

# European Minigolfsport Federation

Annual Report 2006 to 2008



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# 1 EMF Board Members Summary

## 1.1 President Report



Hans Bergström  
EMF-president  
Sweden

On my second term in the EMF President seat we in the board started working for real. We had our own budget and our own responsibilities. As it often is when new assignments and responsibilities are given to a new organization from and old (WMF) we had start-up problems and misunderstandings. After many mails and even joint meetings we could clarify how the duties were best divided at the moment between EMF and WMF.

Having an own budget and responsibilities automatically gives you good insight in what the cost are spent each year in just get the show going. Most of the costs are related to travel cost for officials and referees at championships. With the income we get today from member fees from WMF at about 12.000 Euro, we will not be able to sustain today's level of cost. As you can read in the budget we will lose about 4.000 Euro in a two year period (2008-2009). Either we need to cut cost with 2.000 Euro each year or find more incomes. I personally hope we could find answers to these issues over the next months since it's not possible for an organisation like ours to overspend our money.

The problems we have within European Minigolf are the same as we had for many years now. Some of the most serious are fewer clubs and players, much fewer youth players and many clubs and nations with poor economics. There are certainly many explanations of this. Some of them that we can address and some that are a bit out of our control. One of the things we can address is to secure that it's interesting and possible to follow our game even with little knowledge of our sport. If we cannot achieve this we will not be able to reach a broad audience that is needed for television broadcasts. Watching Minigolf at one of our tournaments today are about as confusing as watching a basketball match without the scoreboard. You can see the game and admire the skills but it's hard to follow the score. In Tampere this summer a big step to address this is taken by introducing online scoreboard after each played lane using mobile phones instead of paper for scorekeeping. From my side I really hope that this will be a success and something to build further on. I know that both Denmark and Sweden have similar plans for their coming events.

In the beginning of May this year I played my first ever competition on artificial grass. As many of you know I have been a big supporter for this development of our sport for many years now. The course in my hometown Gothenburg, Sweden owned and build in 2008 by Askim BGK was a fantastic experience. For me it was a totally new dimension to our sport. Each player had one ball and one club and the course to master. As simple as a challenge can be. But I found that the beauty of this was in the simplicity. For a change no ball-knowledge was important, no technical skills about spins or walls. It was just finding the right line to the hole and try to master your putting. I know that there is a massive scepticism for this new game throughout Europe, but I hope that a few of you can be open to try this game without to much prejudice. You might be as surprised about as I was about how fun and challenging it is.

Hans Bergström  
EMF-President

## *1.2 General Secretary Report*



Victor Condeço  
EMF-general secretary  
Portugal

For me working in the EMF board is an interesting challenge. After four years it is now possible to organize a good communication level with the Member Nations, WMF and EMF board members. We could work organizing phone meetings and email correspondence. Last physical meeting was in Copenhagen, where we plan the next steps.

Since the beginning of this term in office, after the elections in Geldrop it has been a very good team work.

Step by step, it has been possible to organize EMF and to show that this is the umbrella of Minigolf for Europe.

To work in cooperation with WMF, give us the possibility to discuss and define a good strategy for the future of Minigolf. This cooperation is helpful for EMF and WMF to clarify the different issues.

Victor Condeço  
EMF-General secretary

## 1.3 Finance Manager Report



Michael Rasmussen Sølling  
EMF-finance manager  
Denmark

I will comment on 2 matters:

### 1. The current financial manager

Due to work pressure (both professionally and as chairman of the committee for WC 2009 in Odense) it would be very nice if someone would take my place in the EMF Board.

There has been and there will be periods where my priorities are placed elsewhere than by EMF – this results in late payments of referees and other suppliers.

### 2. Problems with the economy in the future

IF you study the budget for 2008 and 2009 you will see that EMF will have a negative net income!

