



LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS' GOLF TEAM

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TALKING SENIORS' GOLF: MARCH 2020 *The Newsletter of Lancashire Super Seniors*

Given the current public health situation, it is likely the forthcoming golf season will be interrupted, not just for LSS, but the entire game. Nevertheless, pre-planning has been underway during the close season. As I know with SDGA and its five sections at Scratch, Handicap, U-18, Mixed and Seniors', each close season is a maelstrom of action, the only difference being it is off the course, concentrating upon O&M.

Keith G, despite his ongoing health concerns, underpinned by Jeff Clements and Stuart Bourn, has worked tirelessly finalising arrangements, dates, allocating Match Captains etc for 2020. First off the blocks, as seen in the 2020 Fixture List below, is our Pre Season day at Stand GC on 16th April, hosted by Keith G.

Our LSS Working Party convened at Penwortham GC last October, reviewing the 2019 season, by general consensus, another highly successful campaign. In readiness for future seasons, LSS Event Managers will oversee matches to assist the O&M process as assistants to the Match Captains. Their roles and responsibilities are outlined within this month's Newsletter.

2020 LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS MATCHES & EVENTS:

Match No	Date	Match	Venue	Mgr	Availability: YES/NO
1	16 th April	Pre-season get-together	Stand GC	JVC	_____
2	29 th April	Formby Hall Captain's team	Formby Hall G&CC	KCH	_____
3	12 th May	Heysham Seniors	Heysham GC	JVC	_____
4	19 th May	Southport & DGA Seniors*	Southport Old Links GC	KCH	_____
5	28 th May	NWMGA*	Worsley GC	RC	_____
6	25 th June	Davyhulme Park Seniors	Davyhulme Park GC	KCH	_____
7	7 th July	Bentham GC Seniors	Bentham GC	KCH	_____
8	23 rd July	Isle of Man Super Seniors* (Irish Sea Golf Challenge Match)	Heysham GC	RC	_____
9	27 th July	South Lancs GASeniors* /Ashton-in-Makerfield Seniors)	Ashton-in-Makerfield GC	JVC	_____
10	4 th August	Formby GC Seniors	Formby GC	KCH	_____
11	10 th August	Morecambe GC Seniors	Morecambe GC	JVC	_____
12	17 th August	Cumbria Super Seniors*	TBC	RC	_____
13	25 th August	Denton GC Seniors	Denton GC	JVC	_____
14	7 th September	Bolton GA Seniors*	Hart Common GC	RC	_____
15	10 th Sept	LSS Palatine Trophy	Davyhulme Park	KCH	_____
16	15 th Sept	Silverdale GC Seniors	Silverdale GC	JVC	_____
17	21 st Sept	Clitheroe GC Seniors	Clitheroe GC	JVC	_____
18	8 th Oct	End of season competition	Ashton-in-Makerfield GC	KCH	_____

* Scratch match

Event Manager code:

RC: Rory Callan

JVC: Jeff Clements

KCH: Keith Hick

Note: Following the recent demise of Bury GA, the match planned for 9th July at Brightmet GC, is cancelled

Qualifying criteria & playing format:

- Age 55 and over on 1st January 2020
- Handicap: Notional handicaps 5 – 10 (However, this does not preclude any Category 1 rated players wishing to play in the Lancashire Super Seniors matches)
- 18 holes scratch or handicap match play; 12-a-side

SENIORS' CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020:
ENGLISH SENIORS' CHAMPIONSHIP:

Dates & venues:

3-5 June

Luffenham Heath &
Burghley Park GC's

LANCASHIRE COUNTY SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP:
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BRITISH SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP
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15/16 June

Davyhulme Park GC

21/22 July

Fulford GC

29-31 July

Royal Cinque Ports GC

1st September

Silloth GC

SENIORS' OPENS 2020 :

Dates & venues:

Frank Stableford Seniors' Open

14th June

Wallasey GC

John Glover Seniors Open

8th July

Morecambe GC

Sir Michael Bonallack Seniors Open

15th July

Clitheroe GC

Rut Niblick Seniors Open

29th July

Pleasington GC

Manchester Seniors Open Trophy

4th August (am)

Manchester GC)

Gordon Edwards Seniors Open

11/12 August

Bromborough GC

David Marsh Seniors Open

3rd September

S&A GC

LSS EVENT MANAGERS:

Overview:

Introduced for the 2020 season, the role of LSS Event Manager embraces the need to ensure all matches and events are managed to the high standards achieved by LSS during the past five playing seasons.

