



LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS'

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The Newsletter of Lancashire Super Seniors

As another successful and enjoyable season concludes, it is an ideal opportunity to reflect upon and review the past playing season. Two firsts this year caught the eye - and the imagination it seems of others in the world of seniors' golf. Namely, the inaugural Palatine Trophy at Davyhulme Park GC and the match against Cumbria Super Seniors at Grange-over-Sands GC.

Whilst we always express our sincere thanks to the clubs and their respective organizers both during and immediately after a fixture, it is worth paying tribute here to the many from the various clubs who have helped behind the scenes with their zest and enthusiasm in helping to 'make things happen'. Quite simply, "thank you" to each and every one of you from all the Lancashire Super Seniors players, and from the two Keith's.

This year's End of Season Competition produced some scintillating scoring at Formby Ladies', as seen in the event report.

Counterbalancing the good news came word of the passing of Paul Morgan. West Derby GC & LSS colleagues, Paul Bennett and Alan Williams, share their memories below of a true golfing enthusiast and keen supporter of seniors' golf.

PALATINE TROPHY: DAVYHULME PARK GC; 18th September 2018



David Marsden, Captain of Davyhulme Park GC (centre, rear) joined Palatine Trophy winners David Ash (Fairhaven GC) and host club member, Norman Somerville, seen holding their trophies, flanked by the day's prize winners and event organizers, Doug Craig and Keith Hick

Over two years of planning had gone into this year's inaugural event and, thanks to the immense contribution of host club Seniors Organiser, Doug Craig and his Club Board colleagues, the scene was set for an exciting day's golf, spiced with a liberal splash of recognition for those who had served seniors golf so well throughout Lancashire over several decades. Invited guests, including several Club Captains, from the various golf clubs and associations who had played against LSS joined LSS players and host club members to make it a day to remember on several counts. Escaping the autumn Equinox wind and rain, the day dawned dry with a stiff breeze. Following our traditional bacon rolls etc, it was everyone out onto the course in time for the shot gun klaxon. In superb late summer condition, the course presented a picture in green. It was a seasoned links player, David Ash, ably partnered by home grown talent in Norman Somerville, who carded an outstanding 44 points to tip toe past compatriot links specialists, John Roberts (Lancaster) and Chris Rogers (Hesketh), on a card play-off.

Third came Paul Bennett (West Derby) and one of Davyhulme Parks' best in Brian Connor, just one point adrift. Local knowledge played a useful part in Club Captain, David Marsden and Doug Craig taking the back 9 prize with 22 points, a score match by Chris Millar (S&A) and Dominic Connor on the front 9.

Cumbria's representative, John Pinder (Penrith) took the nearest the pin prize on the 17th and once the sixty strong field had completed their rounds, it was back to the club house for the presentation and evening meal.

Davyhulme Park Captain, David Marsden, extended a formal warm welcome on behalf of his Club, congratulating the prize winners, paying tribute to the event organizers Doug Craig and Keith Hick and expressing the pleasure the club had in hosting this inaugural event, at the spiritual home of Lancashire seniors golf.

Special guests, Albert Woodtli and Nick Foy, themselves past Lancashire Seniors players and long-standing host club members, Senior Club Past Captain, Tom Sharp and Ian Woolley all joined the top table for the evening meal.



"The toast is Lancashire Super Seniors!"; seated left to right: Ian Woolley, Tom Sharp; Albert Woodtli; standing left to right: Doug Craig; David Marsden, Captain Davyhulme Park GC; Nick Foy

As someone who made a huge contribution to Lancashire County Seniors during the 1980's and 1990's as Secretary, Ian 'held court' after the sumptuous dinner, recalling with a delightful combination of happy memories, pride and a fair sprinkling of humour, the names, matches and highlights of Lancashire Seniors in days gone by. These came tripping off Ian's tongue as he delved into his razor sharp memory, topped off with a gentle commercial for one of his greatest achievements, in establishing the Rut Niblick at his home club, Pleasington. And, as Ian said in wishing the event every success for the future, "This may be the first Palatine Trophy, but it certainly won't be the last!".

PAUL MORGAN

The news of Paul's passing, whilst abroad on holiday, came as a huge shock to family, friends, West Derby GC colleagues and his LSS team pals alike. An ebullient character, with a perennial twinkle in his eye and in possession of an infectious humour, Paul will be remembered for his friendship, as well as his golf.



Paul (second right) pictured on Bentham GC's first tee with playing partner Alan Swift and Bentham opponents

It is ironic that Paul, who was the inspiration leading to the idea of this year's inaugural Palatine Trophy, was unable to play at Davyhulme Park and passed away less than two weeks after the event.

