



Blind Golf Scotland

The driving force behind blind golf in Scotland since 1982

Meet Cameron McDiarmid

2009 & 2015 British Blind Open Champion and 5x winner Blind Golf Scotland Order of Merit!



At just 18 months old, Cameron lost his sight due to Bilateral Retinoblastoma. He is registered blind, with no sight in his left eye and only a small percentage in his right eye. Despite this, he always knew he wanted a career in sport.

Now 34 years old, Cameron has been an active member of Blind Golf Scotland for 20 years and works at a renowned Scottish golf club.

Cameron says *“the biggest challenge was to adapt and find my own way in life. With sight loss, simple tasks might just take a little bit longer to master but whether it is with the help of friends, family or technology you can do it.*

I have been very lucky as my family have supported me in all my life choices; from fighting for me to attend mainstream education with my best friend to work choices, and through my golf where my younger brother Matthew has also been a huge support. I am now a father myself and the support of my family and partner has got me through anxious moments”.

He was already a golfer before BGS but a social worker made him aware of the society and he never looked back. He started as a junior with a handicap of 36 and now has a club handicap of eight and, although he doesn't play as much as he used to, Cameron is one of the best visually impaired golfers in the world.

Being in blind golf for 20 years, he has been able to travel the world and the society has helped him gain social skills and confidence.

Cameron's advice to others is "Stay positive. You are stronger than you think. Talk to your family and friends because they care and help you to find your way. You will need to be patient but if you search, you'll find the answers."

The best thing about golf is the enjoyment it brings; from the company of your friends or family, the weather (when it's fine!), the beauty of the golf course and other surroundings, and knowing life is good".

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