The activities of EMF is held on a absolute minimum, which is:

- referee costs at European Championships
- board costs – 3 physical meeting held over 2 years:
  - a) 1 board meeting each year
  - b) 1 meeting held in connection with the delegates congress

In the last 2 years we only have been 4 members of the board. Of these 4 members there have been a minimum of expenses connected to me, while The Danish Sports Federation covers my expenses.

If we want EMF to survive – which I am sure that we want – we have to either reduce the costs or increase the income!

Increasing the income – in my terms – means that WMF is going to give more money to EMF.

Reducing cost – in my terms – means that we have to reduce costs connected to referees. I do not think it would be possible to reduce the costs connected to the board, since the costs connected to the board already is on a absolute minimum.

Reducing costs connected to referee could be done in more ways:

- less championships – cancelling Nations Cups could be a way
- less referees at championships
- less referees at championships paid by EMF

Best regards

Michael R. Soelling  
EMF-finance manager

## 1.4 Sport Manager Report



Reinhard Neitzke  
EMF-sport director  
Germany

Sitting at a lake in Tampere / Finland to watch a Minigolf tournament – can you imagine that a player ask me: “Isn’t it boring to watch this all the time?” No it’s interesting was my answer – but I was thinking about that question a couple of hours. At least I thought my answer was more than all right. Why? Because to watch the player’s faces, their concentration, their joy, their disappointment and the list could go on and on, on many other individual reasons. Same night I sat together with a journalist by Ryanair, who was doing a story about Minigolf for the in-flight magazine of Ryanair and I asked him: “What do you think about our sport?” His answer: “Wow it was amazing, quite interesting and exciting. I did it as a boy with my parents at the seaside during holidays but never again and I’ve never imagined that Minigolf is such a fascination sport.”

Why I’m telling you this little true story? Because I think that just the Minigolfers themselves think our sport is too long, too boring, nobody cares about us, nobody would like to see our sport and so on. I don’t think it is like that. The World Championships in Canegrate have shown thrilling and exciting sport. Important European newspapers from Switzerland (Neue Züricher Zeitung), Spiegel (Germany) and television channels did very good articles and put the spot on Minigolf. Even the Wall Street Journal had been at the European Cup in Eskilstuna / Sweden. We are hot, we are cool, we are interesting for people outside the Minigolf family. So let’s take this great opportunity for the future.

I could write something about medals and the last Championships and our new knock-out system for individuals but I think this topic is quite more important than to write about who has won what in the last two years. Because of this reasons it’s very interesting to work for European Minigolf Federation and to continue this work in a reasonable way for the players, coaches and everybody who is in Minigolf in Europe. Maybe one day we really can make it possible to bring our sport directly to the people on transportable lanes on a market place wherever in Europe.

Thank you very much for your patience and support during the last 2 years.

Reinhard Neitzke  
EMF-sport director

## *1.5 Media Manager Report*

Markus Janssen, Germany was elected Media Manager at the Delegates Assembly in Geldrop in 2006. He also participated in the EMF work initially but unfortunately Markus had serious health problems during the late part of 2007 and was excused of the Board work. Since Markus after his health recover now wants to concentrate on his work for the German Federation and his player career he will resign at the delegate's conference 2008. Since Markus was only a part of the EMF work for a short period he has chosen not to write a Media Manager Report for the EMF annual report.

## **2 Organisation and facts**

### *2.1 Organisation overview*

This is the general overview of the EMF organization as it looks like in May 2008.

