



LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS' GOLF TEAM

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TALKING SENIORS' GOLF: AUGUST 2024 *The Newsletter of Lancashire Super Seniors*

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Four matches to report upon this month against Formby, Denton, St Annes Old Links and Fairhaven. And we are indebted to PGA Master Professional, Howard Bennett, for sharing recollections of a very special invitation to the USA.

September is a busy month with three matches to look forward to against Bolton GA, Silverdale and Clitheroe Seniors. However, the planned match against Cumbria Super Seniors has been cancelled as previously advised by Clive.

October sees our End of Season Competition/Palatine Trophy to look forward to at Manchester GC on 4th October.

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS: 9 FORMBY SENIORS: 3

Formby GC; 6th August 2024

Match Captain Ian Bond reports -

Formby as you would expect was in magnificent condition, great weather paired with a great golf course is always a recipe for a great day out , we were certainly not disappointed.



Left to right: Dave Green and Mal Morton of Formby Seniors; David Shepherd & Mike Tonge

The top match of David Shepherd and Mike Tonge v Mal Morton and Dave Green was LSS only loss of the day , much to our amusement at dinner Dave Green was complaining that there was in his opinion there was a major problem with the handicapping system because of silly scores being recorded, he was quickly reminded that he had just knocked it round in level gross from the white tees off a playing handicap of ten for a nett 62

Match four - our team captain Clive and Steve Melbourne had a honourable half with all the other four matches registering wins for LSS

The quality of the meal following the golf certainly matched the the quality of the course, A big big thank you to Mal Morton for arranging this fixture with Clive ,I'm sure everyone who played very much appreciates the opportunity you have given us in playing this magnificent golf course.

A great day was had by all
Ian Bond

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS: 4 DENTON SENIORS: 8
20th August



Left to right: David Radcliffe; Terry Pottage; Steve Jenkins; David Lomax

LSS Match Captain, David Lomax, reports

Our visit to Denton led to an 8 points to 4 win for Denton

This was our usual better ball handicap match and played in a good spirit against a very welcoming group of players

I must mention special thanks to Terry Pottage of Denton (and LSS) for making necessary arrangements

He was able to tell all assembled that there had been a match between our players including and prior to LSS forming since 2007.

Also from me a thank you to Clive for making our preparations and putting a team together with me

Denton golf course was in very good shape the fairways being particularly well grassed and pleasant to play off

All round a good day and we look forward to next year.

David Lomax

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS: 4 ST ANNES' OLD LINKS SENIORS: 8
2nd August



Left to right: Peter Holbrooke; Steve Melbourne; Allan Harrison; Steve Smalley

Match Captain, John Howard, reports:

On a bright sunny summer's day with just about the right amount of wind to make it interesting and the course running fast and the rough – was rough – it was a day's golf to look forward to. The bacon butties were a credit as was the superb meal after the match, a big thankyou to the catering staff.

Spirits were high as usual with Allan Harrison & Steve Smalley leading the way against a strong pairing of Steve Melbourne & Peter Holdbrook, unfortunately for LSS the only winning combinations were Malcome Evans & Jeff Clements, David Lomax & John Howard
Our thanks to St Anne's Old Links GC and its members for allowing this annual match to take place and we look forward to renewing the friendly rivalry again in 2025.
Also thanks once again to Clive for the organisation and the pairings for the match, he is going to be sorely missed

John Howard

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS: 4 FAIRHAVEN SENIORS: 8

25th August

Match Captain, Peter Darlington, reports:

Fairhaven Golf Club is one special golf course with a club house to match . I suspect most members of LSS kept their fingers crossed hoping to be picked for this match. Those of us lucky enough to play all came away with a smile. The course was damp so played long with a stiffening breeze at times, but that made it all the more fun.

So in conclusion , "the course ..Great, the food....Great, the company.. Great.. . the Match Result..... Grate does`nt it !!! Matches were all close but so were the England Football matches lately , and like England we did`nt score enough goals to bring home the trophy. So the 8/4 loss meant the Fairhaven lads left with a bigger smile. It reminded me of my school days when the teacher would comment on the side of my homework ..Must Try Harder!

