



LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS' GOLF TEAM

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TALKING SENIORS' GOLF: JUNE/JULY 2024

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A bumper edition this month courtesy of Keith's preparation for a 77,000 mile Prostate 'service' in early August.

Mtaches aplenty, including three against other Northern Counties, to report upon with some exciting tussels and a couple of well-earned draws amongst them.

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS: 4 DAVYHULME PARK SENIORS: 8

13th June

Match Captain, John Howard, reports:

On a bright sunny summer's day – oh sorry that must be a typo –start again - On an overcast day with heavy rain threatened later, LSS embarked its annual mission to overcome a historically very strong Davyhulme Seniors team. In usual fashion the LSS team were in high spirits. Captained for the day by John Howard and aided by the LSS Captain Clive Appleby who very generously came along for the day even though he wasn't playing.



The format for day was for 3 scratch matches and 3 handicap matches (cunning plan!!) Leading the way Steve Smalley & Colin Jones playing Derrick Page & Harry Sharkey got us off to a winning start 1up. Our hopes were unfortunately dashed when our strongest pairing of Allan Harrison & Paul Tebay were held to a half and in an equally close match Ken Stafford and David Lomax also halved.

Three matches over, three to gonailbiting stuff. Unfortunately, whilst the handicap LSS might still have been able to make a difference, it wasn't to be. Whilst matches were played in good spirit, Captain of Davyhulme Chris Butt and Don Connor dispensed with John Howard & Stephen Parke 3 & 2. Further defeats for Ian Cunningham/Rory Callan & David Ash/Swamy Narayana which ultimately had us "banged to rights" finishing with an overall loss of 8pts to 4.

The day took a turn for the better after the match with a superb meal served up by the excellent catering team.

Our thanks to Davyhulme Captain Chris Butt, organiser Don Connor, Davyhulme GC and its members for allowing this annual match to take place and we look forward to renewing the friendly rivalry again in 2025.

Finally, as we all know, our Captain Clive Appleby is a credit to our band of merry men. We acknowledge your hard work Clive and thank you for your tireless organisational skills.

John Howard

CHESHIRE SUPER SENIORS: 10 LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS: 2
Bramhall GC; 18th June



Team Captain, Clive, reports:

The second year of our now established match against Cheshire Super Senior's took place at a very soft Bramhall golf club where preferred lies were still in play following a wet start to the summer. All players were over 65 years of age for this match. Cheshire turned out a very strong team once again containing some players from their senior county team which resulted in a 10 points to 2 points victory for the Cheshire team. Well played Ken Stafford and Mal Morton who were the only winners for LSS. Hard luck to Paul Stanley and David Lomax who almost grabbed a point just losing 1Down. An excellent meal followed the team captain's thanks for the day with a big thank you to Richard Mallard, the Cheshire captain, for arranging the venue.

Regards
Clive

NOTHUMBERLAND SUPER SENIORS: 9 LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS: 3
Team Captain, Clive, reports on this inaugural match:

Our inaugural match against Northumberland super seniors and their first ever super seniors match took place at the Northumberland Golf club located in the Gosforth Race course. Most LSS players travelled the night before and after a pre dinner get together with drinks and nibbles supplied by Swamy in his hotel room we had a meal at the local eating house. The match against Northumberland the following day was a great success (even if the result didn't go our way) Northumberland fielding a very strong team of County and ex county over 65's. The final result was Northumberland 9 points LSS 3 points.



Well done Steve Melbourne and David Lomax who were our only winners and Ian Bond and Paul Woods who managed a half. Thanks to Terry Brown for putting us in touch with Jimmy Johnson the Northumberland captain and for making an appearance for LSS on the day. We were treated to a fine post match meal by the hosts and everyone expressed their wishes that it would be the first of many matches going forward.

Clive

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS: 3 BENTHAM SENIORS: 9

12th July

LSS Match Captain, John Howard, reports:

The day started out a little overcast but very much like the course itself it got better as the day wore on. LSS have been playing the match for ten years now and as Alan Swift (who played in the first match) says the course has matured and is now in great condition and a good test of golf.

A nice touch from Brain Wilson and the club was to allow a two tee start. As our record against Bentham Seniors has not been the best over the years our esteemed Captain Clive thought it a good idea to send out his strongest pair first??? Unfortunately so did Bentham with John Howard & Steve Smalley not being able to match Brian Wilson & Phil Gerrie and going down 3 & 2. A strong pairing of Chinney (Andy Charnock) & Clive Appleby managed an honourable half with Tony Walsh & Neil Perring. Our spirits were lifted when Swamy & Stephen Parke defeated Steve Barber & Dave Pearson 3 & 2, however this was short lived with our last 3 pairings of Steve Melbourne (giving 24 shots) & Simon Naylor, Peter Darlington & Alan Swift, Graeme & Kevin Eyre all suffering defeats. The day took a turn for the better after the match with a superb meal of Lamb Shank and Sticky Toffee Pudding (what's not to like) served up by the excellent catering team.

