



LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS' GOLF TEAM

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

With our season now in full swing we have four matches to report upon this month; two wins and two reversals. Both Cumbria and Isle of Man fell to the Red Rose whilst both Bentham and South Lancs GA came out on top. The undoubted highlight saw LSS Match Captain, Mike Tonge, playing a captain's innings in bringing home the Irish Sea Challenge Trophy for the first time.

Four matches during August to look forward to against Formby, St Annes' Old Links, Denton and Fairhaven Seniors.

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: 7 CUMBRIA SUPER SENIORS: 5;
3rd July; Kirby Lonsdale GC:



The two teams assemble for a post match photograph outside the clubhouse

Weather was good and the course was in great condition, as expected our opponents hospitality was second to none with pre and post match entertainment from Steve Rooke their Team Captain.

A closely fought match with Lancashire just coming out on top with a 7-5 win with five of the six games going to the last green

Lancashire champion Allan and Chinny led by example with a 2 & 1 win over the Cumbria top pairing, the next three matches were all halved, Clive and Paul Stanley narrowly lost 1 down in a closely fought game and Mike Tonge and Alan Williams edged match six 1up.

A great day, played in the spirit golf should be played, already looking forward to this fixture in 2024

Ian Bond

Match Captain



LSS Match Captain, Dunscar's Ian Bond (first right above), led his team to a stirring win against Rookie's Cumbria side
LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V BENTHAM SENIORS: 14th July: Bentham GC:

Team Captain Clive reports:

Another great day for LSS. After the usual bacon barmes and tea/coffee we gathered on the first tee with a forecast of heavy rain and winds, waterproofs and rain covers were donned by everyone. Each group tee'd off with a glimmer of sunshine showing through the clouds. The result was a win for Bentham Seniors 8 points to 4 points. Having played Bentham many times it has moved up a level and was in excellent condition from tee to green with everyone praising the course. Luckily the forecast of heavy rain didn't arrive until we were all in the clubhouse enjoying a hearty meal. I have never seen the course in such a good condition and well presented, I didn't play there last year and it's like a different course without a blade of grass out of place and the food was excellent, A big thank you to Bentham golf club and seniors for a great day enjoyed by all despite the result.

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS: 4 SOUTH LANCS GA SENIORS: 8
24th July; Ashton-in-Makerfield GC



Perfect timing! The sun shines on the two teams following the match

LSS Team Captain, Clive, reviews the match:

After 24 hours of persistent rain the match against South Lancs Golf Association was in doubt but, with the forecast for good weather and the Ashton-in-Makerfield green staff working from the early hours, we were given the go ahead. A close match played off scratch followed and with 2 games halving with the last putts on the 18th green the result was a 8pts to 4pts win for the SLGA. Well done to Mike Tonge and Paul Bradbury who managed a win on the last hole. Old friendships were renewed over steak pie and fruit crumble (a few drinks as well) and it was agreed that we would meet again at the same time next year and have a re-match.

Clive
Match Captain



Nick Fellows, Chris Millar, Dave McMullen and Colin Jones

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS: 8 ISLE OF MAN SUPER SENIORS: 4

Lancaster GC; 1st August:

LSS Match Captain Mike Tonge reports on an exciting win:



Geoff Skillicorn, Colin Taylor, Mike Tonge and Clive Appleby on the 1st tee



Steve Smalley, Keith Ward, Andy Lagden and Andrew Charnock sport their team colours

Despite the best efforts of this years Summer Monsoon Season, the course at Lancaster Golf Club was re-opened in time for the Annual Irish Sea Challenge. The players from both sides enjoyed a window in the weather and a course that was playing its full-length off the White Tees. The match was played in great spirits and the games were closely contested, but for the first time the Lancashire Super Seniors came out on top and secured the much coveted Crystal Trophy. The Isle of Man team were supplemented by two Lancaster Golf Club Members, Tony Holiday and Eric Taylor, who aided their Manx steeds Dave Dancox and Brian Kelly to victory with their home club knowledge in their two respective matches against Chris Millar and Steve Melbourne and Paul Thomas and David Lomax, gaining 4 points for the IoM. The top match saw Andrew Charnock and Steve Smalley beat Keith Ward and Andy Lagden 2 up, with Team Captain Mike Tonge and the evergreen Clive Appleby overcoming the Manx Captain Geoff Skillicorn and Colin Taylor by the same 2 up margin. Kevin Eyre and Paul Woods beat Tim Callardine and Simon Murray 2 and 1 and Alistair Hargreaves teamed up with Graeme Slater to bring home the last game by a creditable 5&4 victory over Jeff Ward and Andrew Horne. The final result was a 8-4 win for the Red Rose team.

