



LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS' GOLF TEAM

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TALKING SENIORS' GOLF: JUNE 2023 ***The Newsletter of Lancashire Super Seniors*** *lssgolf.co.uk*

S&A GC's Allan Harrison, Vice Chairman of SDGA and LSS regular, carried off the County Seniors Championship title at Fleetwood GC on 12th/13th June – congratulations to Allan from all his LSS, SDGA and S&A club colleagues in securing such a stunning and well deserved win.

Three matches to report upon this month against Davyhulme Park, North West Manchester GA and Cheshire. And, with high summer rapidly approaching, four to look forward to against Cumbria, South Lancs GA, Bentham and the Isle of Man for the Irish Sea Challenge Trophy at Lancaster GC.

We also dip into our Cumbria Super Senior neighbours recent match against SDGA at Hesketh GC when Cumbria's Stephen Rooke and John Pinder led a raiding party to the Lancashire coast.

LSS WhatsApp:

This newly introduced app is proving it's worth already in helping Clive to plug any gaps owing to player unavailability. It's immediacy is invaluable, saving countless phone calls – and Clive's hair!

lssgolf.co.uk:

Dive into the LSS web site managed by S&A's Paul Stanley and please remember the Golden Rule of confirming your availability to the Match Captain one week before the match.

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS: 4 NORTH WEST MANCHESTER GA SENIORS: 8
Pike Fold GC; 7th June:



LSS Match Captain, Archie Crick (second left) and David Lomax on the first tee with opponents NWMGA President Mick Burke and Graham Cross

Team Captain, Clive, reports:

A new venue for the Super Seniors playing against the North West Manchester Golf Association at Pike Fold Golf Club. The match was played in the three, three format (3 scratch and 3 handicap matches). The result was closer than the result appears. Two of the handicap games were halved and one lost with two of the scratch matches lost and one won by LSS, two of the matches won and lost with the last putts on the 18th hole. Well done Ken Stafford and Jamie Haddow who were the only winners in their scratch match.

A warm thanks go to Keith Dingley for his hard work for the NWMGA and arranging a very good venue for our match.

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS: 4 CHESHIRE SUPER SENIORS:8
Manchester GC; 22nd June:
Match Captain, Ken Stafford, reports:



The two teams assemble in front of Manchester GC's delightful clubhouse for a post match photograph
The match against Cheshire went well apart from the result -we lost 8-4. It was a scratch match and it seemed that the WHI of the Cheshire team were predominantly lower than ours. Everyone appeared to enjoy their matches and Cheshire have agreed to arrange a return match next year.
Manchester Golf Club considered the Super Seniors a cause worthy of recognition so they waived the green fee.
So as far as Super seniors golf is concerned it's onwards and upwards.

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS: 4 DAVYHULME PARK SENIORS: 8; 15th June:
Team Captain, Clive, sums up another enjoyable day at the spiritual home of Lancashire Senior golf:



Freshly crowned Lancashire County Seniors Champion and SDGA Vice Chairman, Allan Harrison of S&A GC, tees off against Dave Higham and Brian Connor

A glorious sunny day at Davyhulme for our annual match against their seniors team. The format of 3 scratch and 3 handicap matches proved very popular again with Davyhulme turning out a strong team. The first match of Mike Tonge and Allan Harrison against Dave Higham and Brian Connor was a close run match with Mike setting off strong on the first few holes and Allan finishing strong

with birdies on 17 and 18 to win 2up. Unfortunately Paul Stanley had to play the no 2 pairings on his own and put up a brave fight but it proved a putt too far. Mike Spencer and Mal Morton managed a half as did Clive Appleby and Kevin Eyre thanks to good teamwork and a birdie on the final hole by Clive. Unfortunately the other two handicap matches went the way of Davyhulme park home pairings with a final result of 8pts to 4pts in their favour. The food as always was excellent and following the heat of the day a number of liquid refreshments were enjoyed after the match and a date set for next year's encounter.