#### **Executive Committee (Board)**

President : Hans Bergström, Sweden  
Secretary general : Victor Condeco, Portugal  
Finance manager : Michael Rasmussen Sølling, Denmark  
Sport director : Reinhard Neitzke, Germany  
Media manager : Markus Janssen, Germany

#### **Technical committee**

Sport director : Reinhard Neitzke, Germany  
Youth officer : Vacant  
Senior players officer : Harry Grönlund, Finland

#### **Youth committee**

Youth officer : Vacant  
Member : Vacant  
Member : Vacant  
Member : Vacant

#### **Education committee**

Sport director : Reinhard Neitzke, Germany  
Member : Vacant  
Member : Vacant

#### **Development and marketing committee**

Media manager : Markus Janssen, Germany  
Member : Willy Bauer, Austria  
Member : Vacant  
Member : Vacant

#### **Legal committee**

Chairman : Michael Seiz, Germany

Member : Vacant  
Member : Vacant

### Supervisory organ

Member : Arne Prip Hansen, Denmark  
Member : Christian Freilach, Austria  
Member : Gerrit Voermans, Netherlands

### Other

Senior players officer : Harry Grönlund, Finland  
Doping officer : Vacant  
Webmaster : Martin Lundell, Sweden

## 2.2 Members statistics

According to the WMF statistics ending 2007 we have the following figures in EMF.

Year End 2007	Member Statistics - European Minigolf Sport Federation																Total Not Active	Overall	2005	Develop-ment	Develop-ment in percentag-e	Clubs	Votes
	Active members						Total Active	Non Active															
	1989 and younger		1989 and younger		1962 to 1988			1962 to 1988		1961 and older		1961 and older											
	boys	girls	men	women	men	women		boys	girls	men	women	men	women										
<b>Europe</b>																							
1 Austria	181	72	559	214	713	232	2031	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	2996	5027	5112	-85	-1,7%	73	3	
2 Belgium	11	2	35	15	56	37	156	9	4	21	14	38	17	103	259	252	7	2,8%	6	2			
3 Cyprus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,0%	1	2		
4 Czech Rep.	68	31	168	96	66	20	409	181	48	1255	301	957	220	2962	3371	3420	-49	-1,4%	43	3			
5 Denmark	23	2	50	5	59	12	151	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	994	1145	1458	-313	-21,5%	20	2			
6 Finland	12	2	67	10	50	8	149	38	9	136	33	107	25	348	497	443	54	12,2%	23	2			
7 France	9	5	20	12	27	15	88	0	0	1	4	4	0	9	97	96	1	1,0%	9	2			
8 Germany	464	126	1672	496	1834	628	5210	370	179	1254	672	1627	882	4984	10194	10375	-181	-1,7%	310	4			
9 Great Britain	6	2	69	10	17	2	106	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	106	86	20	23,3%	7	2			
10 Hungary	14	12	57	16	17	8	124	6	9	12	10	2	2	41	165	217	-52	-24,0%	11	2			
11 Italy	75	8	195	45	124	33	480	0	0	1	1	4	4	10	490	1518	-1028	-67,7%	41	3			
12 Latvija	2	2	22	4	0	2	32	12	3	20	5	5	2	47	79	61	18	23,5%	2	2			
13 Liechtenstein	6	2	8	7	23	15	61	3	2	21	16	57	25	124	185	250	-65	-26,0%	3	2			
14 Luxembourg	4	2	21	5	11	6	49	10	4	25	9	18	6	72	121	133	-12	-9,0%	4	2			
15 Netherlands	16	4	151	40	187	110	509	8	3	33	19	106	94	262	770	763	7	0,9%	35	3			
16 Norway	2	2	12	3	12	3	34	0	0	1	0	2	1	4	38	194	-156	-80,4%	6	2			
17 Poland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	-19	-100,0%	0	2			
18 Portugal	163	56	53	17	61	16	366	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	366	305	61	20,0%	16	3			
19 Romania	4	0	16	3	4	4	31	0	0	0	0	3	3	6	37	52	-15	-28,8%	1	2			
20 Russia	46	22	71	46	17	9	211	128	51	259	112	72	16	638	849	860	-11	-1,3%	11	2			
21 Slovakia	10	5	80	5	12	0	112	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	112	124	-12	-9,7%	8	2			
22 Slovenia	5	0	15	3	3	0	26	3	0	10	2	1	0	16	42	35	7	20,0%	4	2			
23 Sweden	806	285	945	217	929	296	3478	839	360	434	308	878	554	3373	6851	7045	-194	-2,8%	114	4			
24 Switzerland	51	18	222	68	285	97	741	48	244	687	0	0	0	979	1720	1725	-5	-0,3%	58	3			
25 Ukraine	0	10	40	20	10	5	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	172	-87	-50,6%	0	2			
	1978	670	4548	1307	4517	1618	active 14638	1655	672	3727	1505	4568	1851	Non active 17968	32606	34715	-2109	-6,1%	806	60			

