

## Time to make friends for the young minigolf elite



Preparations are in full swing for the Minigolf Youth World Championship (YWC) in Bad Mnder from the 15th to 18th of August: Business promoter Anika John, board member of the minigolf club "SC" Thomas Umlauf and GeTour event manager Thomas Slappa have their hands full. The organizing committee is completed on a federal level by Gerhard Zimmermann, the president of the German Minigolf Federation, and Christian Somnitz, the Youth Officer of the Minigolf Federation of Bremen and Lower Saxony (Niedersachsen).

"At the moment we are looking for sponsors", tells Umlauf. He and his combatants from Bad Mnder visit companys of the surrounding area and try to motivate them. "The YWC is very valuable for the region", Umlauf is convinced. "The District Administrator (Landrat) Rdiger Butte also signals enthusiasm."

While John cares for the permits at the town council and the administrative district (Landkreis), the main focus of GeTour is the accommodation of the participants. "Teams from Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Portugal, and, of course, Germany have already applied", Slappa enumerates. Also participants from Japan are expected. The most successful teams will even come to the Nations Cup on Whitsun. "This is a kind of preliminary tournament", Slappa explains.

Work is in progress on an official website for the four events (2013 the Nations Cup as well as the World Championship for adults will take place in Bad Mnder), Slappa tells. "There you will find information about Bad Mnder, tournament schedules and results."

Apart from the minigolf courses the whole town centre will be made up, Umlauf announces. "Petra Witte is commissioned with that." For the spring fair the official flag shall be hoisted in front of the town hall. Umlauf and Slappa emphasize that a lot of helping hands are necessary for the organizing. Bad Mnder shall be presented as an overall package, Slappa says. "Everyone takes on the job one is best at." John: "It is quite terrific how the minigolf club 'SC' supports the event."

"If footballers shout 'We are going to Berlin!', then minigolfers must shout 'We are going to Bad Mnder'.", says Heinz-Josef Sprengkamp, press officer of the German Minigolf Federation. "It will be

a real adventure." Bad Mnder stands out as a venue due to its health resort park. "That is an idyll", Sprengkamp is enthusiastic. He also appreciates the short ways between the courses. "With 11000 actives it is an informal atmosphere. The YWC in Bad Mnder is like a big family party."

Will probably start at the YWC in Bad Mnder: Marcel Waleska of the club MGC Gttingen, european team champion 2011.

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