Not onerous or time-consuming, the tasks are laid out as follows:

LSS Event Manager:

- To oversee events/matches, from agreement of the playing date between the host club and LSS Team Captain, to the event/match day
- Liaise with the host club organisers, including club Secretaries and Seniors' Organisers as required, with particular emphasis upon securing dates/venues for the following year
- Support the LSS Match Captain as required, prior to and on the day
- Maintain a watching brief of player availability, use of reserves etc throughout the playing season
- Ongoing liaison with the LSS Team Captain and Secretary; Report back to the LSS Working Party

Conclusion:

This new role is being introduced to ensure the LSS O&M requirements remain watertight. Whilst the successes achieved by LSS since inception in 2014 have been principally attributed to the two Keith's, messrs Gardner and Hick, every single LSS player, past and present has contributed to what has become, arguably, the leading exponent of Super Seniors' golf throughout England, if not the whole of the UK.

PRE-SEASON DAY: STAND GC (Pro Shop: 0161-766-2214); 16th APRIL:

In addition to the Event Guidelines Schedule and Starting Sheet being distributed by Keith G w/c 16th March in readiness for this year's event, the day format is summarised as follows:

- From 10.00am – Arrival; bacon rolls, tea/coffee
- From 11.00am – tee-off; 18 holes; 4BBB Stableford; 90& handicap
- From 4.30pm – post golf High Tea; fish & chips; bread & butter
- Prize presentation
- Short season preview discussion open to the floor
- Dress: golf attire upon arrival; smart casual afterwards
- Day costs:
 - Green fee: £15.00e
 - Catering: £12.00e
 - Comp fee: £2.00e
 - Grats: £1.00e
 - Total: £30.00e
- 3 single-seater buggies are available; contact Club Pro, Mark, to arrange
- All 2020 season team sheets will be displayed within the club house for players to enter into their diaries
- Golf, catering & bar accounts to be self-funded on the day

Now in its third year, our pre-season day always proves popular and is the ideal way to kick-start the new season. Once again, an excellent field, as shown overleaf, is anticipated.



The sun-kissed 2018 event saw temperatures reach a staggering 80F+ – but nobody melted!

2020 PRE-SEASON STARTING SHEET:

11.00am	KEITH GARDNER ALISTAIR HARGREAVES	KEITH HICK PAUL BENNETT
11.10am	JEFF CLEMENTS ANDREW WALMSLEY	STUART BOURN ARCHIE CRICK
11.20am	RORY CALLAN ROB SQUIRE	DAVID LOMAX CLIVE HASTIE
11.30am	DAVID ASH DAVID ECKERSLEY	CHRIS ROGERS ROGER COX
11.40am	PAUL STANLEY IAN CUNNINGHAM	JAMIE HADDOW DAVID HODGE
11.50am	PAUL KELLY JOE DAGNINO (Vice Capt, Stand GC)	COLIN CRUMLIN CHRIS MILLAR
12 noon	KEN STAFFORD CLIVE APPLEBY	BRIAN LANG PAUL THOMAS
12.10pm	ALLAN HARRISON DAVE HARRISON	STEVE WALKER SWAMY NARAYAMA
12.20pm	JOHN HOWARD CLIVE WILSON	PETER DARLINGTON IAN BOND

In readiness for the new season, it is timely to reprise the following:

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS' GUIDING PRINCIPLES & VALUES:

As Lancashire Super Seniors continues to evolve and develop, being potentially viewed as one of the leaders in promoting and encouraging golf at this relatively new level, it is important to continue applying the following aims and objectives.

Guiding Principles:

- Provide leadership and organizational capability in the management of Super Seniors golf
- Uphold the best traditions and values of golf as laid down by the R&A and USGA, acting as ambassador's for the good of the game
- Promote Super Seniors golf throughout Lancashire, and further afield, to sustain and help grow the game
- Encourage engagement between counties, associations, clubs and teams at Super Seniors level
- Support host clubs and venues in generating income and utilization of facilities
- Maintain a self-funding policy

Values:

- Enjoyment
- Camaraderie and friendship
- Goodwill
- Physical and mental stimulation through competitive golf
- Health and well-being

Conclusion:

The above act as a framework for players and administrators alike to understand the aspirations of Lancashire Super Seniors(LSS) and how LSS plays its part in sustaining interest in the game at Seniors level, whilst generating income for host clubs.