In total we have lost 6.1 % of our players since the last count in 2005. Of course this is not a good development and I really hope for the future that we can hold on to the players we have and also expand. The only 2 countries that have expanded with more than 50 players the last two years are Portugal and Finland. A big congratulation to these two and let's hope in 2010 we will have a lot more members in this "small club".

## 3 Economics

### 3.1 Economic Report for 2006-2007

All amounts in Euro.

#### Result

	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>1</b>	Income, minigolf	12 076	14 162	1 416
	Interest	3		
	<b>Total income</b>	<b>12 079</b>	<b>14 162</b>	<b>1 416</b>
	<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>2</b>	<b>Championships</b>	<b>4 011</b>	<b>12 045</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>2 760</b>	<b>1 320</b>	<b>456</b>
	<b>Administrative costs</b>			
	Internet	392	330	29
	Delegates meeting	0	0	272
	Purchases	0	127	
	Bank charges	98	118	5
	<b>Administrative costs, total</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>307</b>
	<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>7 261</b>	<b>13 940</b>	<b>821</b>
	<b>ANNUAL RESULT</b>	<b>4 818</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>595</b>

**Balance as per 31st December 2007**

	<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2 005</b>
	Outstanding debts	0	1 895	0
	Bank account	10 328	5 586	999
	<b>ASSETS, total</b>	<b>10 328</b>	<b>7 481</b>	<b>999</b>
	<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
	<b>OWN CAPITAL</b>			
	Saldo primo	816	595	0
	Result of the year	4 818	222	595
	<b>OWN CAPITAL, total</b>	<b>5 635</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>595</b>
	<b>DEBTS</b>			
	WMF, loan	4 000	5 000	
<b>4</b>	Various creditors	693	1 664	404
	<b>TOTAL DEBTS</b>	<b>4 693</b>	<b>6 664</b>	<b>404</b>
	<b>LIABILITIES, total</b>	<b>10 328</b>	<b>7 481</b>	<b>999</b>

**Notes**

		<b>2 007</b>	<b>2 006</b>	<b>2 005</b>
<b>1</b>	<b><u>Income, minigolf</u></b>			
	Members fee	12 076	13 481	
	License, marketing profits	0	606	
	Other income	0	75	1 416
		<b>12 076</b>	<b>14 162</b>	<b>1 416</b>
<b>2</b>	<b><u>Championships</u></b>			
	<b><u>Open Class</u></b>			
	<u>European Championships</u>			
	Inspections	0	0	
	Referees	-670	3 295	
	Organisation representation	0	2 562	
	<u>Nations Cup</u>			
	Inspections	0	0	

	Referees	0	1 801	
	Organisation representation	0	640	
	<b><u>Youth</u></b>			
	<b><u>European Championships</u></b>			
	Inspections	0	0	
	Referees	0	0	
	Organisation representation	562	0	
	<b><u>Nations Cup</u></b>			
	Inspections	0	0	
	Referees	0	0	
	Organisation representation	0	0	
	<b><u>Seniors</u></b>			
	<b><u>European Championships</u></b>			
	Inspections	0	0	
	Referees	1 273	0	
	Organisation representation	64	119	
	<b><u>Nations Cup</u></b>			
	Inspections	0	0	
	Referees	1 035	884	
	Organisation representation	0	0	
	<b><u>European Cup</u></b>			
	Inspections	0	508	
	Referees	910	1 510	
	Organisation representation	837	727	59
		<b>4 011</b>	<b>12 045</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Organisation</b>			
	<b><u>Board</u></b>			
	Travel and stay expenses	2 675	1 120	
	Phone meetings	85	201	456
		<b>2 760</b>	<b>1 320</b>	<b>456</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Various creditors</b>			
	Anja Richter	0	694	
	Jean-Pierre Jacob	0	670	
	Marcus Wüthrich	609	0	
	Danish Minigolf Federation	0	300	
	Phone meeting	85	0	
		<b>693</b>	<b>1 664</b>	<b>404</b>

