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Press Information
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BMGA British Matchplay Championships, round one – Matthew Harding beats Cindy Kukielka

Top Midlands Junior Matthew Harding defeated Welsh ladies number one Cindy Kukielka 3&2 in their BMGA British Matchplay Championships first round match played at the 18-hole Miniature Golf course at St Nicholas Park, Warwick today (17th April).

Matthew Harding, who won the Junior Manchester Mini Masters title last weekend, said “I was very pleased to have won the match as Cindy was a tough opponent.”

Cindy Kukielka said “Matthew won 3&2 with an excellent performance. My highlight was winning the toss! I really enjoyed the match, though, and I wish Matthew continued success in the tournament.”

A number of other first round BMGA British Matchplay Championships are scheduled to take place at the Adventure Island course in Southend on Sea later this month following the BMGA British Masters tournament.

The match between Harding and Kukielka had been the first clash to be drawn when the matches were made at the BMGA’s HQ in Kent on 27th January 2009. The full first round draw is as follows (winners in bold text):

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| 1. Cindy Kukielka vs Matthew Harding | 9. Gareth Holmes vs Ruth Bullin |
| 2. Chris Jones vs Kevin Botto | 10. Chris Harding vs Alan Norman |
| 3. James Trubridge vs Peter Emmerson | 11. Sean Homer vs Tim Davis |
| 4. Elliott Ward vs Andy Exall | 12. Trevor Robertson vs Martin Robertson |
| 5. Anthony Pope vs Matt Wood | 13. John Moore vs Den Exall |
| 6. Seve Kukielka vs Jas Kukielka | 14. Brad Shepherd vs Marion Homer |
| 7. Marc Chapman vs Rocky Bullin | 15. Phil Exall vs Richard Gottfried |
| 8. Keith Kellard vs Terry Exall | 16. Ted McIver vs Leo Kukielka |

All first round matches to be played before the 31st May 2009

The draw was held at the BMGA’s HQ in Kent on 27th January 2009

The BMGA British Matchplay Championships will run throughout the year at BMGA Affiliate Minigolf courses around the UK, and features 32 of the most talented UK Minigolfers facing off against each other in a knockout format. They will be attempting to qualify for the final and the chance to win a three figure sum. Ranking points will also be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th places (400, 300, 200, and 100 respectively).

The first round draw can be viewed at the following web link:

<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/bmga-british-matchplay-draw-2009>

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