



## LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS' GOLF TEAM

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## TALKING SENIORS' GOLF: OCTOBER 2023

### *The Newsletter of Lancashire Super Seniors*

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And here we are, reviewing yet another season, one full of good golf, (some) good weather and with plenty of memories to sustain us during the coming winter months.

Clive reports on the Palatine Trophy, which doubles up as our End of Season Competition, held this year at Davyhulme Park GC.

We also pay tribute to Ian Woolley MBE, who served as County Seniors Secretary during the 1980s.

### **LSS WORKING PARTY:**

Following the conclusion of the playing season at Davyhulme Park for the Palatine Trophy, our LSS Working Party met at Fairhaven GC to review the past season and to progress the world of Super Seniors golf in previewing the 2024 season. The meeting Minutes are included below for you to keep up to date with all things LSS.

### **LSS WhatsApp:**

This newly introduced app continues to prove it's worth in helping Clive to plug any gaps owing to player unavailability. It's immediacy is invaluable, saving countless phone calls – and Clive's hair which is now flourishing once again!

### **LSS WEBSITE: [lssgolf.co.uk](http://lssgolf.co.uk):**

Dive into the LSS web site managed by S&A's Paul Stanley. This can be accessed as follows:

- USER NAME: lssgolf
- PASSWORD: Southport@2022

### **PALATINE TROPHY: Davyhulme Park GC; Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October:**

Team Captain, Clive, sums up another highly enjoyable day at the spiritual home of Lancashire Seniors:

29 LSS players were joined by Don Connor, Gordon Tilzey ( Senior captain ) and David Marsden ( Club secretary ) at Davyhulme Park Golf Club for the end of season/Palatine trophy competition on Thursday 5th October. After heavy rain all night and a forecast of further rain all day the outlook was not good but after donning waterproof and wet weather gear Doug set us all off from the first tee. Within 30 mins everyone was stripping off their waterproofs and playing in tee shirts and jumpers to enjoy the rest of the day in the dry weather. With the soft ground conditions and five temporary greens there was some exceptional scores.

- **Winners with 47 points. Dominic Connor & David Shepherd**
- **Runners up. With 45 points Gordon Tilzey & Ian Bond.**
- **3rd prize with 44 points. Damien Lawrenson & Paul Woods**
- **Nearest the pin on the 14th hole. Kevan Marden.**
- **Nearest the pin on the 17th hole. David Shepherd.**

## PALATINE TROPHY PRIZE WINNERS:



*Don Connor and David Shepherd pictured with LSS Team Captain, Clive Appleby*



*Gordon Tilzey and Ian Bond*



*Damien Lawrenson and Paul Woods*

As always we were looked after very well by Warren and his catering team with a roast beef dinner followed by a desert table.

After dinner and presentations the room was opened for discussion and any ideas from the members for improvements for next year and any volunteers or nominations for a new LSS captain. There were no responses for either.

After a few drinks and renewing of friendships everyone set off for home in the now pouring rain.

**Regards Clive**

***Keith Hick pays tribute to Ian Woolley:***

## **IAN WOOLLEY MBE**

**Known to many current and past Senior golfers throughout Lancashire, Ian Woolley MBE passed away aged 91 during late October.**

A Past Captain of Pleasington GC and Past President LUGC (2003-4), Ian served as County Seniors Secretary for several years during the 1980s before handing over the role to Frank Seed, at that time also a Pleasington GC member.

Ian's enthusiasm for golf led him to instigate the Pleasington Rut Niblick Seniors Open. Today the Rut Niblick sits alongside the many Senior Opens throughout Lancashire and has proved enduringly popular. Ian was delighted LSS helped promote the Niblick and proved a keen supported of our Lancashire Super Seniors movement, recognizing the innovative approach in extending competitive senior golf throughout Lancashire.

I first met Ian during his LUGC Presidential year in 2003 when SDGA played the Rest of Lancashire in the opening County match of the year for the John Dickinson Trophy at Southport Old Links as shown below.



*Left to right: LUGC President Ian Woolley; SDGA Vice Chairman Allan Harrison; SDGA Chairman Harry Tunnicliffe; John Dickinson Jnr; LUGC Team Captain Cliff Bowman; Southport Old Links Captain David Horner*

During lockdowns, Ian contributed his career golfing recollections to help sustain our LSS Newsletter as the golfing landscape was laid bare.

But it was his immeasurable contribution to the Blackburn area health boards that Ian was rewarded with an MBE.

It can be said that Ian Woolley MBE was a 'giver' in the truest sense of the word, both on and off the golf course.

**Keith**

## WORKING PARTY MEETING: FAIRHAVEN GC; 26<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023: 10.00am

Working Party members: Clive Appleby (CA) Team Captain Fairhaven GC  
in attendance: Jeff Clements (JVC) Stand GC  
Clive Hastie (CH) Dunscar 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  
Kevin Eyre (KE) Haydock Park GC, moving to  
Ashton-in-Makerfield GC  
Apologies: Rory Callan (RC) Morecambe GC

*The meeting commenced at 10.18am, chaired by KCH; KE was welcomed by attending WP members who also requested their good wishes to Rory be minuted.*

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

1. **Approve Minutes of February 2023 meeting & matters arising:** **KCH:** *The Minutes were taken as read; Proposed by CH; Seconded by PS.*
2. **Review 2023 season** **CA:** *In reviewing the 2023 season, CA advised another highly successful campaign with four wins, two draws and several close matches. Late withdrawal of players continued to pose problems. Whilst the advent of WhatsApp has alleviated this situation, players' attention needs to be drawn to securing reserves themselves with CA as a last resort. JVC offered congratulations to CA, unanimously endorsed. JVC also suggested a reduction in matches could be considered; however, it was agreed to maintain the current level of fixtures with no increases planned for 2024. KCH congratulated S&A's Allan Harrison, a LSS player, in winning the County Seniors Championship.*
3. **Preview 2024 season fixtures:** **CA/JVC**
  - a. **Team Captain:** *Despite increasing time pressures upon his personal life, CA agreed to continue in the role for 2024 with KE potentially looking to shadow in an assistant capacity during 2025. KJS suggested a modest honorarium for CA drawn from existing funds – agreed. KCH declined a similar arrangement now he is home based. It was further agreed Match Captains have their day costs reimbursed from day funds to incentivise interest in the role.*
  - b. **Securing dates/venues for outstanding matches:** *CA advised excellent progress in securing fixtures for the 2024 season with the draft Fixture List in place KCH agreed to progress the Formby Hall and SDGA matches, noting KCH to liaise with KE re a date for the latter with KE. CA agreed to secure a new date for the match v Davyhulme Park GC. HC/JH to progress the match against Cumbria at Dunscar for 2024 – subsequently agreed post meeting for 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024. JVC agreed to manage the Pre-Season day for the Keith Gardner Trophy at Stand GC; KJS agreed to manage the Palatine Trophy/End of Season day at Manchester GC. At this juncture, KJS advised the recent damage to the course inflicted by a stray herd of cows also necessitating the closure of the adjacent motorway!*
  - c. **Impact of WHS; Handicap matches format:** *It was agreed to continue the 3+3 Scratch/Handicap format for 2024 with the agreement of host team captains. Scratch matches to remain unchanged.*
  - d. **Match & Event Managers – including Rory's proposal\*;** *The attention of all LSS players was drawn to the ongoing situation in failing to adequately secure a reserve should they become unavailable. It was agreed Rory's Proposal be adopted for the 2024 season and the importance conveyed to players via the Newsletter. It was agreed Match Managers are to be appointed by CA for the 2024 season. KCH advised owing to family health issues, he is restricted to managing the Formby Hall and SDGA fixtures.*
4. **2024 Pre-Season Competition:** **JVC**



- a. *Keith Gardner Memorial Trophy: See 3 (b) above. JVC to consider extending an invitation to Maureen Gardner to attend the evening dinner and presentation. Trophy holder, Roger Cox, to be requested to return trophy by JVC.*
- 5. 2024 Palatine Trophy; Date & venue TBC** **All KJS**  
*provisionally offered Manchester GC as the venue and subsequent to the meeting, agreement was reached for 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024 with a day cost of £49/head net of day prize fund.*
- 6. 2024 End of Season Competition; Date & venue TBC** **All: See above;**  
*It was agreed to combine the Palatine Trophy with the End of Season day to reduce fixture dates, noting this is likely to continue for the foreseeable future.*
- 7. New recruits** **All: CA advised a**  
*regular influx of new recruits is being maintained as word spreads about the success of LSS & Super Seniors golf in general. CH advised Super Seniors are now recognised by Cheshire and Cumbria County Unions; however, still no movement from Lancashire. It was agreed WP Members continue to promote the cause via their respective contacts. It is acknowledged interest from the current County Senior squad is limited owing to their seniors' commitments.*
- 8. Liaison with County Seniors/LUGC** **CH: CH & KCH**  
*advised the recent appointment of Stuart Leech, erstwhile Secretary/ Manager of Formby GC, as successor to Mark Bardsley. CH & KCH to continue liaising with Stuart.*
- 9. Lancashire Super Seniors Golf Association; Change of name** **CA/KCH: Item**  
*deferred.*
- 10. Team kit:** **CA: It was agreed PS**  
*assume the role of 'Kit Keeper' from CA.*
- 11. Communication:** **KCH/PS**
- a. Newsletter
- b. Web site
- c. WhatsApp: *It was agreed each of the above continue to provide excellent coverage and means of communication for LSS*
- 12. Accounts:** **KJS**
- a. Current surplus in hand
- b. Ad hoc generated income: *KJS tabled the 2023 Accounts advising an improved reporting format indicating a surplus £205.00. Income generated for host clubs equated to £9572.00 during 2023. However, taking into account the additional revenue clubs also receive from LSS players' beverage, plus host club players' catering & beverage expenditure, the grand total would be well in excess of £9.5K. It was agreed KJS prepare a provisional expenditure budget for 2024, taking into account the planned honorarium for CA. KCH reminded everyone of the likely increase in host clubs administering a green fee as pressure mounts upon clubs to enhance revenue.*
- 13. AOB:** *There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.12pm.*

\*See Rory's appended Proposal

**Keith Hick**  
**Secretary**  
 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Distribution: WP Members; Allan Harrison, Lancashire Seniors Champion

### **RORY CALLAN PROPOSAL:**

#### **History**

*Over the last couple of years our Captain has had to endure a totally unnecessary amount of stress in his time in Office which should be an enjoyable term.*

*This stress has been created by players selected for matches crying off at short notice resulting in him spending a great deal of his free time chasing up replacements or, even worse, being unable to make up match team numbers.*

The introduction of the WhatsApp protocol has been of great help but, as with all Social Media systems, there are downsides! Members of LSS who are unable to meet their match commitments (regular offenders?) just place their unavailability on WhatsApp and it is no longer their problem – they haven't even bothered to contact the listed Match Reserves!

Regretfully discipline is not recognised by society in this day and age but I thought our age-group would be more responsible so I feel very disappointed that this situation has arisen.

### Structure

Our structure lends itself to good practices which need to be implemented for the 2024 season.

As I understand it, the serving LSS Captain is responsible for the Pre-season get together, the End of Season bash, The Palatine event and for initial Team Selections using the matrix.

### Proposal

I am proposing that all the remaining fixtures are then run by Match Managers.

They have been nominated in the past but their position has been in need of promulgation to all concerned. The current Match Managers allocations seem to be based on geographics resulting in some inequality in number of match responsibilities.

My proposal is to share the load by having 4 Match Managers (as I see it, we have 3 in Keith Hick, Jeff Clements and John Howard already in place) and, with Kevin Eyre retiring soon {he has a very good track record of running Scratch and Handicap Teams of many categories at Haydock Park GC} I ask that consideration be given to inviting him into the Working Party and to take up a role as Match Manager and that Match Managers are allocated an equal number of Matches.