### 3.2 Result budget for 2008-2009

	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>1</b>	Income, minigolf	12 000	12000
	Interest	5	5
	<b>Total income</b>	<b>12 005</b>	<b>12 005</b>
	<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>2</b>	<b>Championships</b>	<b>6 300</b>	<b>13 750</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>2 500</b>	<b>2 500</b>
	<b>Administrative costs</b>		
	Internet	400	400
	Delegates meeting	0	1545
	Purchases	0	800
	Bank charges	120	120
	<b>Administrative costs, total</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>2865</b>
	<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>9 320</b>	<b>19 115</b>
	<b>ANNUAL RESULT</b>	<b>2685</b>	<b>-7 110</b>

### 3.3 Balance budget for 2008-2009

	<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	Bank account	3 210	1 525
	<b>ASSETS, total</b>	<b>3 210</b>	<b>1 525</b>
	<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
	<b>OWN CAPITAL</b>		
	Saldo primo	-1 475	5 635
	Result of the year	2 685	-7 110
	<b>OWN CAPITAL, total</b>	<b>1 210</b>	<b>-1 475</b>
	<b>DEBTS</b>		
	WMF, loan	2 000	3 000
	Various creditors	0	0
	<b>TOTAL DEBTS</b>	<b>2 000</b>	<b>3 000</b>
	<b>LIABILITIES, total</b>	<b>3 210</b>	<b>1 525</b>

### 3.3 Budget details for 2008-2009

		2 009	2 008
<b>1</b>	<b><u>Income, minigolf</u></b>		
	Members fee	12 000	12 000
	License, marketing profits	0	0
	Other income	0	0
	Interest	5	5
	<b>Income total</b>	<b>12 005</b>	<b>12 005</b>
	<b><u>Expenses</u></b>		
<b>2</b>	<b><u>Championships</u></b>		
	<b><u>Open Class</u></b>		
	<u>European Championships</u>		
	Inspections	0	0
	Referees	0	3 300
	Organisation representation	0	2 250
	<u>Nations Cup</u>		
	Inspections	0	300
	Referees	0	1 500
	Organisation representation	0	350
	<b><u>Youth</u></b>		
	<u>European Championships</u>		
	Organisation representation	0	0
	<b><u>Seniors</u></b>		
	<u>European Championships</u>		
	Inspections	0	0
	Referees	2 250	2 350
	Organisation representation	0	0
	<u>Nations Cup</u>		
	Inspections	0	0
	Referees	1 650	1 700
	Organisation representation	0	0
	<b><u>European Cup</u></b>		
	Inspections	300	100
	Referees	1 500	1 700
	Organisation representation	600	200
		<b>6 300</b>	<b>13 750</b>
<b>3</b>	<b><u>Organisation</u></b>		
	<u>Board</u>		
	Travel and stay expenses	2 400	2 400
	Phone meetings	100	100
		<b>2 500</b>	<b>2 500</b>
	<u>Administrative costs</u>		
	Internet	400	400
	Delegates conference	0	2865

	Purchases	0	800	
	Bank charges	120	120	
		520	2 865	
	<b>Expenses total</b>	<b>9 320</b>	<b>19 115</b>	

## 4 Board and Committees Report

### 4.1 Board meetings

Since the delegate's conference in August 2006 the board have had 10 board meetings. Five of them (Geldrop; Holland, Bensheim; Germany, Canegrate 2 meetings; Italy and Copenhagen; Denmark) were held in physically in persons and five over the phone. Another meeting is planned in Tampere; Finland before the delegate's conference in August. The Board meetings have minutes that are published on the EMF website.