Peter Darlington



Left to right: Allan Harrison; Clive Appleby; Ian Deuchars (Captain Fairhaven GC); Mark Duncalf (Secretary Fairhaven GC)

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V BOLTON & DISTRICT GA;

Bolton Old Links; 2nd September

Allan Harrison : Match Captain S & A GC	07778 180988
Andrew Charnock St. Annes Old Lincs GC	07411 650588
Clive Appleby Fairhaven GC	07376 927398
Mike Hornby Pleasington GC	07867 788168
Colin Jones Formby Hall GC	07780 623841

Steve Melbourne St. Annes Old Linkc GC	07794 239969
Chris Millar Southport & Ainsdale GC	07905 626605
Mike Tonge Lancaster GC	07595 182584
Steve Smalley Fairhaven GC	07748 040048
Mike Spencer Ashton-in-Makerfield GC	07876 454951
Colin Taylor Fairhaven GC	07764 524636
Alan Williams Southport & Ainsdale GC	07468 492274

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V SILVERDALE GC SENIORS

10th September

Ian Cunningham:Match Cap't Manchester GC	07789 456029
Colin Taylor Fairhaven GC	07764 524636
Jeff Clements Stand GC	07931 346246
Peter Darlington Southport & Ainsdale GC	07855 355910
Malcolm Evans Ashton-in-Makerfield GC	07958 955214
David Andrews Fairhaven GC	
Clive Appleby : Team Captain Fairhaven GC	07376 927398
Steven Owen Clitheroe GC	07956 812302
Stephen Parke Clitheroe GC	07971 196438
Graeme Slater Clitheroe GC	07828 205109
Ken Stafford Manchester GC	07885 255815
Mike Tonge Lancaster GC	07595 182584
<i>Reserve:</i>	
Steve Melbourne St. Annes Old Links GC	07794 239969

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V CLITHEROE GC SENIORS

24th September

Paul Thomas : Match Captain Ormskirk GC	07971 186285
Rory Callan Morecambe GC	07703 293854
Jim Fleming Fairhaven GC	07910 879122
Paul Woods Ashton-in-Makerfield GC	07912 639938
John Howard Dunscar GC	07556 514790
Paul Kelly Formby GC	07841 696738
Mal Morton Formby GC	07922 043330
Steve Melbourne St. Anne& Old Links GC	07794 239969
Steve Smalley Fairhaven GC	07748 040048
Alan Swift Hesketh GC	07933 599509
Paul Tebay Dunscar GC	07801 435740
Keith White Ashton-in-Makerfield GC	07808 914776

PADRAIG HARRINGTON, MAJOR CHAMPION

PGA Master Professional, Howard Bennett, recounts his visit to the USA following an invitation to attend his former pupil Padraig Harrington's Induction into the WORLD GOLF HALL OF FAME:

"When I was invited to attend Padraig Harrington's Induction Ceremony and Reception Into "The World Hall Golf Hall Of Fame" being held at Pine Hurst Resort North Carolina on the 10/7/24, I was not only surprised, humbled, then to say delighted is an understatement.

On my arrival in the USA it gave me the greatist of pleasure to see the same loyal team around him, I was so grateful to everyone involved who made it Possible for me to attend this beautiful and well deserved Ceremony for Padraig.

I could describe so much more, but it would take a book to get them all!"

Howard Bennett



Left: Howard stands alongside the World Golf Hall of Fame Trophy which carries all the names of players so honoured over the years; Right: Howard joined Padraig Harrington and family pictured prior to his induction

SUPER SENIORS GOLF - ENGLAND GOLF UPDATE: Ken Stafford shares a recent exchange with England Golf:

I have just returned from playing a match representing Lancashire SS against Northumberland SS. This year Lancashire will have played against Cheshire, Cumbria. IoM at this level. It really is fantastic to play competitive golf over the age of 65 but these games are unofficial mainly because the county associations are not taking it up. Lancashire have the money but say they are waiting for Golf England for the go ahead!! Why is it OK to recognise Junior Golf, Male Golf, Seniors Golf but ignore the Super Seniors(over 65's). The golfers who have played and supported Golf for many years (I have been play for 67 years and played off a single figure handicap for 62 of them)It's up to you. We need the support of our County Unions. They say they are waiting for you!!

