

Livery Companies Golfing Society

Prince Arthur Cup



Prince Arthur - Duke of Connaught and Strathearn

Prince Arthur of Connaught and Strathearn (Arthur Frederick Patrick Albert 1883 –1938).
Grandson of Queen Victoria. Governor General of South Africa 1920 to 1924.
(Father was son of Queen Victoria and had same name and title).



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The Inter Livery Golf Tournament

The annual Inter Livery Golf Tournament – the largest one day, two course, amateur tournament in the UK – was first held in 1927 at Walton Heath Golf Club.

That was the year in which Prince Arthur of Connaught was invited to become a guest of the Coachmakers' Livery Company and then went on to accept the Freedom and Livery of the Company later that year. He was subsequently elected Assistant and showed such an interest in the Company that he became Master in 1932.

But his admission in 1927 to the Coachmakers was a great honour and to commemorate the event, the Master Arthur Hungerford Pollen presented the Coachmakers' Company with the Prince Arthur Cup – an impressive silver gilt trophy that would be competed for annually by the Livery Companies of London in a foursomes' golf tournament.

The first tournament at Walton Heath, which saw Companies represented by two pairs playing two rounds of golf, was won by the Butchers Company. As time went on, more Companies participated and the event was held at a number of different golf clubs before St George's Hill became the venue

from 1930 to 1958, then Wentworth from 1960 to 1978. The Prince Arthur Cup returned to Walton Heath in 1979 and the event has been held there ever since.

There are now 54 teams participating – the maximum that can be accommodated – which means 216 players currently take part in what has developed into one of the City Liveries' most prestigious and fiercely contested annual sporting events.

Since there are 108 Livery Companies and only 54 can compete in any one year, a little spice is added in that the 12 Companies with the lowest scores retire to allow new competitors to enter the following year.

Prince Arthur Cup History at Walton Heath

Walton Heath Archivist Philip Truett writes: I remember how pleased Walton Heath was when the Prince Arthur Cup returned 52 years after the first playing of the competition in 1927. Indeed, surprise was expressed that it had taken so long for you to return to your roots! Those roots would have been put down with the help of the Club's Proprietor and Chairman of the News of the World, Lord Riddell of Walton Heath. Indeed, almost certainly, you would have been his guests for the day. Anybody with any sort of influence were **his** guests and the really influential ones would have been made Honorary Members. After all, it was his fiefdom! However, if I am right about this hospitality, a move the following year to Sundridge Park is more difficult to explain! Walton Heath would have been well known to Prince Arthur; his cousins the Prince of Wales, later Edward VIII and the Duke of York, later George VI were both Honorary members of the Club. Lord Riddell had never seen the need for anything so vulgar as a Club Captain and it was only upon his demise in December 1934 that the new owners felt differently about such an appointment and, in 1935, asked The Prince of Wales to be become the Club's first Captain. He was still in office when he became King upon the death of his father, George V, in January 1936, making Walton Heath the only English Club to have a reigning monarch as Captain. We value our association with the playing of the Prince Arthur Cup – It is a special day in the Club's year for many reasons – We have many club members participating, including, on occasions such as last year, winning team members, it is the only day in the year when both courses are closed to members to accommodate a Society visit, it is the largest gathering in the Club's year and certainly the only such occasion when play is against Bogey! Long may our association continue.



Prince of Wales (Duke of Windsor) first Captain of Walton Heath

League Tables

Pre War

Vinters	5
Leathersellers	3
Butchers	2
Dyers	1
Paviors	1
Cordwainers	1
Saddlers	1
Grocers	1

Post War

Leathersellers	10
Solicitors	5
Stationers Newspaper Makers	5
Mercers	4
Haberdashers	3
Bakers	3
Coachmakers	3
Fishmongers	2
Carmen	2
Tylers and Bricklayers	2
Butchers	2
Feltmakers	2
Dyers	1
Distillers	1
Tinplate Workers	1
Tallow Chandlers	1
Carpenters	1
Wax Chandlers	1
Air Pilots and Navigators	1
Fanmakers	1
Coopers	1
Basket Makers	1
Farriers	1
Painter Stainers	1
Loriners	1
Information Technologists	1
Armourers and Braziers	1
Grocers	1
Makers of Playing Cards	1
Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders	1
Chartered Surveyors	1
Curriers	1
Insurers	1
Cutlers	1
Spectacle Makers	1
Founders	1
Brewers	1
Merchant Taylors	1