The number of meetings has significantly increased from the last period since EMF started to be responsible for its own task from the start of 2006. From the same moment EMF also had a budget that could support a greater activity than before. So the period 2006-2008 have in practice been the first real period for the EMF board with both responsibilities and capacity of executing.

The EMF Board has also by several contacts and a separate workshop cleared out task and responsibilities with the WMF Board.

The work of the board has been very constructive and in a positive spirit.

Hans Bergström

### 4.2 Delegate's conference in Geldrop 2006

At the second EMF delegates Conference there were two motions to decide upon. The first motion was about making the European Championships open also for non-European player. The second one came from Germany and asked for making some minor clerical changes to the Statues. Both were approved by the conference. At the elections the following were elected. President - Hans Bergström (Sweden); General Secretary – Victor Condeço (Portugal); Finance Manager – Michael Rasmussen Sølling (Denmark); Sport Officer - Reinhard Neitzke (Germany) and Media Manager – Markus Jansen (Germany).

Hans Bergström

### 4.3 Technical committee

In this committee Seniors Officer Harry Grönlund and I are working together extremely close with WMF-Technical committee. We did not have any personal meeting but telephone and mail contact.

Reinhard Neitzke

### 4.4 Youth committee

This committee have not been active during the period. Youth are managed for now as well for the closest future in first hand WMF. It's the EMF opinion that the WMF Youth committee does a great job in this area and there is no need to double the work.

Hans Bergström

#### *4.5 Education committee*

This committee has not been active during the period. Education is planned to be managed together with WMF.

Hans Bergström

#### *4.6 Doping officer*

This position has been vacant the last period since the board where not able to find a suitable person. The exact demands on such a person as well as duties to perform were not really clear and therefore it was hard to find a person willing to commit to the assignment. In the future this will be made clearer and hopefully we will find a suitable candidate for the position.

Hans Bergström

#### *4.7 Development and marketing committee*

This committee have not been active during the period.

Hans Bergström

#### *4.8 Legal committee*

These committees have not been active during the period.

Hans Bergström

#### *4.9 Supervisory Organ*

The Supervisory Organ report will be distributed separately from this report.

Hans Bergström

#### *4.10 Seniors players officer*

There were two international highlights on the senior scene in year 2006

##### **Seniors Nations Cup 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2006**

The competition was held in very heart of central Europe in Luxemburg. The course (eternit) was situated in the beautiful flourishing Petrustal.

The amount of participants could be described as quite poor; only 8 teams from 5 countries (Austria, Germany, Belgium, Netherlands and Luxemburg; additionally 2 individual players from Switzerland). Because of the low amount of players everyone played all the rounds (12); Good practise! The worthy winner was Austria 2 followed by Germany and Belgium 2.

##### **Seniors European Championships 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> of August 2006**

The tournament had gathered to Luxemburg this time a reasonable number of nations and players: 11 nations; 10 men's teams and 4 ladies teams; 72 men and 18 ladies altogether.

The competition organisation was in the hands of the club Ro'de Le'w with great experience of organizing large international events. Everything ran smoothly and a friendly atmosphere prevailed.

All the lanes were completely covered with tents, and not unnecessary, heavy rain showers flushed constantly Petrustal. Under the tents everything stayed dry and the competition could be played as scheduled. Just great! The opening ceremony took place near by the course combined with a nice barbeque and free drinks. Closing ceremony was combined with an unforgettable river cruise in a large private restaurant ship.

In the men's team competition German took the victory after hard fight against Sweden. Bronze Medals were delivered somewhat surprisingly to Italy. In women's team Austria won Germany with 4 strokes, third position also a little unexpected to Belgium.