Paul's club colleagues, Alan Williams and Paul Bennett, led the tributes to Paul, *"Paul appeared to be enjoying life, not just golf. I'd known Paul for a good few years, but got to know him more when he joined West Derby. When I was younger, he was one of the players everyone knew about on Merseyside and was good enough to play for the County (18 times between 1983-86). I was privileged to be drawn against him in inter-club scratch matches when he played for Lee Park. He was a fierce competitor, but always good company afterwards, and he became a really popular figure at West Derby. He will be sadly missed at our club."*

Adds Keith (H): *"It is both sad and ironic Paul didn't live to play in and enjoy the Palatine Trophy, because it was his suggestion for a one day LSS event which gave me the idea for the Palatine Trophy, which will be a fitting legacy to a true golfing enthusiast. As Alan and Paul said, everyone throughout Merseyside and the wider Lancashire golfing landscape knew P.A.L.Morgan, not least by his fitting initials, but for his personality. A career in the Liverpool Fire Service and a full family life, made Paul many friends and I remember watching him at Hesketh during the 1985 County Championship, when he finished runner-up to Denton's Rob Bardsley. In addition to his exploits for the various clubs he represented, Paul also enjoyed the mixed golf scene. We will miss Paul and remember him in equal measure. A card of condolence was sent on behalf of LSS to Anne Morgan and Paul's family."*

BOLTON GA GC SENIORS: 6 Dunscar GC; 3rd September

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On a day which dawned wet and miserable, the match looked doomed to be cancelled. However, some creative thinking from Clive Hastie and his Dunscar club colleagues, pulled the rabbit out of the hat, deciding to go for a later tee time and truncate the match over 13 holes – well done Clive!

For several of our LSS team, Dunscar was a baptism and, even over only 13 holes, a highly enjoyable one at that. The wet weather failed to dampen the spirit of the two sides with a draw deemed respectable by each team. LSS Match Captain, Paul Stanley (S&A) and Keith (G) halved with Norman Fletcher (Chorley & 2018 Captain of Royal St David's). Peter Darlington (S&A) and Chris Rogers (Hesketh) then registered a 3&2 win, rapidly followed by Stuart Bourn (Stand) and Andrew Walmsley (Clitheroe) also easing home one up. Colin Crumlin (Hesketh) had to retire because of a back muscle spasm and that's when our LSS points dried up, followed by a sun-kissed end to the round for a draw.

2018 LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS FIXTURE LIST & RESULTS:

Event	Date	Match	Venue	Match Captain	Result
1	19 th April	Pre-season get together	Stand GC	N/A	
2	1 st May	Formby Hall GC Captain's Team*	Formby Hall GC	Andrew Walmsley	7-5
3	21 st May	SDGA Seniors*	Penwortham GC	Stuart Bourn	4-8
4	4 th June	Heysham Seniors	Heysham GC	Malcolm Evans	4-8
5	21 st June	Davyhulme Park Seniors	Davyhulme Park GC	Peter Hampsey	2-10
6	5 th July	Bury GA Seniors*	Stand GC	Jeff Clements	7-5
7	10 th July	Bentham Seniors	Bentham GC	Eric Ball	3-9
8	26 th July	Isle of Man Super Seniors* (postponed)	Heysham GC	Keith Gardner	
9	2 nd August	ELGA Seniors* (postponed)	Stand GC	Ian Bond	
10	13 th August	Morecambe Seniors	Morecambe GC	Colin Crumlin	2-10
11	20 th August	Cumbria Super Seniors*	Grange-o-Sands GC	Keith Hick	9-3
12	28 th August	Denton Seniors	Denton GC	Clive Wilson	1-11
13	3 rd Sept	Bolton GA Seniors*	Dunscar GC	Paul Stanley	6-6
14	11 th Sept	Silverdale Seniors	Silverdale GC	Eric Ball	5-7
15	18 th Sept	LSS Palatine Trophy	Davyhulme Park GC	N/A	
16	24 th Sept	Clitheroe Seniors	Clitheroe GC	Alan Williams	3-9
17	8 th October	End of Season Competition	Formby Ladies GC	N/A	

*Scratch match

SILVERDALE SENIORS 3 LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS 9 Silverdale GC; 11TH September

Last year's match fell foul of a rain deluge, but this year's match went all the way and with a just a tad more luck, or holed putts, another win for LSS. Silverdale won a closely fought match 7-5 with three halved games. The S&A pairing of LSS Match Captain, Eric Ball and Paul Stanley, held on for a half in the opening match against Jeff Standeven and Mike Dawson. And with similar results by Hesketh's pairing of Archie Crick and Clive Wilson, plus Ian Cunningham (Manchester) and John Roberts (Lancaster), a win looked tantalisingly possible. New recruit Alistair Hargreaves (St Annes Old Links) and Clive Appleby (Fairhaven) then put their Fylde coast experience into good effect to win 4&3 – well played Alistair! - only for our LSS tail failing to wag.

