

# LANCASHIRE COUNTY SENIORS 2011 SEASON REPORT

Unlike previous in years I will split the report into three sections.

## A. EGU NORTHERN COUNTIES SENIORS LEAGUE

### 1. NORTHUMBERLAND @ PRESTON GC

RESULT: WIN 8.5 - 3.5

Just the start we needed. An excellent morning lead of three points meant that the result was never going to be in doubt.

Am/Pm wins for: Norman Fletcher/ Keith Gardner & Mike Turner/ Clive Appleby

### 2. CHESHIRE @ DAVYHULME PARK GC

RESULT: WIN 9.5 - 2.5

This match was always going to be the acid test of our playing strengths. We fielded our strongest possible team and the drubbing we gave our opponents proved we had what it takes to win the league.

Am/Pm wins for: Alan Squires/ Ken Sargent, Robert Fox/ David Heap &

Malcolm Savage/ Keith Gardner

### 3. YORKSHIRE @ HORSFORTH GC

RESULT: WON 7 - 5

Although it appears a close match we were always in the driving seat on quite a quirky golf course. The arrivals & departures of Jet 2 & Ryanair flights were constant companions!

Am/Pm wins for : Malcolm Savage/ John Roberts

### 4. CUMBRIA @ ULVERSTON GC

RESULT: WON 8.5 - 3.5

On a beautiful sunny day over looking Morecambe Bay, we again proved how much strength in depth we have. Another very solid morning effort meant we again ran out comfortable winners.

Am/Pm wins for: Terry Brown/ Alan Gillespie, Mike Gray/ David Heap & Denis Greenup/ Martyn Senior

### 5. DURHAM @ BISHOP AUKLAND GC

RESULT: WON 9 - 3

Although we knew the league was won before play started, complacency was never an issue. Against normally tricky opponents on home soil we yet again proved far too strong.

Am/Pm wins for: Mike Gray/ Keith Gardner, Ken Sargent/ Stuart Fawcett & David Heap/ Denis Greenup

A tremendous season for us. In total we used nineteen players and every single one contributed points. We developed an excellent team spirit throughout the summer which meant every player knew the importance of their game. The fact that we only lost 14 out of the 60 individual games tells the story. Also it was amazing to play all five games in sunshine!!

## B. OTHER COUNTY GAMES

Unfortunately we could not transfer our league from to the other county matches and 2011 proved a big disappointment compared to previous years. The fact that three of the four games were away from home should hopefully see a reversal of fortune in 2012.

SHROPSHIRE & HEREFORDSHIRE @ SHIFNAL GC

RESULT: LOST 7 - 11

Although level at lunch we never got going in the afternoon and victory was never on the cards.

Am/Pm wins for: Ken Sargent/ Rory Callan

STAFFORDSHIRE @ TRENTHAM PARK GC

RESULT: LOST 6.5 - 11.5

We were only a point adrift at lunch and despite some very close fourballs, the key matches went Staffordshire's way

Am/Pm wins for: Ken Stafford/ Bob Whiteside

LINCOLNSHIRE @ TORKSEY ( LINCOLN) GC

RESULT: DRAW 9 -9

All appeared lost as we lunched 5 - 1 down but a tremendous fight back in the fourballs meant we claimed a memorable draw and nearly an improbable victory.

WARWICKSHIRE @ GRANGE PARK GC

RESULT: LOST 7.5 - 10.5

In rather difficult conditions the match was a very close run thing despite the actual margin of defeat. With a little bit of luck on the day the day the score could have been reversed.

Am/Pm wins for: Terry Brown/ Martyn Senior

FRIENDLIES

SDGA SENIORS @ ORMSKIRK GC

RESULT: DRAW 6 - 6

Yet again two very well balanced teams and the result reflected it.

#### DAVYHULME PARK SENIORS @ DAVYHULME PARK GC

RESULT: DRAW 6 - 6

A rather damp day did not spoil a match played in the usual friendly spirit. A draw seemed a very fair outcome in the end.

#### LANCASTER SENIORS @ LANCASTER GC

RESULT: LOSS 5 - 7

Yet again as has become the custom our hosts fielded a very competitive team off their handicaps. The end result however was a lot closer than in previous years.

#### BENTHAM SENIORS @ BENTHAM GC

RESULT: WIN 6 - 4

A very disappointing day for Lancashire Seniors in that we could only turn out with nine men! The first time we ever failed to field a full team of twelve. This must NEVER happen again, we all have a list of contacts and I can not believe these were exhausted.

#### DENTON SENIORS @ DENTON GC

RESULT: LOSS 4 - 8

Our first match against Denton proved a great success and many thanks to their Club Captain, Terry Pottage for getting it off the ground. I really hope that this becomes a permanent fixture for us.

#### OTHER RESULTS

In the EGU Northern Counties Qualifier at Lancaster, the conditions could only be described as brutal. The previous three days of deluge was eventually cleared by the greens staff & 18 holes only were managed & these were played in near gale force winds! Despite this our team of; Terry Brown, Robert Fox, Alan Gillespie, Mike Gray, Stewart King and Alan Squires proved to strong and we ran out victors by 14 shots and go forward to represent the North in The English County Finals at Gog Magog.

Unfortunately we didn't have quite enough fire power & lost three very close matches to Dorset, Kent & Staffordshire. Hopefully we will be there again in 2012 and will be able to learn from our experience.

Congratulations must go to Alan Squires for retaining his English Seniors title, hopefully we will be able to call on his services a little more in the future. It is not often we can boast two national champions but Glyn Rees did us proud by winning the Welsh title.

Finally thank you to everyone for supporting Lancashire Seniors and for giving their all.

We know that at our best we are a match for anyone

Mike Gray ( Secretary)