Our thanks to the Bentham organiser Brain Wilson, Bentham GC and its members for allowing this annual match to take place and we look forward to renewing the friendly rivalry again in 2025.



Finally, thanks once again to our Captain Clive Appleby for not only arranging the fixture but for turning up on a days' notice due to Rory having his car run into the previous day and not being able to attend the match. Thanks Clive. We acknowledge your hard work Clive and thank you for your tireless energy.

John Howard

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS: 6 SOUTH LANCS SUPER SENIORS: 6

Ashton in Makerfield GC; 22nd July

LSS Match Captain, Malcolm Evans, reports:

The teams were evenly matched, combined H/C of 80, so as Clive stated it has to be a draw, which was the end result(6-6)



After hosting the South Lancs Victory Trophy District Championship the week before, Ashton was in superb condition after team members Kevin Eyre and Keith White who are part of our greens team went out at 4.30/5am to cut treat, roll the greens and rake bunkers. (Thanks guys) and then play in the match for LSS. The overall score was a true reflection of the spirit in which we play these matches, this was the 5th time in six years we have played this fixture, missing only one because of Covid, Hearty thanks go out to our Chef Clare and her team for the superb food before and after golf.

A big thank to Greame Slater for his help organising the pairings,

Kind regards

Malcolm

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS: 6 ISLE OF MAN SENIORS: 6 (For the Irish Sea Challenge Trophy): Heysham GC: 25th July

Ian Clark. LSS Match Captain, reports:

Foreboding skies welcomed the intrepid LSS team for the annual Irish Sea Golf Challenge match at Heysham G.C against a formidable Isle of Man Seniors team comprising of a couple of LSS stalwart substitutes, Colin Taylor and Rory Callan.

Early incessant rain added to the challenging length of a beautifully presented course. The demands of reaching some of the exceptionally long par 4s in regulation only exasperated by the damp conditions. Thankfully the forecast was accurate and the expected improving conditions set the scene for a great sporting joust with our IOM golfing friends.



Ian Clark with the gritty Chris Millar lead the matches away. Only ever one hole in it either way, a 2&1 win against a tenacious IOM pairing in Dave Kinrade and Dave Dancox secured on the 17th.

The four middle matches were fiercely contested with Dave Shepherd and Paul Woods securing a very important 2&1 win to give LSS a fighting chance of an overall match half.

The talented pairing of Postmen Darlington and Ratcliffe 'delivered' an impressive much-needed win in the final match on the 18th to secure the necessary points for a match half with LSS retaining the Irish Sea Golf Challenge trophy as holders.

Ian Clark thanked Heysham G.C for hosting both teams on a wonderfully presented golf course. All agreed it was a great pleasure to compete with the IOM team in sporting friendship and enjoy time with everyone socially over a very enjoyable meal. Ian had the honour to receive the trophy on behalf of LSS from the magnanimous IOM Captain, Jeff Skillicorn. Everyone left Heysham looking forward to this tie next year against a great bunch of golfers from halfway across the Irish Sea.

Special thanks to Simon Chung and Darren Carlisle of Formby Hall whose willingness to make up the IOM numbers ensured a competitive tie could be played. Well done to all LSS squad players regardless who they played for, some impressive golf was played by both teams.

Ian Clark

Isle of Man's Geoff Skillicorn dropped the following note of thanks to Clive:

Hi Clive

Thank you again for organising everything for us yesterday and good to see you again. Sorry you couldn't play but understand. We all had a great day and the course and the club looked after us very well. A good result in a tie for the day but the space on your mantelpiece will be filled again with the trophy- for now!! Simon and Darren enjoyed their day as did Rory and Colin who played great and carried me! Well done to Ian who did a great job as Captain on the day and all were fine on the boat back home overnight. We would love to play the game in the IOM at some time but if not then as usual we would add it on after the northern seniors which is at Clitheroe next year. Please pass best wishes to Keith Hick when you see him

All the best and well done.

Geoff

CUMBRIA SUPER SENIORS 'FLY THEIR NEW LOGO':

Cumbria's Super Seniors now have their own logo as shown below. Cumbria's John Pinder commissioned the artwork which cleverly brings together the erstwhile Counties now embraced by Cumbria – well done John!



**LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V FORMBY SENIORS:
Formby GC; Tuesday 6th August 2024**

PLAYER	CLUB	CONTACT DETAILS
Ian Bond : Match Captain	Dunscar GC	07850 290955
Clive Appleby : Team Captain	Fairhaven GC	07376 927398
Ian Clark	Hesketh GC	07846 173555
Alistair Hargreaves	St. Annes Old Links	07792 027509
Mike Tonge	Lancaster GC	07595 182584
Andrew Charnock	St. Annes GC	07411 650588
Steve Melbourne	St. Annes Old Links	07794 239969
Stephen Parke	Clitheroe GC	07971 196438
Dave Shepherd	Dunscar GC	07765 527823
Keith White	Ashton-in-Makerfield GC	07808 914776
Paul Woods	Ashton-in-Makerfield GC	07912 639938
Colin Taylor	Fairhaven GC	07764 524636
Jim Fleming	Fairhaven GC	07910 879122

**LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V DENTON GC SENIORS:
Tuesday 20th August:**

PLAYER	CLUB	CONTACT DETAILS
David Lomax :Match Captain	Flixton GC	07929 640211
David Ash	Fairhaven GC	01253 467267
Andrew Charnock	St.Annes Old Links GC	07411 750588
Ian Cunningham	Manchester GC	07789 456029
John Howard	Dunscar GC	07557 514790
Mike Spencer	Ashton-in-Makerfield GC	07876 454951
Steven Owen	Clitheroe GC	07956 812302
Stephen Parke	Clitheroe G C	07971 196438
David Ratcliffe	Manchester GC	07875 092074
Graeme Slater	Clitheroe GC	07828 205109
Clive Appleby : Team Captain	Fairhaven GC	07376 927398
Paul Stanley	Southport & Ainsdale GC	07863 225383
Mal Morton	Formby GC	07922 043330

**LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V FAIRHAVEN GC SENIORS;
Sunday 25th August**

Please note later time for this match on the bank Holiday Sunday

PLAYER	CLUB	CONTACT DETAILS
Peter Darlington:Match Captain	Southport & Ainsdale GC	07855 355910
Clive Appleby : Team Captain	Fairhaven GC	07376 927398
Ian Bond	Dunscar GC	07850 290955
Colin Crumlin	Hesketh GC	07794 123670
Kevin Eyre	Ashton-in-Makerfield GC	07725 576974
Allan Harrison	Southport & Ainsdale GC	07778 180988
Colin Jones	Formby Hall GC	07780 623841
David Lomax	Flixton GC	07929 640211

Chris Millar	Southport & Ainsdale GC	07905 626605
Steven Owen	Clitheroe GC	07956 812302
Graeme Slater	Clitheroe GC	07828 205109
Mike Tonge	Lancaster GC	07595 182584
Keith White	Ashton-in-Makerfield GC	07808 914776
Paul Woods	Ashton-in-Makerfield GC	07912 639938
Paul Kelly	Formby GC	07841 696738

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	See separate report
3	29 th April	SDGA Seniors*	Ashton-in-Makerfield GC	2-8
4	10 th May	Heysham Seniors	Heysham GC	3-7
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	4-8
8	18 th June	Cheshire Super Seniors*	Bramhall GC	2-10
		(over 65s only)		
9	8 th July	Northumberland Super Seniors*	Northumberland GC	3-9
10	12 th July	Bentham GC Seniors	Bentham GC	3-9
11	22 th July	South Lancs GA seniors*	Ashton in Makerfield GC	6-6
12	25 th July	Isle of Man Super Seniors* (Irish Sea Golf Challenge Match)	Heysham GC	6-6
13	6 th August	Formby Seniors	Formby Golf GC	
14	20 th August	Denton GC Seniors	Denton GC	
15	25 th August	Fairhaven seniors *	Fairhaven GC	
16	2 nd Sept	Bolton DGA Seniors*	Bolton Old Links	
17	10 th Sept	Silverdale Seniors	Silverdale GC	
18	16 th Sept	Cumbria Super Seniors	Grange-over-Sands GC	
19	24 th Sept	Clitheroe GC Seniors	Clitheroe GC	
20	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 to 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

SENIORS' CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024:

ENGLISH SENIORS' CHAMPIONSHIP: Gog Magog and Saffron Walden 5th--7th June

LANCASHIRE COUNTY SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP: Haydock Park 11th--12th June

EGU NORTHERN COUNTIES SENIORS' CH'SHIP: The Wynyard 23rd--24th July

BRITISH SENIORS AMATUER CHAMPIONSHIP: Saunton 9th--12th July

NORTHERN COUNTIES SENIORS QUALIFIER: City Of Newcastle 10th September

SENIORS' OPENS 2024:

John Glover Seniors Open	Wednesday 3 rd July 2024	Morecambe GC
Rut Niblick Seniors Open	Monday 24 th June 2024	Pleasington GC
Sir Michael Bonallack Seniors Open	Wednesday 10 th July 2024	Clitheroe GC
Manchester Seniors Open Trophy	Thursday 8 th August 2024	Manchester GC
David Marsh Seniors Open S&A GC	Thurs/Fri 29 th - 30 th August 2024	

Best regards and happy golfing,

Keith Hick

Secretary

4th August 2024

Clive Appleby

Team Captain