

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

1979 The FAI Club Class Challenge Cup was donated by the Swedish Airsport Federation for the 1st European Gliding Championship Club Class in Örebro/ Sweden. Description: A wooden square base holds a metal column with a cristal globe which has a glider model on top. The Cup was awarded to the winner of the 1st EGC Club Class to Martin Brunecky of Czech Republic. This respective FAI Challenge Cup Club Class was awarded until 1998.

1998 the 10th 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 hasn’t been transferred to the Worlds. The 1st 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 is missing.

2002 the 2nd WGC Club Class at Musbach / Germany again was a stand-alone competition, as well as 2004 and 2006. There is no certainty whether FAI Challenge Cups have been awarded in that period.

2005 The Club Class was included in the Continental competitions: European Gliding Championships. The 13th 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 organiser of the EGC in Nitra. The European Champion Sebastian Kawa was awarded with the respective Cup.

2008 The 4th World Gliding Championship Club Class was added to the 30th FAI World Gliding Championships. The WGC 2008 took place in Rieti in three classes, Standard Class, Club Class and World Class. The FAI Club Class Challenge Cup: a bronze seagull with outspread wings touching a bronze wave on a solid base, was presented to the World Champion Matthias Sturm, Germany. The FAI Challenge Cup Club Class has been passed on to the next current World Champion since then.

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

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

* 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/France
* 1990 EGC Milos Dedera, CZE Arnborg/Denmark
* 1991 EGC Ralf Fischer, Germany Landau/Germany
* 1994 EGC Ralf Fischer, Germany Dubnica n.V./SK
* 1996 EGC not valid, title remained R:F: Slovenij Gradec/SI
* 1998 EGC Frank Hahn,Germany Jihlava/CZE

**2005 13th EGC Sebastian Kawa, Poland Nitra / Slovakia**

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* **World Gliding Championships Club Class - World Champions**
* 2001 WGCPeter Masson, Great BritainGawler/Australia
* 2002 WGC Tomas Suchanek, CZE Musbach/Germany
* 2004 WGC Sebastian Kawa, Poland Elverum/Norway
* 2006 WGC Sebastian Kawa, Poland Vinon/France
* **2008 30thWGC Matthias Sturm, Germany Rieti/Italy**
* 2010 31stWGC Arndt Hovestadt, Germany Prievidza/Slovakia
* 2012 32ndWGC Santiago Berca,Argentina Gonzalez Chavez/AR
* 2014 33rdWGC Eric Bernard, France Räyskälä/Finland
* 2016 34thWGC Jan Rothhardt, Germany Pociunai / Lithuania
* 2018 35thWGC Rasmus Orskov, Denmark Ostrow/Poland
* 2020 36th WGC postponed to 2021 Châlons-en-Champagne/FRA
* 2021 36th WGC Uwe Wahlig, Germany Montlucon-Gueret / France

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