

Michael Smith wins the BMGA British Matchplay Championship at Sidcup

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British Number One from Oxford wins the British Minigolf Association's premier Matchplay tournament

Oxford's Michael Smith added the latest title and trophy to his collection as he was crowned the BMGA British Matchplay Champion on Sunday 22nd July. The BMGA British number one player was triumphant in the contest that featured 23 BMGA Tour Pro players. The fifth-annual BMGA British Matchplay Championship was played out in a one-day event at the Lost Island Encounter Adventure Golf course at Sidcup's World of Golf Centre. Defending champion Sean Homer from Greenhithe, Kent was aiming to make it three wins in a row in the championship, however he was defeated by eventual runner-up Adam Kelly from Cambridgeshire in the semi-finals. British Number One Michael Smith claimed victory in the final match and with it one of the few titles he was yet to win since his BMGA Tour debut in 2010.

New BMGA British Matchplay Champion Michael Smith said "I'm delighted to have won the British Matchplay Championship. It is always one of the most exciting and dramatic tournaments we play, not to mention being extremely hard to win. I played very well across the day to win all seven matches. Thank you to Sean and Marion for running the event so well. Everybody had a great time and we're already looking forward to the 2013 British Matchplay Championship."

In the play-off for third place Sean Homer defeated London's David Donnelly to claim the final spot on the podium.

Full results from the 2012 BMGA British Matchplay Championships can be found at http://www.minigolf.org.uk/joomla/index.php?option=com_eventlist&view=details&id=78&Itemid=56

Photos from the event courtesy of the Kent Minigolf Club (KMGC) can be found at <http://www.lickr.com/photos/13680867@N02/sets/72157630699247738/>

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The next BMGA Tour events are the Midlands Open and the BMGA British Doubles Championship to be held at the Four Ashes Golf Centre in Dorridge, near Solihull, in a tournament double-header on the 8th and 9th of September.

From the 29th August to 1st September the Great Britain Minigolf Team will be competing in the EMF European Minigolf Championships in Porto, Portugal.

For further details about the BMGA and UK Minigolf please email mail@minigolf.org.uk or visit <http://www.minigolf.org.uk>

For further details about the Lost Island Adventure Golf course at World of Golf Sidcup please visit <http://www.worldofgolf.co.uk/web/guest/lost-island-adventure>