In men's category it was very tight and there had to be a throw off to decide gold and silver medals. Goris Henk from Netherlands was the champion. Women's category was even tighter: there was a throw off of all the medals! Elisabeth Kammerer from Austria was the strongest.

A special coincidence: in both categories the winning result was the same: 242 (20,167 avg)

There were also two championships on the senior scene in 2007

### **Seniors Nations Cup 26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2007**

The event took place at the eternit and concrete courses of Franz-Kocistrasse in Vienna; the same forum than in year 2003. There were participating 11 teams from 5 countries. Additionally individual players from Czech Republic and Switzerland were present; altogether 13 women and 36 men.

After a tight competition a throw off -decision was needed between Germany 1 and Austria 2. This was in favour for Germans. Bronze medals were dealt to Austria 1. Markus Wuthrich was operating as Senior Officer at this event. Special thanks to him!

### **Seniors European Championships 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> of August 2007**

Also by this occasion in Vienna the competition organisation lay in extremely competent and experienced hands. This crew was led by ÖBGV President Leo Moik. The infrastructure with courses etc was as expected in superb condition.

Participants were abundant from 13 countries 82 male and 26 female players, forming 12 men's team and 6 women's teams. Gold medals in men's team went for Germany but Austria took as comfort the brightest medals in women's category. In both categories the bronze medals a bit surprisingly went to Italy. The big news in the individual competition was the introduction of match play for the 32 best men and 16 best women. In advance many doubtful comments were heard of the new system even from the high level. It is true that it needs a different psychological attitude as you have to prove your playing skills again and again and you have no possibility to rest.

Anyhow this method is very visual and extremely exciting also for the spectators. It gives possibilities for surprises; and that was what was seen. In men's category the Austrian Alfred Curda from ranking position 11 took the gold medal. In women's class Annalisa Aghito from Italy as well took the victory. She started from the ranking position of the 5th place. I would consider the new playing method as a success!

Both the opening and closing ceremonies took place in a special environment; the Tivoli. Under the survey of the speaker Willy Bauer everything runs smoothly.

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In the end I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the players, officials and organizers of well done work.

You have all contributed to the special atmosphere of friendly sportsmanship that is clearly distinctive during the Seniors tournaments.

Harry Grönlund

#### *4.11 Information distribution and website report*

Information has been distributed mainly by using the new EMF web site [www.europeanminigolf.com](http://www.europeanminigolf.com). This site is created and maintained by our webmaster Martin Lundell, who the EMF Board would like to thank for a job well done. Since the start of the site in July 2005 been visited by over 13000 visitors from 30 countries.

Hans Bergström

## 5 EMF Championships

Below the results from the EMF championships in 2006-2007 are stated.

