

British Minigolf Association Factsheet

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33 Facts and Stats about the British Minigolf Association and Minigolf in the UK.

The British Minigolf Association is the governing body for Minigolf Sport, including Crazy Golf and Adventure Golf.

Did you know...? • The British Minigolf Association (BMGA) was founded by Peter Parr in 1998, and the first tournament played was the BMGA British Championships which took place at London's [Broomfield Park Adventure Golf](#) • The BMGA organises and supports [over 20 Minigolf tournaments per year](#)

. This includes a mixture of Opens, Invitationals and Championships

• [Membership to the BMGA](#)

is open to anyone and the BMGA has a good mix of members. Many players take it very seriously and others see taking part as a fun social activity where families and friends can compete together and against each other in tournaments

• There are two BMGA Order of Merit Rankings – one for Strokeplay competitions and one for Matchplay tournaments – both are two-year cumulative ranking lists

• In the

[2011-2012 Strokeplay season](#)

96 players qualified to be listed

• In the

[2011-2012 Matchplay season](#)

60 players qualified to be listed

• The BMGA also has a

[Season Only Rankings](#)

which is cumulative for the current season only.

• In the

[2012 season](#)

120 players qualified to be listed

• Oxford's

[Michael Smith](#)

topped the

[BMGA Strokeplay Order of Merit](#)

and

[BMGA Season Only Rankings](#)

in 2012, he also won eleven tournaments during the season and since his debut in 2010 has won 20 BMGA Tour titles

• [Kent Minigolf Club](#)

Captain

[Sean Homer](#)

was the

[BMGA Matchplay Order of Merit](#)

number one in the 2012 season

- In the last three seasons a total of 301 players have qualified for an entry into a BMGA Ranking List

- Since 1998 over 1,000 players have competed in BMGA Minigolf tournaments in the UK

[Michael Smith](#)

, Chris Harding,

[Richard Gottfried](#)

, Nick Chitty, John McIver and

[Seth Thomas](#)

all won BMGA Tour Ranking Titles in

[2012](#)

- In the 2012 season players from twelve countries competed in a Minigolf competition in the UK. The countries represented included England, Scotland, Wales, Finland, Germany, the Czech Republic, Sweden, New Zealand, Germany, Kosovo, the Republic of Ireland and the USA

- The fourteen 2012 Season BMGA Tour Ranking Events were held at eleven Miniature Golf courses in the UK

- The UK's most decorated Minigolfer is

[Tim 'Ace Man' Davies](#)

(WAL) who won 42 BMGA Tour titles, including five World Crazy Golf Championships, in his glittering eleven year career

- Chris Harding (2),

[Michael Smith](#)

(2) and Keith Kellard are the other players to have won the World Crazy Golf Championship title

[Olivia Prokopová](#)

(CZE) has won the Women's World Crazy Golf title five times, with Ruth Burke (3) and Jo Williamson (2) the other winners of the title

- There are currently nine Minigolf clubs in the UK, these are the reigning

[BMGA British Club Champions](#)

the

[Kent Minigolf Club](#)

, Planet Hastings Crazy Golf Club, Midlands Minigolf Club, London Minigolf Club,

[Splash Point Mini Golf Club](#)

,

[Cambridgeshire Mini Golf Club](#)

, Basingstoke Minigolf Club, Hampshire Minigolf Club and

[Cwmbran Minigolf Club](#)

- The BMGA has been a member of both the [World Minigolf Sport Federation](#) (WMF) and the [European Minigolf Sport Federation](#) (EMF) since 1999

- The [WMF](#) is the worldwide governing body for Minigolf and has 44 member associations with a total of 36,000 registered players competing around the world

- The [EMF](#) has 32 member associations

- Minigolf is an internationally recognised sport, and the WMF is a member of [SportAccord](#) – the General Association of International Sports Federations

- Within SportAccord the WMF is a member of the group of International Federations (IFs) known as the Alliance of Independent Members in SportAccord (AIMS)

- The BMGA has a [Great Britain Minigolf Sport Team](#) that plays in International tournaments

- To date 42 BMGA members have represented Great Britain, gaining a total of 115 caps in international tournaments including the WMF World Minigolf Championships, EMF European Championships

- The player with the most international appearances for Great Britain is John 'Ted' McIver with eight caps

- Great Britain is ranked at number 18 in the [latest WMF World Ranking List](#) for [General Class](#) players, number 18 in the [Senior Class](#) and number 14 in the [Junior Class](#) of players

- The Great Britain Team and GB International Players have competed in WMF, EMF & AMF

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tournaments in the Netherlands, Latvia, the Czech Republic, Germany, Romania, Austria, Japan, Italy, Finland, Denmark, England, Sweden, China and Portugal

- The best score by a UK player on an 18-hole UK Minigolf course is [25\(-11\)](#)

- This was achieved by Chris Harding on the Hidden Cove Challenge course during the [BMGA Star City Open](#) played at [Adventure Island Mini Golf](#) in Birmingham on the 18th January 2009

- The all-time best score by a UK player on an 18-hole Minigolf course was set by [Adam Kelly](#)

- at the [EMF European Championships](#) in Porto, Portugal when he scored a round of [20\(-16\)](#) on the 29th of August 2012

- The all-time best score by a female player was by [Emily Gottfried](#)

- at the [WMF Nations Cup](#) in Stockholm, Sweden when she scored a round of [24\(-12\)](#) on the 11th of June 2011

- The lowest Minigolf score on UK soil was set by Oleg Klassen (GER) who claimed the course record at the

- [Pirate Golf course](#) in Hastings with a score of [24\(-12\)](#) at the [WMF World Adventure Golf Masters](#) on the 14th of May 2011

- Since 1998 the BMGA Tour has travelled to Minigolf, Adventure Golf and Crazy Golf courses in London, Hastings, Stratford-upon-Avon, Margate, Sidcup, Taunton, Wroxham/Hoveton, Hither Green, Southend-on-Sea, New Malden, Worthing, Eastbourne, Oxford, Dawlish, Warwick, Bristol, Staines, Oswestry, Brighton, Aberdeen, Dunfermline, Weymouth, Belfast, Dorridge, Birmingham, Liverpool, Blackpool, Watford, East Finchley, Hemsby, Bluewater, Manchester, Basingstoke, Sandbanks and Boscombe.

The aims of the BMGA are: 1. To promote and increase the profile of Minigolf in the UK. 2. To represent the interests of its members at both national and international level, with regards to the authorities, other sport associations, the media and the public

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To bring together those who enjoy playing Minigolf, including Adventure Golf and Crazy Golf
4.

To encourage the playing of Minigolf as a competitive sport

5.

To organise national tournaments, including a British Open and British Championship

6.

To encourage the development of new, skill-based, Minigolf courses in the UK

Sponsorship and promotional opportunities are available for all British Minigolf Association events and the BMGA invites potential partners to get in touch. Please [contact the BMGA](#) for further information.

You can [follow the BMGA on Twitter](#) and ['like' the BMGA on Facebook](#).

For further details about the BMGA and UK Minigolf please email mail@minigolf.org.uk or visit the [BMGA website](#).

Useful Links: • [Introduction to the British Minigolf Association](#) • [Starting out in Minigolf](#) • [World Minigolf Sport Federation](#)

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[European Minigolf Sport Federation](#)

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[Minigolfnews.com](#)

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[MiniatureGolfer.com](#)

Note: Information correct at 23rd January 2013