Ken Stafford

Hi Ken,

Thanks for the email. England Golf run a number of Senior Championships the age of which is over 55 on the first day of the championship. This age also applies to senior golf played at county level. In the last few years, we have approached our stakeholders (the Counties) on the age of senior golf and they have responding that there is no desire at this stage to change the current age of 55.

You have been misinformed by the Lancashire Union as there is nothing the counties are waiting on from England Golf in relation to a change to senior golf. As a championship department we are continually reviewing our events and whether further events need to be scheduled in order to meet the demands of our members.

Kind regards

James

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LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS: 6 ISLE OF MAN SUPER SENIORS: 6 Heysham GC; 25th July

The following two photographs were held over from the July Newsletter:



LSS Match Captain, Ian Clark (right) receives the Irish Sea Challenge Trophy from Isle of Man Match Captain, Geoff Skillicorn amidst a volley of applause



The two teams assemble after another enjoyable day's golf with honours even

END OF SEASON COMPETITION/PALATINE TROPHY; Manchester GC; 4th October:

We are moving closer to the end of season get together at Manchester Golf Club (Hopwood Cottage) on Friday 4th October.

Format for the day will be 4 BBB Stableford (playing partners are drawn). Depending on the amount of entries received. There will be prizes for the winners, runners up, best front 9, best back 9 and nearest the pin. Bacon barm on arrival and two course meal afterwards followed by the presentation of trophies and prizes. Casual dress/golf clothing.

The cost for the day including, Golf, Food and prizes is expected to be £45.

I have listed below the names of those who indicated at the start of the season that they intended to play. I appreciate that diaries will have changed since then so if you are no longer able to play or wish to be added to the entries please let me know ASAP so that numbers can be given to the club and a draw for partners can take place. Please don't reply if you are on the list and still intend to play.

Thanks

Clive

List of Players already entered.

Ian Bond - Rory Callan - Andrew Charnock - Jeff Clements - Ian Clark - Ian Cunningham - Peter Darlington - Malcolm Evans - Kevin Eyre - Jim Fleming - Allan Harrison - John Howard - Colin Jones - David Lomax - Steve Melbourne - Chris Millar - Mal Morton - Steve Owen - Terry Pottage - Mike Spencer - Graeme Slater - Paul Tebay - Paul Thomas - Mike Tonge - Alan Williams - Simon Naylor - Colin Taylor - Roger Cox - Kevan Marden.

2024 LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS MATCHES & EVENTS:

<i>Match No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Match</i>	<i>Venue</i>	
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*	Heysham GC	6-6
(Irish Sea Golf Challenge Match)				
13	2 nd August	St Annes' Old Links	St Annes' Old Links GC	4-8
14	6 th August	Formby Seniors	Formby Golf GC	9-3
15	20 th August	Denton GC Seniors	Denton GC	4-8
16	25 th August	Fairhaven seniors *	Fairhaven GC	4-8
17	2 nd Sept	Bolton DGA Seniors*	Bolton Old Links	
18	10 th Sept	Silverdale Seniors	Silverdale GC	
19	16 th Sept	Cumbria Super Seniors	Grange-over-Sands GC	Cancelled
20	24 th Sept	Clitheroe GC Seniors	Clitheroe GC	
21	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 AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP: Saunton 9th--12th July

NORTHERN COUNTIES SENIORS QUALIFIER: City Of Newcastle 10th September

SENIORS' OPENS 2024:

John Glover Seniors Open Wednesday 3rd July 2024 Morecambe GC

Rut Niblick Seniors Open Monday 24th June 2024 Pleasington GC

Sir Michael Bonallack Seniors Open Wednesday 10th July 2024 Clitheroe GC

Manchester Seniors Open Trophy Thursday 8th August 2024 Manchester GC

David Marsh Seniors Open S&A GC Thurs/Fri 29th - 30th August 2024

Best regards and happy golfing,

Keith Hick

Secretary

2nd September 2024

Clive Appleby

Team Captain