It doesn't get much better than this – evoking memories of past Lancashire Seniors matches at Davyhulme Park GC over the past four decades, the tow teams assemble in front of the Club logo

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V CUMBRIA SUPER SENIORS; 3rd July; Kirby Lonsdale GC:

PLAYER	CLUB	CONTACT DETAILS
Ian Bond : Match captain	Dunscar GC	07850 290955
Clive Appleby : Team Captain	Fairhaven GC	07376 927398
Andrew Charnock	St.Annes Old Links	07411 650588
Ian Clark	Hesketh GC	07846 173555
Malcolm Evans	Ashton-in-Makerfield	07958 955214
Allan Harrison	Southport & Ainsdale GC	07778 180988
Steve Smalley	Fairhaven GC	07748 040048
Mike Hornby	Pleasington GC	07867 788168
Chris Millar	Southport & Ainsdale GC	07905 626605
Dave Shepherd	Dunscar GC	07765 527823
Paul Stanley	Southport & Ainsdale GC	07863 225383
Alan Williams	Southport & Ainsdale GC	07468 492274

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V BENTHAM SENIORS: 14th July: Bentham GC:

PLAYER	CLUB	CONTACT DETAILS
Clive Appleby:	Team Captain Fairhaven GC	07376 927398
Andrew Charnock	St. Annes Old Links	07411 650588

Kevin Eyre	Haydock Park GC	07725 576974
Colin Taylor	Fairhaven GC	07764 524636
John Howard	Dunscar GC	07557 514790
Steve Melbourne	St.Annes Old Links GC	07794 239969
Eric Taylor	Lancaster GC	07908 196949
Vince Sarsfield	Pleasington GC	07831 141411
Ken Stafford	Manchester GC	07885 255815
Graeme Slater	Clitheroe GC	07828 205109
Paul Tebay	Dunscar GC	07801 435740

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V SOUTH LANCS GA SENIORS: 24th July; Ashton-in-Makerfield GC

PLAYER	CLUB	CONTACT DETAILS
Clive Appleby : Match Captain	Fairhaven GC	07376 927398
Rory Callan	Morecambe GC	07703 293854
Archie Crick	Hesketh GC	07435 564454
Ian Clark	Hesketh GC	07846 173555
Colin Jones	Formby Hall GC	07780 623841
Allan Williams	Southport & Ainsdale GC	07468 492274
Chris Millar	Southport & Ainsdale GC	07905 626605
Paul Kelly	Formby GC	07841 696738
Vince Sarsfield	Pleasington GC	07831 141411
Mike Tonge	Lancaster GC	07595 182584
Paul Bradbury	St.Annes Old Links GC	07788 237402
Graeme Slater	Clitheroe GC	0782 205109

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V ISLE OF MAN SENIORS:; Lancaster GC; 27th July:

PLAYER	CLUB	CONTACT DETAILS
Mike Tonge : Match Captain	Lancaster GC	07595 182584
Rory Callan	Morecambe GC	07703 293854
Andrew Charnock	St. Anne's Old Links GC	07411 650588
Colin Crumlin	Hesketh GC	07794 123670

Alistair Hargreaves	St. Anne's Old Links Gc	07792 027509
Clive Appleby : Team Captain	Fairhaven GC	07376 927398
David Lomax	Flixton GC	07929 640211
Steve Melbourne	St. Anne's Old Links GC	7794 239969
Chris Millar	Southport & Ainsdale GC	7905 626605
Paul Woods	Ashton-in-Makerfield GC	07812 639938
Steve Smalley	Fairhaven GC	07748 040048
Paul Thomas	Ormskirk HC	07971 186285

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V FORMBY GC SENIORS: Formby GC; 1st August:

PLAYER	CLUB	CONTACT DETAILS
Allan Harrison : Match Captain	Southport & Ainsdale GC	07778 180988
Clive Appleby : Team Captain	Fairhaven GC	07376 927398
Mike Hornby	Pleasington GC	07867 788168
Colin Jones	Formby Hall GC	7780 623841
Terry Pottage	Denton GC	07970 474237
Steve Smalley	Fairhaven GC	07748 040048
Dave Shepherd	Dunscar GC	07765 527823
Mike Spencer	Ashton-in-Makerfield	07876 454951
Alan Williams	Southport & Ainsdale GC	07468 492274
Paul Thomas	Ormskirk GC	07971 186285
Clive Hastie	Dunscar GC	07889 169052
Ian Cunningham	Manchester GC	07789 456029
Jeff Clements	Stand GC	07931 347246
Malcolm Evans	Ashton-in-Makerfield GC	07958 955214
Paul Bradbury	St.Annes Old Links GC	07788 237402

