain