



LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS' GOLF TEAM

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TALKING SENIORS' GOLF: APRIL 2024 *The Newsletter of Lancashire Super Seniors* lssgolf.co.uk

Two matches to report upon for April, plus the season opening Keith Gardner Trophy at Stand GC. We reprise the match report against Formby Hall GC's Captains Team played at the beginning of the month and then catch up with the match against SDGA Seniors at Ashton-in-Makerfield GC on the 29th.

An important change to note is the postponement of the match against Cumbria Seniors planned for the 27th May at Bentham GC. Cumbria's Team Captain, Steve Rooke, explains the Bank Holiday weekend has affected availability of his team to play and a re-arranged date will be announced.

One match during May to look forward to is the annual visit to Heysham on 10th May with the team sheet shown below.

Winners and Runners Up - Keith Gardner Trophy – 2024



From Left to Right: Colin Jones, Ian Bond, Simon Naylor, Mike Tonge

LSS Report - Keith Gardner Trophy – 18 April 2024

Ready for the traditional Lancashire Super Seniors Pre-Season opener and for once this season LSS were blessed with a relatively dry day. Stand Golf Club starting to look at its best in the small amount of spring sun as the grey clouds came and went. Fond memories of our departed LSS fellow golfer and team Captain Keith Gardner exchanged and the impressive event trophy engraved for last year's winners (R Cox and K Dingley) ready to be presented to new Champions! 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. A convivial atmosphere ensued as further golf stories were exchanged, and the scene set for friendly competitive golf. The course, as usual, proved a good test. The winners, with Stand GC's own Past Captain(2016) and guest for the day, Simon Naylor partnered by Steven Owen (Clitheroe GC), took the honours and the Trophy with a very creditable 44 pts. Simon thanked the LSS members and shared his fond memories and golfing connections of Keith Gardner (RIP).

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

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

Prize	Pair	Points
1 st	Simon Naylor + Steven Owen	44
2 nd	Mike Tonge + Ian Bond	43
Nearest Pin - 13 th Hole	Colin Jones	

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS: 7 FORMBY HALL CAPTAIN'S TEAM: 5

Thursday 4th April; Formby Hall GC

LSS Team Captain, Clive Appleby, reports on our 2024 season opening match:



Formby Hall GC Captain, Michael Carter (first right) and Immediate Past Captain, Bobby Phenna (first left), line up with Stephen Parke and Ken Stafford on the first tee

A great start to the season with our opening match taking place at Formby Hall on Thursday 4th April. Formby Hall turned out a strong scratch team with 4 of the 6 matches coming down to the last putt on the 18th green. After a wobbly start on the first couple of holes Allan Harrison and David Ratcliffe steadied the ship to eventually win 2&1. Ken Stafford and Stephen Parke (last minute reserve) won 1 up in a tight match against Formby Hall GC Captain, Mike Carter and Bobby Phenna. After being 4 down with 5 to play Allan Williams and Jim Fleming had a strong finish to rescue a point by halving the match on the 18th. With Clive Appleby/Steve Owen and Mike Tonge/Colin Crumlin both losing to putts on the 18th green it was all down to Paul Woods and & Graeme Slater in the last match who won 2&1 to secure a 7 points to 5 points win for LSS. Well done all who played.

Clive



*Left to right, front row: PGA Master Professional, Howard Bennett; Formby Hall GC Captain, Michael Carter; SDGA Chairman and LUGC Past President, Harry Tunnicliffe.
Back row: SDGA President & Executive Secretary/LSS Secretary Keith Hick; Formby Hall GC President, Jim Wood; Formby Hall GC Vice Captain, Darren Cahill; Formby Hall GC Immediate Past Captain, Bobby Phenna; LSS Team Captain, Clive Appleby*

Keith adds:

PGA Master Professional, Howard Bennett, joined us for the après golf and evening meal. Howard was able to announce one of his pupils, three time Major Winner, Ryder Cup player and Captain, Pádraig Harrington, was due to be inducted into the Golf Hall of Fame in June. Howard then regaled us with his take on the golf swing with a fascinating Q&A session after the meal, with everyone listening avidly to his pearls of golfing wisdom. Afterwards, Howard signed copies of his new book, 'The Making of a Golf Coach'.