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	5-7
4	15 th May	Southport & DGA Seniors*	Hurlston Hall	KCH	3-9
5	7 th June	NWMGA	Pike Fold GC	JH	4-8
6	15 th June	Davyhulme Park Seniors	Davyhulme Park GC	KCH	4-8

7	22 nd June	Cheshire Super Seniors***	Manchester GC	CA	4-8
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 Lancs 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 7-9 th June 2023
LANCASHIRE COUNTY SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP:	Fleetwood GC 12-13 th June 2023
EGU NORTHERN COUNTIES SENIORS' CH'SHIP:	Furness GC 25-26 th July 2023
BRITISH SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP:	Royal Porthcawl GC 26-30 th July 2023
NORTHERN COUNTIES SENIORS QUALIFIER:	Casteltown GC 10 th August 2023

SENIORS' OPENS 2023:

John Glover Seniors Open	Wednesday 5 th July - Morecambe GC
Rut Niblick Seniors Open	Monday 26 th June – Pleasington GC
Sir Michael Bonallack Seniors Open	Wednesday 12 th July– Clitheroe GC
Manchester Seniors Open Trophy	Thursday 6 th July – Manchester GC
David Marsh Seniors Open	31 st Aug-1st Sept – S&A GC

...AND FINALLY...

SDGA SENIORS V CUMBRIA SUPER SENIORS: Hesketh GC; 22nd May:

Cumbria's Team Captain and retired PGA Professional, Stephen Rooke, reflects upon this inaugural match, complete with the light-hearted exchange between Rookie and Keith:



Left to right: SDGA's Roger Cox; PGA Master Professional Howard Bennett; Graham Crisp; Stephen Rooke; Chris Rogers

On a fine May day in Southport, Cumbria Super Seniors played their inaugural match versus the Southport and District G.A. on the lovely Hesketh golf links. We found the course in fine condition on a challenging day weatherwise. Personally my partner Crispy and I truly enjoyed our game v my good pal Chris Rogers and Coxy; of course I only mention this as Cumbria prevailed in this match but unfortunately went on to lose 3-9.

Afterwards, following a couple of libations, we all headed for grub upstairs. One of my teammates had to scrounge a jacket off Keith Hick - thanks Keith, I knew you would come in useful, added to that a few of us had to brush the cobwebs off our ties !!!! Its always great to look around and see new acquaintances enjoying each other's company.



Match Captains, SDGA's Allan Harrison (centre left) and Stephen Rooke seen with the Cumbria team on Hesketh's balcony. SDGA Chairman, Harry Tunnicliffe is next to Rookie with match organisers SDGA President Keith Hick and Cumbria's John Pinder first left and first right

Well I would say it was a fine start to our relationship and John Pinder and I would like to personally thank Keith Hick for his usual abs. proficient organisation. Just to finish Keith I know you're in denial but years ago through Colts and Scratch Winter League you never beat me ??? the odd half maybe.

Hickey please thank your club and team for their welcome and hospitality

Cheers Rookie

Hi Rookie,

Brilliant! - just the ticket and well worth the wait.

Consulting my 'little black book' in which I've recorded courses played, scores, results, aces, birdies & eagles, prizes etc since 1964, I see we played against each other four times - two wins to you (1969 & 1970), one win for me (1973) and one halved match (1970).

Happy days indeed!

Here's looking forward to seeing you both during the year.

Best regards,

Keith

Hi Keith,

Okay, okay just testing to see if you are on your metal. Oh silly me, I should have known !!!!!!!!!!!

Rookie

...the photograph below captures Cumbria's Stephen Rooke and Keith Hick in a 'previous life':

SDGA Scratch Winter League: 18th October 1970; Hillside V Hesketh:

*Left to right below: **Hesketh:** Keith Hick; Roland Hill; Derek Bebbington; Lawrence Richards **Hillside:** Stephen Rooke; Mike Pearson; Harold Swash (Britain's 'Putting Doctor' and inventor of the Align C-Groove and YES Putters; Ex England Rugby International, Gordon Rimmer; Dr Fred Wilson*



Best regards and happy golfing,

Keith Hick

Secretary

30th June 2023

Clive Appleby
Team Captain