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MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

With golf restarting from 29th March and restrictions anticipated to be gradually eased during April and May, SDGA wishes all club players competing in the various 2021 events an enjoyable season.

1. SCRATCH SECTION:

- **SDGA v REST OF LANCASHIRE**; Penwortham GC: Match cancelled owing to Government restrictions
- **SDGA Scratch Team Tournament: Royal Birkdale GC 18th April:** Scratch Secretary, Paul Cook, to distribute starting sheet during early April. There will be no Executive Competition this year; Limited post golf catering will be available in line with current restrictions.
- **SUMMER KNOCKOUT:** Draw sheet to be published during April by Paul Cook

2. **HANDICAP SECTION:** Alan Whittle confirms all clubs have advised their intention to compete this year. Refer to 2021 Fixture List

3. **MIXED SECTION:** Roger Exley to advise Fixture List during April

4. **U-18 SECTION:** Neil Dalton to advise Fixture List during April

5. **SDGA SENIORS V LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS: Southport Old Links GC; Monday 17th May:** SDGA Seniors' Match Captain, Allan Harrison, to announce the SDGA team during April.

SDGA Chairman, Harry Tunncliffe, has been re-elected as President of the Lancashire Union of Golf Clubs 2021-2022



Players from all SDGA member clubs wish Harry every success during his year in office.

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Welcome to the Lancashire Union of Golf Club's new Secretary, Mark Bardsley:



Players from all SDGA member clubs wish Mark, who succeeds Phil Harvey, every success in his new role. The LUGC office has been re-located to Hurlston Hall GC.

By Geoff Garnett

MARK BARDSLEY is the new Secretary of the Lancashire Union of Golf Clubs and brings a wide range of skills and experience to the role and he is looking forward to the challenges to come.

His early years of childhood were in South Manchester before moving to West Lancashire where he has enjoyed many years as a member of Ormskirk.

Mark said: "I have a Diploma in Management Studies from MMU and a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) from Bradford University

"I have spent nearly all my career in financial services, principally working for the consumer credit provider Provident Financial in a variety of senior management roles.

"I spent the first part of my career working in the UK at a variety of locations. The middle part of my career, from 1997, was spent in central and Eastern Europe starting and managing consumer lending companies for Provident Financial. Initially for five years in Prague, Czech Republic then four years in Warsaw, Poland and two years in Moscow, Russia. On my return to the UK in 2008 I was MD and CEO for three separate specialist consumer lenders.

"I decided to retire early in 2017 and did a small amount of consulting whilst I built my own house. I joined the board of Lancashire Union of Golf Clubs in 2018 in a voluntary capacity and was mainly

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involved with helping run the junior boys squads. I took over as County secretary from the retiring Phil Harvey who had been in post for six years.

"I am an avid golfer. I started the game at the young age of seven or eight, and have played all my life.

"I became a member of Ormskirk in 1987 and have spent the last 12 years or so as a single figure handicap golfer, currently with a handicap index of 5.2.

"I have served on the Council at Ormskirk Golf Club for five years and was junior organiser, finance chairman and green chairman during this time.

"I am passionate about amateur golf and recognise the significant value that volunteers bring to the game in helping it thrive and survive. Having had a successful career in financial services I am pleased that I can spend the latter working years doing something I view as a pleasure and privilege.

"Lancashire is the second largest county in England with 145 clubs. My aim is to help grow participation in our sport through the support of our clubs and their members.

"The challenges are many and varied, including new Rules of Golf in 2019, a new system of handicapping, in 2020 and more recently helping our clubs navigate through the challenges brought about by the Coronavirus pandemic."

Keith Hick
President & Executive Secretary
30th March 2021

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Mark Bardsley Secretary, LUGC

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