It is hoped sound planning, cohesive thinking, goodwill and wisdom will enable this opportunity to evolve and develop super seniors' golf to retain interest, expand participation and help safeguard the game of golf as the sport faces up to multiple challenges.

NEXT WORKING PARTY MEETING:

Whilst no date has yet been set, the WP will convene during 2020 to review general progress and consider how best to implement the LSS Forward Plan: 2020 & Beyond.

2020 Working Party members:

- Rory Callan Morecambe GC
- Roger Cox Royal Birkdale GC
- Jeff Clements Stand GC
- Keith Gardner Stand GC
- Clive Hastie Dunscar GC
- Keith Hick Hesketh GC
- Ken Stafford Manchester GC
- Paul Stanley S&A GC

...and now, for something completely different...again...

EDGA/SDGA GOLF COAST CLASSIC: Formby Hall Golf Resort & Spa: 1-3 September 2020:

Anthony Bennett, President of the European Disabled Golf Association (EDGA) and counterpart Keith H, President of SDGA, have been working closely together during the past year to bring about the above event.

Anthony, son of PGA Master Professional, Howard Bennett (many LSS players will recall Howard during his time coaching golf throughout Lancashire), is also a PGA Master Professional.

Planned over three days, this pioneering tournament welcomes disabled golfers from across Europe and the UK to compete over two days for the EDGA's President's Trophy, preceded by a 12-a-side match against SDGA.

The golfing world was stunned to see Tony Lloyd, a Thalidomide youngster now turned 48, being interviewed live by Sky TV's anchorman, Nick Dougherty. Nick, an SDGA junior and past World Junior Golf Champion and European Tour member, watched in astonishment as Tony struck his tee shots over 220 yards – without arms! All this played out at the 2019 British Masters at Hillside, hosted by Tommy Fleetwood, yet another SDGA junior.



Telford GC's Tony Lloyd at the 2019 British Masters Practice Ground:

"This is how I do it – 220 yards!"

Tony Lloyd shows off his 65" driver to Nick Dougherty

Anthony Bennett has led a team to publish an impressive publication entitled, **'Mulligan- tough love and second chances'** which chronicles eighteen golfers from across the globe explaining how they have overcome their disabilities to play golf, saying,

"I had the opportunity to interview more than 50 players with disability, and after each one to one session I had come away shaking my head in amazement at the power of their stories. It was obvious that these men and women could help others by sharing their accounts of how they had faced disability or illness, how they had come out the other side and how golf had helped on that journey.

A small team of trusted friends and myself put together Mulligan - tough love and second chances, all volunteering our time and skills to give the book life. The book has already exceeded our expectations and a second print run is underway. The unique GIVE and GIFT campaign means that every donation for the book, results in a copy being given free of charge to a hospital, rehabilitation centre or organisation for people with disability, and another being given to the donor as a token of our appreciation”.

Adds Keith Hick, SDGA’s President and Executive Secretary *“The massive support and endorsements for EDGA from across the golfing world, including The European PGA Tour; R&A; USGA; International Golf Foundation; EGA and Ryder Cup European Development Trust mean that playing golf with a disability carries no limits. Golf’s introduction to the Paralympics is also rising up the agenda proving golf really is a game for all, irrespective of age, ability, gender or handicap”.*

Harry Tunncliffe, 2020 President of the LUGC and SDGA’s Chairman, is joining Keith H and his SDGA colleagues at Formby Hall G&CC for what promises to be an exiting three days of golf with a difference.

So, add the above dates to your diary and revel in watching how golf can still be played, even with what are life-changing disabilities. My experiences at Hillside emphasises how we able-bodied golfers have little to concern us in aiming at the centre of the fairway or green!

As an adjunct to the above, Howard held a golf clinic evening recently at Hesketh which included film of a one-armed golfer from South Africa belting the ball over 400 yards – with one arm!

Best regards and happy golfing,

Keith Hick
Team Secretary
11th March 2020

Keith Gardner
Team Captain