### 5.1 European Championships, General Class, Geldrop, Holland, 2004

Harald  
Erlbruch,  
Germany



Bianca Zodrow,  
Germany



#### Male Team

1. Sweden	1148
2. Germany	1150
3. Austria	1177

#### Female Team

1. Germany	583
2. Holland	599
3. Sweden	608

#### Individual Male

1. Harald Erlbruch, Germany	275
2. Peter Eisenschmidt, Sweden	277
3. Erik Tiekstra, Holland	279

#### Individual Female

1. Bianca Zodrow, Germany	285
2. Corina Reinisch, Germany	291
3. Tryntsje Schakel, Holland	295

### 5.2 Seniors European Championships, Petrustal, Luxemburg, 2006

#### Male Team

1. Germany	1126
2. Sweden	1130
3. Italy	1141

#### Female Team

1. Austria	560
2. Germany	564
3. Belgium	604

#### Individual Male

1. Henk Goris, Holland	242
2. Harry Grönlund, Finland	242
3. Thomas Sennerby, Sweden	243

#### Individual Female

1. Elisabeth Kammerer, Austria	242
2. Maria Fuschelberger, Austria	243
3. Monika Erlbruch, Germany	243

### 5.3 European Cup, Alges, Portugal, 2006

BGS  
Hardenberg,  
Germany



BGC  
Neutraubling,  
Germany



#### Male Team

1. BGS Hardenberg, Germany	1158
2. Uppsala BGK, Sweden	1165
3. SG Arheilgen, Germany	1196

#### Female Team

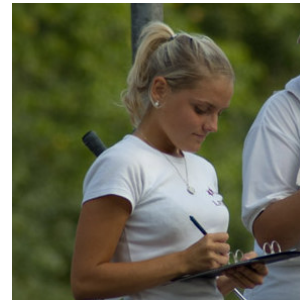
1. BGC Neutraubling, Germany	660
2. MGC Mainz, Germany	694
3. Uppsala BGK, Sweden	719

### 5.4 Youth European Championships, Södertälje, Sweden, 2007

Max  
Hermann,  
Germany



Madara Kirska,  
Latvia



#### Male Team

1. Sweden	1320
2. Germany	1351
3. Czech Republic	1371

#### Female Team

1. Czech Republic	738
2. Sweden	738
3. Germany	759

#### Individual Male

1. Max Hermann, Germany
2. Martin Sjöberg, Sweden
3. Filiph Svensson, Sweden

#### Individual Female

1. Madara Kirska, Latvia
2. Jana Nakládálová, Czech Republic
3. Simona Handlova, Czech Republic

### 5.4 Seniors European Championships, Vienna, Austria, 2007

#### Male Teams

1. Germany	1220
2. Austria	1228
3. Italy	1232

#### Female Teams

1. Austria	621
2. Germany	628
3. Italy	647

#### Individual Male

1. Alfred Curda, Austria
2. Horst Spirtk, Austria
3. Jürgen Summ, Germany

#### Individual Female

1. Annalisa Aghito, Italy
2. Doris Ertl, Austria
3. Ornella Campora, Italy

## 5.6 European Cup, Eskilstuna, Sweden, 2007

Uppsala  
BGK,  
Sweden



Uppsala  
BGK,  
Sweden



### Male Teams

1. Uppsala BGK, Sweden	1268
2. BGS Hardenberg, Germany	1404
3. MGC Bischofshofen, Austria	1452

### Female Teams

1. Uppsala BGK / Sweden	694
2. MGC Mainz, Germany	742
3. MGC Knittelfeld, Austria	753

## 5.7 Appointed future championships

The following championships are definitely appointed:

### 2009

Competition	Class	Organizer	System
Nations Cup	Youth	Waldshut / Germany	Concrete and eternite
European Championships	Youth	Waldshut / Germany	Concrete and eternite
Nations Cup	Seniors	Lamego / Portugal	Concrete and eternite
European Championships	Seniors	Lamego / Portugal	Concrete and eternite
European Cup	Club Teams	Vadus / Liechtenstein	Concrete

### 2010

Competition	Class	Organizer	System
Nations Cup	General Class	Not appointed, still in search	
European Championships	General Class	Not appointed, still in search	
Nations Cup	Seniors	Prievidza, Slovakia	Felt and eternite
European Championships	Seniors	Prievidza, Slovakia	Felt and eternite
European Cup	Club Teams	Vienna / Austria	System Felt

### 2011

Competition	Class	Organizer	System
Nations Cup	Youth	Application exist, not decided	
European Championships	Youth	Application exist, not decided	
Nations Cup	Seniors	Not appointed, still in search	
European Championships	Seniors	Not appointed, still in search	
European Cup	Club Teams	Not appointed, still in search	

EMF would like to urge the member nations to read the EMF application form published at the EMF web site [www.europeanminigolfsport.com](http://www.europeanminigolfsport.com). EMF really encourages all member nations to apply for international championships. We need more applications to choose from in order to being able to choose the best possible organizers for our sport. Don't hesitate in sending question to the EMF sport-director about what it takes to be an organizer for EMF.

Reinhard Neitzke  
EMF-sport director

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