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The British Minigolf Association is delighted to announce the Great Britain Minigolf Squad for World Minigolf Sport Federation International events in 2011. All teams have been announced for the World Adventure Golf Masters hosted in the UK this May, the Nations Cup in Stockholm this June, and the World Minigolf Championships also in Stockholm in August.

The BMGA Great Britain Minigolf Squad for 2011 is as follows:

- Michael Smith
- Marc Chapman
- Sean Homer
- Chris Harding
- John 'Ted' McIver
- Brad Shepherd
- Tony Kelly
- Richard Gottfried
- Scott Lancley
- Marion Homer
- Emily Gottfried
- Freddie Blackburn-Shaw
- Seth Thomas

This year's squad of International players is led by National Team Manager Marc Chapman; he said "I'm thrilled to be able to announce the squad and teams for 2011. This is the strongest line-up the Great Britain National Minigolf Team has had for many years, with not only the top four ranked players in the country involved, but also a really good depth of emerging talent that we'll be looking to develop over the next few years. I'm really pleased that Great Britain will have a full showing of Men and Mixed Teams at all of the World Minigolf Federation's International events this year."

The Great Britain kit for the competition will be supplied by UrbanCrazy <http://www.urbancrazy.com/>. Based in London, UrbanCrazy is an innovative and exciting company, designing and building permanent and portable crazy golf, mini golf and adventure golf courses. Their permanent courses are ideal for parks, leisure centres and back gardens - and their portable courses are available to rent for corporate events, parties and so on. They also supply a wide range of high grade miniature golf equipment and accessories. UrbanCrazy have sponsored the Great Britain team in a number of International tournaments since 2007.

Jon Angel of Great Britain Minigolf Team sponsor UrbanCrazy said "We are delighted to be sponsoring the Great Britain Minigolf Team in 2011. We wish the best of luck to all our players taking part in this year's international minigolf events."

Other potential sponsors are encouraged to make contact with the BMGA before the International season gets underway in Hastings at the World Adventure Golf Masters in May.

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Sean Homer, BMGA chairman, said “Following the success of Great Britain players in 2010 at the European Championships in Italy and in the Asian Open in China, it’s a great boost to the BMGA to have such a strong line up of UK talent representing Great Britain this year. The experience of playing internationally will not only benefit all of the players involved in further developing their minigolf skills and techniques but also helps to raise the profile of our players and the Association at home as well as outside of the UK, all of which is very positive and encouraging for us as an organisation. I am sure that all those taking part will thoroughly enjoy the events in Stockholm and Hastings and in the process develop some great links with the foreign players taking part. This is a great step forward in the development of our national teams and I am sure we will produce some excellent results for Great Britain across the 2011 international season .”

In 2011 the British Minigolf Association (BMGA) will be sending teams to the WMF World Adventure Golf Masters in Hastings, England; and the WMF Nations Cup and WMF World Minigolf Championships in Stockholm, Sweden.

In the latest World Minigolf Sport Federation (WMF) Rankings Great Britain has moved up from 24th position (of 30 Nations), to be ranked 20th of 31 Countries in the WMF World Rankings. The top three places are taken by Sweden, Germany and Switzerland.

To date 31 BMGA Tour Players have made a total of 62 appearances representing Great Britain in World and European Championships (both Youth and Adult), Nations Cup competitions, the Asia Open and the Czech Open since 1999. Peter Parr was the first GB International and made his debut in a WMF Minigolf Tournament at the 1999 World Minigolf Championships, in Papendal, The Netherlands.

The BMGA Tour consists of Minigolf ranking events that take place at Minigolf, Crazy Golf and Adventure Golf courses across the UK. Last year there were 22 BMGA Tour competitions and a total of 15 players lifted BMGA Tour titles.