I trust that this matter will receive full, frank discussion and that a satisfactory conclusion is reached.

### **Rory D G Callan**

Officer in Charge of Laundry and Morale!!

### **2023 LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS MATCHES & EVENTS:**

Match No	Date	Match	Venue	Mgr	Result
1	20 <sup>th</sup> April	Pre-season get-together	Stand GC	JVC	n/a
2	26 <sup>th</sup> April	Formby Hall Captain's Team*	Formby Hall G&CC	KCH	9-3
3	12 <sup>th</sup> May	Heysham Seniors	Heysham GC	JVC	5-7
4	15 <sup>th</sup> May	Southport & DGA Seniors*	Hurlston Hall	KCH	3-9
5	7 <sup>th</sup> June	NWMGA	Pike Fold GC	JH	4-8
6	15 <sup>th</sup> June	Davyhulme Park Seniors	Davyhulme Park GC	KCH	4-8
7	22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Cheshire Super Seniors***	Manchester GC	CA	4-8
8	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Cumbria Super Seniors*	Kirby Lonsdale GC	JH	7-5
9	14 <sup>th</sup> July	Bentham GC Seniors	Bentham GC	KCH	4-8
10	24 <sup>th</sup> July	South Lancs GA seniors*	Ashton in Makerfield GC	JVC	4-8
11	27 <sup>th</sup> July	Isle of Man Super Seniors* (Irish Sea Golf Challenge Match)	Lancaster GC	JH/RC	8-4
12	1 <sup>st</sup> August	Formby Seniors	Formby Golf GC	KCH	6-6
13	10 <sup>th</sup> August	St Annes Old Links	St Annes Old Links GC	AH	8-4
14	22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Denton GC Seniors	Denton GC	JVC	4-8
15	27 <sup>th</sup> August	Fairhaven GC Seniors*	Fairhaven GC	CA	0-12
16	4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Bolton GA Seniors*	Bolton-Old-Links	JH	6-6
17	12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Silverdale Seniors	Silverdale GC	JVC	5-7
18	26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Clitheroe GC Seniors	Clitheroe GC	JVC	5-7
19	5 <sup>th</sup> October	Palatine Trophy	Davyhulme Park GC	KCH	n/a

\* Scratch match

\*\*\* Scratch match Over 65's only

### **DRAFT 2024 LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS MATCHES & EVENTS:**

Match No	Date	Match	Venue
1	4 <sup>th</sup> April	Formby Hall Captain's Team*	Formby Hall G&CC
2	18 <sup>th</sup> April	Pre-season get-together	Stand GC
3	TBC May	Southport & SDGA Seniors*	TBC
4	TBC (May)	NWMGA	
5	10 <sup>th</sup> May	Heysham Seniors	Heysham GC
6	8 <sup>th</sup> June	Cheshire Super seniors* (over 65s only)	Bramhall GC
7	13 <sup>th</sup> June	Davyhulme Park Seniors	Davyhulme Park GC
8	1 <sup>st</sup> July	Cumbria Super Seniors*	Dunscar GC
9	12 <sup>th</sup> July	Bentham GC Seniors	Bentham GC

10	22 <sup>th</sup> July	South Lancs GA seniors*	Ashton in Makerfield GC
11	25 <sup>th</sup> July	Isle of Man Super Seniors* (Irish Sea Golf Challenge Match)	Heysham ??
12	6 <sup>th</sup> August	Formby Seniors	Formby Golf GC
13	20 <sup>th</sup> August	Denton GC Seniors	Denton GC
14	26 <sup>th</sup> August	Fairhaven Seniors *	Fairhaven GC
15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Bolton DGA Seniors	Bolton Old Links
16	10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Silverdale Seniors	Silverdale GC
17	24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Clitheroe GC Seniors	Clitheroe GC
18	4 <sup>th</sup> October	Palatine Trophy/ End of Season competition	Manchester GC

- \*Scratch match

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6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**Clive Appleby**  
**Team Captain**