This match marked a welcome return to Silverdale, a regular Lancashire Seniors match venue in earlier years and the date has been agreed for the 2019 match.

CLITHEROE GC SENIORS 9 LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS 3 Clitheroe GC; 24th September

Once again, Clitheroe's course looked picture perfect upon arrival and after consuming copious amounts of morning 'refreshment', the two sides set off to do battle. Andrew Walmsley had assembled a team to repel boarders and, hard as LSS Match Captain, Alan Williams' side tried, we failed to make much impression upon our hosts for the day, losing 3-9. Said Alan, *"Although our team lost, I have to say that I really enjoyed the day and felt very privileged and honoured to have captained our team on the day. Clitheroe GC's Captain, John Holt and his partner, Club General Manager Steve Alcock, were great company and their local knowledge came in very handy at times. I have to say they were worthy winners, despite some fierce opposition from my partner, Keith (H)! Clitheroe has always been one of my favourite courses and it was presented in superb condition despite the adverse weather of the previous weekend. The Clitheroe members made us all feel very welcome. Their hospitality didn't end there however, as Keith and I were given a guided tour by Captain, John, of the highly impressive John Glover golfing memorabilia and archive lovingly displayed in the club house, all accompanied by John's expert knowledge of the history of Clitheroe GC – a truly wonderful experience for a golf geek like myself!"*



Clitheroe GC Captain, John Holt (centre, foreground) is joined by the two teams on the club patio

Following an excellent post match dinner in the James Braid Suite, John formerly welcomed Alan and his squad, followed by Alan's response and thanks to everyone at Clitheroe GC for helping to make the match – and day – so enjoyable. A special treat was in store before everyone headed home, with Russell Hamer wrapping up the day with some golfing memories and expressing his delight how rapidly Lancashire Super Seniors had formulated and established an impressive presence in such a short time.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS:

As always, should anyone have any contributions, photographs, comments or suggestions for inclusion within future Newsletters, please contact either of the two Keith's.

2018 END OF SEASON COMPETITION; FORMBY LADIES' GC; 8TH OCTOBER

"A superb course in delightful surroundings, wholly set within Formby Men's course, ideally suited to seniors golf"

Formby Ladies' certainly lived up to its billing and with a full field of 36, including two club members, Fiona Anderson and Jane Rogers, the day more than matched expectations.

Although the relatively short course length may seduce and flatter the unwary golfer, nobody was fooled by the need for pin point accuracy in hitting the fairways and greens, aligned to avoiding the gorse at all costs. With radar antenna homed in, the West Derby GC pairing of Kevin Laffey and Eddie Chesworth plundered a massive 49 points to hold off Rory Callan (Morecambe) and Clive Wilson (Hesketh), thanks to a card play-off.

Prizes presented by Russell Hamer, Chairman Lancashire Super Seniors:

First:	Eddie Chesworth & Kevin Laffey	49 points (ACPO)
Second:	Rory Callan & Clive Wilson	49
Third:	Chris Rogers & Peter Hampsey	47 (ACPO)
Best 1st 9:	Mal Morton & Paul Bennett	25 (ACPO)
Best 2nd 9:	Kevan Marden & Colin Crumlin	25
NTP (16th):	Colin Crumlin	

Other scores:

Mal Morton & Paul Bennett	46
John Holt (Captain, Clitheroe GC) & Jane Rogers	45
Keith Hick & Ian Wookey	45
Terry Pottage & Swamy Narayama	45
Peter Darlington & David Lomax	44
Paul Thomas & Alistair Hargreaves	43
Archie Crick & Ronnie Webster	43
Chris Millar & Ian Bond	43
Paul Stanley & John Roberts	42
Steve Walker & Dave Harrison	41
Clive Hastie & John Howard	39
Roger Cox & Alan Gregory	39
Russell Hamer & Fiona Anderson	38

Thanks go to Roger Cox, Rory Callan and Paul Stanley for all their excellent assistance in running the day

2019 FIXTURE LIST & AVAILABILITY:

Recently distributed by Keith (G), everyone is requested by Keith (G) to respond to him asap with their availability for the 2019 matches and events. This will enable Keith (G) to compile the match selection matrix in good time for the 2019 LSS pre-season day at Stand GC on April 18th.

As most, if not all of you know, Keith (G) begins a hopefully short treatment session for a medical condition during early November. We send our best wishes to Keith and look forward to seeing him striding the fairways once again before too long.

Best regards and happy golfing,

Keith Hick
Secretary

25th October 2018

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