



## IGC – FAI Challenge Cups

### Part 6 – History of the FAI Club Class Challenge Cup

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#### History of the FAI Club Class Challenge Cup

- 1979 The FAI Club Class Challenge Cup was donated by the Swedish Airsport Federation for the 1<sup>st</sup> European Gliding Championship Club Class in Örebro/ Sweden.

Description of the first Club Class Challenge Cup: A wooden square base holding a metal column with a crystal globe with a glider model on top. The Cup was awarded to the winner of the 1<sup>st</sup> EGC Club Class to Martin Brunecky of Czech Republic. This FAI Challenge Cup Club Class was awarded until 1998.

- 1998 the 10<sup>th</sup> EGC Club Class was organised in Jihlava / CZE. The FAI Challenge Cup was awarded to the winner of the EGC Frank Hahn, Germany, who kept the FAI Challenge Cup Club Class until 2005.

- 2001 The European Club Class Championships changed to World Championships. The FAI Challenge Cup Club Class was not transferred to the Worlds. The 1<sup>st</sup> World Gliding Championship in the Club Class took place in Gawler / Australia. The champion Peter Masson from Great Britain was awarded a different cup, possibly a new FAI Challenge Cup, Documentation dealing with this trophy is missing.

- 2002 the 2<sup>nd</sup> WGC Club Class at Musbach / Germany was again a stand-alone competition, this continued in 2004 and 2006. There is no certainty whether FAI Challenge Cups were awarded during that period.

- 2005 The Club Class was included in the Continental competitions: European Gliding Championships. The 13<sup>th</sup> EGC 2005 in Nitra, Slovakia, was organised in Club Class, Standard- and 18 m Class. Frank Hahn, holder of the FAI Challenge Cup Club Class since 1998 returned the Challenge Cup to the organisers of the EGC in Nitra. The European Champion Sebastian Kawa was awarded with the respective Cup.

- 2008 The 4<sup>th</sup> World Gliding Championship Club Class was added to the 30<sup>th</sup> FAI World Gliding Championships. The WGC 2008 took place in Rieti in three classes, Standard Class, Club Class and World Class. A new FAI Club Class Challenge Cup, was presented to the World Champion Matthias Sturm, Germany. This FAI Challenge Cup Club Class has been passed on to the next current World Champion since then.

Description of the Club Class Challenge Cup: a bronze seagull with outspread wings touching a bronze wave on a solid base



Rules and Regulations: see Part 1 - IGC FAI Challenge Cups 1.1. – 1.1.4

## List of the Champions Club Class and events – FAI Challenge Cup

### European Club Class Chamionships – European Champions

1979	EGC	Martin Brunecky, CZE	Örebro/Sweden
1982	EGC	Werner Müller, Germany	Hammelburg/D
1984	EGC	Ivo Simenc, JUG	Bled/ Jugoslawia
1986	EGC	Ivo Simenc; JUG	Rieti/Italy
1987	EGC	Klaus Ohlmann, Germany	St. Yan/ FRA
1990	EGC	Milos Dederá, CZE	Arnborg/Denmark
1991	EGC	Ralf Fischer, Germany	Landau/Germany
1994	EGC	Ralf Fischer, Germany	Dubnica n.V./SK
1996	EGC	<i>not valid, title remained R:Fischer</i>	Slovenij Gradec/SI
1998	EGC	Frank Hahn,Germany	Jihlava/CZE
2005	13 <sup>th</sup> EGC	Sebastian Kawa / Poland	Nitra/SL
2007	14 <sup>th</sup> EGC	Sebastian Kawa / Poland	Pociunai / Lithuania
2009	15 <sup>th</sup> EGC	René de Dreu/NL	Pociunai / Lithuania
2011	16 <sup>th</sup> EGC	Roman Mraček/CZ	Nitra/SL
2013	17 <sup>th</sup> EGC	Roman Mraček/CZ	Ostrow/ Poland
2015	18 <sup>th</sup> EGC	Ondřej Dvořák/CZ	Rieti/Italy
2017	19 <sup>th</sup> EGC	Tim Kuijpers/NL	Moravská Třebová
2019	20 <sup>th</sup> EGC	Tom Arscott/GBR	Prievidza/Slovakia
2022	21 <sup>st</sup> EGC	Tomas Suchanek / CZE	Pociunai / Lithuania
2024	23 <sup>rd</sup> EGC	Jacek Flis/Poland	Tabor/CZE

### World Gliding Championships Club Class - World Champions

2001	WGC	Peter Masson / Great Britain	Gawler/Australia
2002	WGC	Tomas Suchanek / CZE	Musbach/Germany
2004	WGC	Sebastian Kawa / Poland	Elverum/ Norway
2006	WGC	Sebastian Kawa / Poland	Vinon/France
2008	30 <sup>th</sup> WGC	Matthias Sturm / Germany	Rieti/Italy
2010	31 <sup>st</sup> WGC	Arndt Hovestadt / Germany	Prievidza/Slovakia
2012	32 <sup>nd</sup> WGC	Santiago Berca /Argentina	Gonzalez Chavez/AR
2014	33rd WGC	Eric Bernard / France	Räyskälä/Finland
2016	34th WGC	Jan Rothhardt / Germany	Pociunai / Lithuania
2018	35 <sup>th</sup> WGC	Rasmus Orskov, Denmark	Ostrow/ Poland
2020	36 <sup>th</sup> WGC	<i>Postponed to 2021 due to Covid</i>	Châlons-en-Champagne/France
2021	36 <sup>th</sup> WGC	Uwe Wahlig /Germany	Montlucons-Gueret / France
2023	37 <sup>th</sup> WGC	James Nugent / AUS	Narromine / AUS