<u>Year of Competition</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Winners</u>
1927	Walton Heath	Butchers
1928	Sundridge Park	Dyers
1929	Moor Park	Butchers/Paviors
1930	St Georges Hill	Leathersellers
1931	St Georges Hill	Vintners
1932	St Georges Hill	Cordwainers and Saddlers
1933	St Georges Hill	Leathersellers
1934	St Georges Hill	Leathersellers
1935	St Georges Hill	Vintners
1936	St Georges Hill	Vintners
1937	St Georges Hill	Vintners
1938	St Georges Hill	Vintners
1939	St Georges Hill	Grocers
1946	St Georges Hill	Leathersellers
1947	St Georges Hill	Fishmongers
1948	St Georges Hill	Dyers
1949	St Georges Hill	Distillers
1950	St Georges Hill	Fishmongers
1951	St Georges Hill	Solicitors
1952	St Georges Hill	Haberdashers
1953	St Georges Hill	Leathersellers
1954	St Georges Hill	Tin Plate Workers
1955	St Georges Hill	Stationers
1956	St Georges Hill	Tallow Chandlers
1957	St Georges Hill	Carpenters
1958	St Georges Hill	Leathersellers
1959	Wentworth	Wax Chandlers
1960	Wentworth	Solicitors
1961	Wentworth	Leathersellers
1962	Wentworth	News Paper Makers
1963	Wentworth	Leathersellers
1964	Wentworth	Bakers
1965	Wentworth	Coachmakers
1966	Wentworth	Stationers and News Paper Makers
1967	Wentworth	Coachmakers
1968	Wentworth	Haberdashers
1969	Wentworth	Coachmakers
1970	Wentworth	Carmen
1971	Wentworth	Mercers
1972	Wentworth	Leathersellers
1973	Wentworth	Tylers and Bricklayers
1974	Wentworth	Leathersellers
1975	Wentworth	Bakers
1976	Wentworth	Air Pilots and Air Navigators
1977	Wentworth	Fan Makers
1978	Wentworth	Bakers

1979	Walton Heath	Solicitors
1980	Walton Heath	Bakers
1981	Walton Heath	Haberdashers
1982	Walton Heath	Solicitors
1983	Walton Heath	Stationers and News Paper Makers
1984	Walton Heath	Tylers and Bricklayers
1985	Walton Heath	Carmen
1986	Walton Heath	Coopers
1987	Walton Heath	Basketmakers
1988	Walton Heath	Leathersellers
1989	Walton Heath	Farriers
1990	Walton Heath	Painter Stainers
1991	Walton Heath	Loriners
1992	Walton Heath	Information Technologists
1993	Walton Heath	Armourer and Braziers
1994	Walton Heath	Stationers and News Paper Makers
1995	Walton Heath	Grocers
1996	Walton Heath	Makers of Playing Cards
1997	Walton Heath	Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders
1998	Walton Heath	Chartered Surveyors
1999	Walton Heath	Stationers and News Paper Makers
2000	Walton Heath	Solicitors
2001	Walton Heath	Mercers
2002	Walton Heath	Mercers
2003	Walton Heath	Curriers
2004	Walton Heath	Butchers
2005	Walton Heath	Feltmakers
2006	Walton Heath	Butchers
2007	Walton Heath	Insurers
2008	Walton Heath	Feltmakers
2009	Walton Heath	Cutlers
2010	Walton Heath	Spectacle Makers
2011	Walton Heath	Founders
2012	Walton Heath	Mercers
2013	Walton Heath	Leathersellers
2014	Walton Heath	Leathersellers
2015	Walton Heath	Leathersellers
2016	Walton Heath	Brewers
2017	Walton Heath	Merchant Taylors



Winners of Prince Arthur Cup 2017: Merchant Taylors
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