

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 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

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| Vintners | 5 |
| Leathersellers | 3 |
| Butchers | 2 |
| Dyers | 1 |
| Paviors | 1 |
| Cordwainers | 1 |
| Saddlers | 1 |
| Grocers | 1 |

Post War

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| Leathersellers | 11 |
| Solicitors | 5 |
| Stationers Newspaper Makers | 5 |
| Mercers | 4 |
| Bakers | 4 |
| Haberdashers | 3 |
| Coachmakers | 3 |
| Cutlers | 3 |
| Fishmongers | 2 |
| Carmen | 2 |
| Tylers and Bricklayers | 2 |
| Butchers | 2 |
| Feltmakers | 2 |
| Insurers | 2 |
| Merchant Taylors | 2 |
| Spectacle Makers | 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 |
| Founders | 1 |
| Brewers | 1 |

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| Barbers | 1 |
| Pattenmakers | 1 |

| <u>Year of Competition</u> | <u>Course</u> | <u>Winners</u> |
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| 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 |

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| 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 |
| 201 | Walton Heath | Brewers |
| 2017 | Walton Heath | Merchant Taylors |
| 2018 | Walton Heath | Barbers |
| 2019 | Walton Heath | Cutlers |
| 2020 | Covid 19 Lockdown | |
| 2021 | Walton Heath | Insurers |
| 2022 | Walton Heath | Leathersellers |
| 2023 | Walton Heath | Cutlers |
| 2024 | Walton Heath | Pattenmakers |
| 2025 | Walton Heath | Merchant Taylors |
| 2026 | Walton Heath | Spectacle Makers |



Winners of Prince Arthur Cup 2026: The Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers
(Ian Davies, Cary Davies, Paul Ursell and David Cartwright)
Presented by Stephen Fitzgerald (Past Master of The Worshipful Company of Coachmakers and
Coach Harness Makers)

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