PALATINE TROPHY: Davyhulme Park: Thursday 5th October: Clive previews the day:

We are already into August and the season is flying by and so I'm starting to think about the Palatine Trophy which will be the end of season get together at Davyhulme Park Golf Club on the 5th of October. There's a lot of planning and organising that goes into this event and your support would be appreciated so please keep a space in your diary and help to make the day a success.



LSS Team Captain Clive Appleby accepts the Irish Sea Trophy for safekeeping from IoM Team Captain, Geoff Skillicorn

The players enjoyed a marvellous two course meal in the great dining room in the Castellated Clubhouse and lots of banter was had, particularly as Rory Callan had joined the ensemble with his inimitable wit a repartee! Both teams look forward to the fixture again next year with the Isle of Man team intent on regaining the Trophy!

Mike Tonge, Match Captain.

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	7-5
9	14 th July	Bentham GC Seniors	Bentham GC	KCH	4-8
10	24 th July	South Lancs GA seniors*	Ashton in Makerfield GC	JVC	4-8
11	27 th July	Isle of Man Super Seniors* (Irish Sea Golf Challenge Match)	Lancaster GC	JH/RC	8-4
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:

NORTHERN COUNTIES SENIORS QUALIFIER:

Casteltown GC 10th August 2023

SENIORS' OPENS 2023:

David Marsh Seniors Open

31st Aug-1st Sept – S&A GC

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V St. Annes Old Links SENIORS
THURSDAY 10th August 2023

PLAYER	CLUB	CONTACT DETAILS
Ian Cunningham	Manchester GC	07789 456029
Ian Clark : Match Captain	Hesketh GC	07846 173555
Dave Shepherd	Dunscar GC	07765 527823
Andy Tiso	Fairhaven GC	07730 399170
John Howard	Dunscar GC	07557 514790
Andrew Charnock	St Annes' Old Links GC	07411-650588
Paul Stanley	S&A	07863-225383
Swamy Narayana	Clitheroe GC	07764 941377
Clive Appleby:Team Captain	Fairhaven GC	07376 927398
Paul Tebay	Dunscar GC	07801 435740
Ian Bond	Dunscar GC	07850 290955
David Ash	Fairhaven GC	01253 467267

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V DENTON GC SENIORS
TUESDAY 22rd AUGUST 2023

PLAYER	CLUB	CONTACT DETAILS
John Howard : Match Captain	Dunscar GC	07557 514790
Clive Appleby : Team Captain	Fairhaven GC	07376 927398
Jeff Clements	Stand GC	07931 347246
Archie Crick	Hesketh GC	07435 564454
Jamie Haddow	Darwen GC	01253 702372
David Lomax	Flixton GC	07929 640211
Vince Sarsfield	Pleasington GC	07831-141411
Ken Stafford	Manchester GC	07885 255815
Paul Stanley	Southport & Ainsdale GC	07863 225383
Mike Spencer	Ashton-in-Makerfield GC	07876 454951
Mike Tonge	Lancaster GC	07595 182584
Ian Cunningham	Manchester GC	07789 456029

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V FAIRHAVEN SENIORS
Sunday 27th August 2023

PLAYER	CLUB	CONTACT DETAILS
Jeff Clements : Team Captain	Stand GC	07931 347246
Ian Bond	Dunscar GC	07850 290955
Archie Crick	Hesketh GC	07435 544454
Malcolm Evans	Ashton-in-Makerfield GC	07958 955214
Mike Tonge	Lancaster GC	07595 182584
Allan Harrison	Southport & Ainsdale GC	07778 180988
Colin Jones	Formby Hall GC	07780 623841
Chris Millar	Southport & Ainsdale GC	07905 626605
Vince Sarsfield	Pleasington GC	07831 141411
Mike Spencer	Ashton-in-Makerfield GC	07876 454951
Paul Stanley	Southport & Ainsdale GC	07863 225383
Alan Williams	Southport & Ainsdale GC	07468 492274

Best regards and happy golfing,

Keith Hick
Secretary
 8th August 2023

Clive Appleby
Team Captain