

KCBA CUPS

A list of KCBA cups & their origins, where known, and the competitions for which they have been awarded over the years.

Allnutt Cup

This cup was presented by Frere Allnutt & his wife Phyllis, more details of Frere can be found in the article on the KCBA website archive section under “KCBA people”.

Initially the cup was awarded to the winners of a mixed pairs event held at the Kent congress, generally played on a Friday afternoon. The cup is now awarded to the leading mixed pair in the Kent Congress pairs event after the winning pair (who are not eligible).

Arnold Cup & Plate

This cup was presented by & named after the Arnold brothers in 1938. H & W Arnold of Birchington bridge club played in a match for Kent against Sussex in January 1937. The brothers were also in the winning team at the first KCBA congress in Margate in May 1938. In 1946 H Arnold was the captain of a team in Kent league one.

The brothers were Hugh & William Arnold. In the 1939 register they were living in Nickle House in Chartham (with two sisters, a nephew, a domestic servants & others). They were both fruit farmers running nearby Nickle Farm. They were born 15 March 1878 & 25 June 1879 in Hackney & both died at Nickle Farm on 29 May 1952 & 11 August 1955 respectively.

The Arnold Cup is the main Kent teams event & has been run on a knock out basis since inception, although for a few years qualifying rounds were run to qualify for the knock out stage.

The Arnold Plate was introduced in 1963 for teams knocked out of the cup at an early stage and is also run on a knock out basis. It was donated by Philip Brook, more details of Philip can be found in the article on the KCBA website archive section under “KCBA people”

Aveling Trophy

Named after Claude Aveling, closely connected to Royal College of Music for 41 years, initially as assistant director then assistant registrar & finally registrar. Claude Lindsay Clifford Aveling died 28 December 1943 at his home, Vines Cottage, Maidstone Road in Rochester. He was born 26 October 1869 in Belvedere in Kent. At present no connection found between Claude & KCBA.

The Aveling Trophy was awarded initially to the winners of the Medway Towns league, but circa 2000 become the Mid Kent league. Unfortunately the cup was lost circa 2008 and from 2019 the winners of the Mid Kent league have been presented with the Leonard Cup.

Birkle Bowl

Presented by Mr Birkle of Sidcup for Kent teams of four in 1952 & first contested on 20 July 1952 at Spa Hotel in Tunbridge Wells.

Bertram John Birkle was born 10 December 1906 in Weymouth. He married Mercia Herrington in Eastbourne in 1931.

In 1950 in the Kent Congress at the Spa Hotel he qualified for the Buck Cup final with his partner Commander Richards.

Bertram was a chartered accountant & died 26 December 1982 while still living in Sidcup.

The Birkle Bowl from 1952 until 1998 was awarded to the winners of a teams of four competition. The first playing was held at the Spa Hotel in Tunbridge Wells in July 1953 & it continued to be played at this venue for many years. In the years 1999 to 2003 (excluding 2001 when there was no competition) it was awarded to the winners of a pivot teams of four competition. Since 2006 it has been awarded to the leading non-expert team in the Kent Congress teams.

Harry Blaxland Cup

Assumed to have been presented in memory of Harry Blaxland. He was born 25 April 1905 in Dover. Harry married Kathleen Edwards in 1926 in Lewisham. Harry died June 1957 while living at Sturry near Canterbury. In 1950 a Mr & Mrs Blaxland qualified for the final of the Buck Cup, so likely to have been Harry & Kathleen.

Awarded to the winner of a subsidiary individual competition to the Clark Bowl or in later years to the runners up in the Clark Bowl. It had the same restrictions as the Clark Bowl re systems & when it was run as a separate event was played on the same day at the same venue & same hands as Clark Bowl. It has not been run since circa 1980.

Brook Cup / Shield

The Brook Cup was named after & presented by Philip Brook, more details of Philip can be found in the article on the KCBA website under “Kent people”. