



LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS' GOLF TEAM

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TALKING SENIORS' GOLF: MAY 2023

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Suddenly, the long cool Spring turned into an early Summer and the sun began baking golfers and golf courses alike.

Two matches to report upon this month against Heysham and SDGA at Hurlston Hall GC between Southport and Ormskirk.

Senior golf, along with Super Seniors, continues to develop and with several icons of the game approaching 50, the seniors game will continue to attract sponsors and spectators alike. On the UK front, no doubt the debate about what age golfers qualify for the nomenclature of 'senior' will continue. Whilst the professional game applies 50 years of age, amateur golfers don't qualify until they reach 55. Attempts have been made to align the two but nothing, as yet, has changed. The decision by LSS to move from 55 to 60 mirrors the improvements in health, well being and, not least, equipment and golf ball technology. The saying that, "60 is the new 40" may be stretching things a little, but few would disagree golfers are remaining competitive and active longer than they were.

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: 5 HEYSHAM SENIORS: 7; HEYSHAM GC; 12TH May:
Team Captain Clive Appleby reports:



Rory Callan and Clive Appleby on the first tee with Heysham GC's Seniors Organiser Ian Gardner and Club President, Tony Wilkinson

A glorious sunny day greeted the LSS team at Heysham Golf Club. The match was played with handicaps and although Heysham players received shots in all the games the result was close with Heysham just coming out on top by 7pts to 5pts. One match halved, LSS winning 2 games and Heysham winning 3 games. The match was played in the usual friendly spirit with some old friendships renewed. Heysham president Tony Wilkinson gave a belated welcome to everyone and his thanks for an enjoyable day. A provisional date was set for next year's match and a few liquid refreshments enjoyed.

**SDGA SENIORS: 9 LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS: 3; Hurlston Hall GC; 15th May:
Match Captain Jamie Haddon sums up LSS' first visit to Hurlston Hall GC:**



Left to right: LSS Match Captain Jamie Haddon; Mike Hornby; PGA Master Professional Howard Bennett; Mark Ellison; Jeff Cummins

It really was a treat to play at Hurlston Hall. I have known it for 15 years and it has come on tremendously. In that time. It must be one of the best inland courses in Lancashire. Our match against Southport consisted of 3 gross and 3 net stableford matches. Mike Hornby and I found ourselves up against a 58 year old scratch golfer, Mark Ellison, playing on his home course and his partner Jeff Cummings from Hesketh. I hope Mark is able to play for the County Senior team. The match result was 9---3 to Southport with Alistair Hargreaves and Malcolm Evans winning their match while Mike Spencer and Graeme Slater got a half. Hurlston Hall made us very welcome, making it a very enjoyable day apart from the result

Match Organiser Keith Hick adds: Having a foot in both camps as SDGA President/Executive Secretary and LSS Secretary, I was either a neutral or on a 'win-win' no loser ticket, depending upon to whom you spoke! Joking aside, it was a splendid day's golf with SDGA breaking the 6-6 deadlock of the 2021 & 2022 matches. Hurlston Hall hosted their first SDGA representational match in fine style, providing four club members, Mark Ellison, Peter Dobson, Phil Sauce and Paul Purnell. PGA Master Professional Howard Bennett was invited to the day and, along with SDGA Chairman, Harry Tunnicliffe, enjoyed the occasion and post golf dinner.



The two Match Captains, Jamie Haddon of Lancashire Super Seniors (fourth left, back row) and SDGA's Allan Harrison (second right, back row) and team colleagues were joined by Master PGA Professional, Howard Bennett (seated, 3rd left) and SDGA Chairman/ LUGC Past President Harry Tunnicliffe (seated, fourth left) for a post match group photograph

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V DAVYHULME PARK SENIORS: 15th JUNE:

| PLAYER | CLUB | CONTACT DETAILS |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Dave Harrison : Match Captain | Hesketh GC | 07976 429892 |
| David Ash | Fairhaven GC | 01253 467267 |
| Mike Spencer | Ashton-in-Makerfield | 07876 454951 |
| Paul Stanley | S & A GC | 07863 225383 |
| Allan Harrison | S & A GC | 07778 180988 |
| David Lomax | Flixton GC | 07929 640211 |
| Clive Appleby : Team Captain | Fairhaven GC | 07376 927398 |
| Terry Pottage | Denton GC | 07970 474236 |
| Jeff Clements | Stand GC | 07931 347246 |
| Graeme Slater | Clitheroe GC | 07828 205109 |
| Mike Tonge | Lancaster GC | 07595 182584 |
| Jamie Hadow | Darwen GC | 01254 702372 |

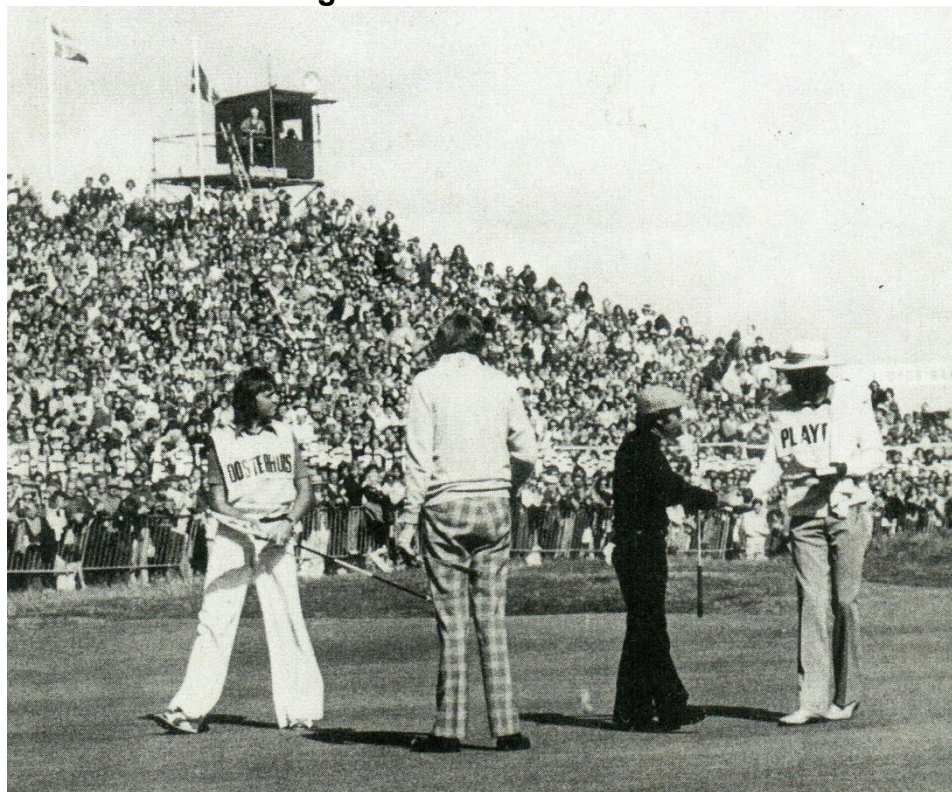
LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V CHESHIRE SUPER SENIORS: Manchester GC; 22nd June

| PLAYER | CLUB | CONTACT DETAILS |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Ken Stafford : Match Captain | Manchester GC | 07885 255815 |
| Archie Crick | Hesketh GC | 07435 564454 |
| Ian Cunningham | Manchester GC | 07789 456029 |
| Jamie Hadow | Darwen GC | 01254 702372 |
| Malcolm Evans | Ashton-in-Makerfield GC | 07958 955214 |
| Clive Appleby:Team Captain | Fairhaven GC | 07376 927398 |
| Paul Kelly | Formby GC | 07841 696738 |
| Chris Millar | S & A GC | 07905 626605 |
| Paul Thomas | Ormskirk GC | 07971 186285 |
| David Lomax | Flixton GC | 07929 640211 |
| Colin Taylor | Fairhaven GC | 07764 524636 |
| Keith White | Ashton-in-M'field GC | 07807 914776 |

HANG ON TO YOUR HATS COBBERS – THE SINGING CADDIE RETURNS!

The European Tour's longest-serving caddy, Paul Stevens, is set to return to these shores from his home in Oz. Paul hits the UK again for another stint of after dinner engagements during Autumn 2023. If you are interested in booking Paul, dial into Paul's website:

caddielegend.com for a gander at Paul's amazing career as an entertainer and caddy to the world's top golfers and stars of stage and screen.



Paul (left) caddied for Peter Oosterhuis at Royal Lytham during the 1974 Open Championship won by Gary Player, seen shaking hands with his caddy on the 72nd green

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 | |
| 6 | 15 th June | Davyhulme Park Seniors | Davyhulme Park GC | KCH | |
| 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

31st Aug-1st Sept – S&A GC

...AND CLIVE ROUNDS THINGS OFF THIS MONTH:

A mixed start to the season for LSS with some good results and some not as good results but with more of the clubs now accepting the format of 3 scratch and 3 handicap games results that were previously very one sided are now proving to be more evenly matched ensuring everyone has a more competitive game. It's still a challenge at times getting a full team on the day of our matches due to illnesses and hospital appointments, which is a common problem with seniors golf, so my thanks go out to those players who are always willing to fill the gaps at late notice. The introduction of the WhatsApp group for this season has proved successful and I encourage everyone to continue using it if there are no reserves for a match.

My thanks also go to the match captains who make my job a lot easier by confirming the teams and providing a match report to Keith.

Have a great season and enjoy renewing old acquaintance's.

Best regards and happy golfing,

Keith Hick

Secretary

7th June 2023

Clive Appleby

Team Captain