



IGC – FAI Challenge Cups

Part 18 – History of the Göran Ax Memorial Trophy

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History

The Swedish Gliding Federation donated the Göran Ax Memorial Trophy in 2019. The citation reads:

The gliding community lost a best friend in 2018. He was not only an accomplished, successful highly respected glider pilot, Soaring World Champion in both Open and 15m classes, honoured with 2 Silver medals and a Bronze, Swedish Gliding Champion, but also because of his tireless efforts as a representative for the Swedish Gliding Federation over 3 decades. The whole gliding community thanks Göran for his hard work. He will always be remembered by the gliding community.

Description of the trophy: The Trophy is a work of glass art, and has been designed and produced by a famous Swedish artist in Arboga. It depicts a glider circling in a thermal, and is placed on a base with an attached plaque.



Engraving: The base has space for further plaques to be engraved with the name of the winners, and the place, nation and date of the WGC Open Class.

Rules:

1. The Göran Ax Trophy is awarded to the pilot who achieves the highest accumulated Marking Distance in the Open Class during an entire World Gliding Championship.
2. Training days are not counted.
3. A tie is broken by the higher overall placement at the end of the competition
4. The engraving shall include the year, place of the event, and the name and the country of the winner. It is recommended to the holder of the Cup to organise the engraving before the start of the next WGC. The holder of the Challenge Cup is requested to bring the Cup either personally or through the respective Team Captain to the Organiser of the next championship, or to arrange for the trophy to be shipped in time. The Organisers of World Gliding Championships should ensure that the engravings have been carried out

List of Winners and events

<u>Year</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Winner</u>
2022	37 th WGC	Szeged / Hungary	Radek Krejcirik / Czech Republic
2024	38 th WGC	Uvalde / USA	Jim Lee / USA