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS: 2 SDGA SENIORS: 8
Ashton-in-Makerfield GC; 29th April



Left to right: Ken Stafford (Manchester GC); Paul Rooney (West Lancashire GC); Peter Darlington (S&A GC); SDGA Match Captain, Jeff Cummins (Hesketh GC)

SDGA Match Captain, Jeff Cummins (Hesketh GC) reports:

A reduced 10 a side SDGA V Lancashire Super Seniors scratch match was enjoyed at Ashton-in-Makerfield, the Greens Staff had clearly worked hard to ensure playable conditions following what had been a difficult few weeks weather-wise. The opening pairing matched Hesketh's Jeff Cummins, Team Captain for the day, with West Lancs' Paul Rooney against S&A's 2019 Captain Peter Darlington and the ever present Ken Stafford from Manchester GC, a close game until a couple of holes which SDGA won in succession ensured the first point. The weather remained very kind for this opening fixture and the post match meal enjoyed by all



Left to right: Kevin Eyre; Stuart Bourn; Archie Crick; Ian Wookey

Lancashire Super Seniors Match Captain Clive Appleby added:

A chilly, breezy day greeted the 20 players in the annual LSS V SDGA scratch match at Ashton-in-Makerfield on Monday 30th April. Due to the lack of available players there were only 5 fourball matches instead of the usual 6 matches. Although the weather was cold we received a warm welcome from everyone at the club. With some excellent play by some players on both teams the final result was a win for SDGA of 8 points to 2 points. Special mention to Colin Taylor and Mike Tonge who had an excellent win over Colin Jones and Steve Wilkinson and likewise for the SDGA pairing of Ian Wookey and Archie Crick who with a barrage of birdies proved too strong for Kevin Eyre and Stuart Bourn. After the match we all enjoyed an excellent meal of pie chips and peas followed by fruit crumble and custard.

SDGA SENIORS

Jeff Cummins & Paul Rooney	2
Colin Jones & Steve Wilkinson	0
Chris Millar & Paul Stanley	2
Mal Morton & Paul Thomas	2
Ian Wookey & Archie Crick	<u>2</u>
	8

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Peter Darlington & Ken Stafford	0
Mike Tonge & Colin Taylor	2
Jim Fleming & Malcolm Evans	0
Graeme Slater & Mike Spencer	0
Stuart Bourn & Kevin Eyre	<u>0</u>
	2

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V HEYSHAM GC SENIORS:

Heysham GC; 10th May

Jeff Clements: Match Captain	Stand GC	07931 347246
Rory Callan	Morecambe GC	07703 293894
Ian Clark	Hesketh GC	07846 173555
Mike Tonge	Lancaster GC	07595 182584
David Lomax	Flixton GC	07929 640211
Mal Morton	Formby GC	07922 043330
Swamy Narayana	Clitheroe GC	07764 941377
David Ratcliffe	Manchester GC	07875 092074
Clive Appleby : Team Captain	Fairhaven GC	07376 927398
Steven Owen	Clitheroe GC	07956 812302
Alan Swift	Hesketh GC	07933 599509
Paul Tebay	Dunscar GC	07801 435740

2024 LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS MATCHES & EVENTS:

Match No	Date	Match	Venue	
1	4 th April	Formby Hall Captain's Team*	Formby Hall G&CC	7-5
2	11 th April	Pre-season get-together	Stand GC	
3	29 th April	SDGA Seniors*	Ashton-in-Makerfield GC	2-8
4	10 th May	Heysham Seniors	Heysham GC	
5	27 th May	Cumbria Super Seniors*	Bentham GC (Postponed; to be re-arranged)	
6	6 th June	NWMGA*	Stand GC	
7	13 th June	Davyhulme Park Seniors	Davyhulme Park GC	
8	18 th June	Cheshire Super Seniors* (over 65s only)	Bramhall GC	
9	12 th July	Bentham GC Seniors	Bentham GC	
10	22 th July	South Lancs GA seniors*	Ashton in Makerfield GC	
11	25 th July	Isle of Man Super Seniors* (Irish Sea Golf Challenge Match)	Heysham GC	
12	6 th August	Formby Seniors	Formby Golf GC	
13	20 th August	Denton GC Seniors	Denton GC	
14	26 th August	Fairhaven seniors *	Fairhaven GC	
15	2 nd Sept	Bolton DGA Seniors*	Bolton Old Links	
16	10 th Sept	Silverdale Seniors	Silverdale GC	
17	24 th Sept	Clitheroe GC Seniors	Clitheroe GC	
18	4 th October	Palatine Trophy/	Manchester GC	End of Season competition

***Scratch match**

Qualifying criteria & playing format:

- Age 60 and over on 1st January 2024
- Handicap index: Notional handicap index Scr – 12 (However, this does not preclude any lower index players wishing to play in the Lancashire Super Seniors matches)
- 18 holes scratch or handicap match play; 12-a-side

Best regards and happy golfing,

Keith Hick
Secretary
8th May 2024

Clive Appleby
Team Captain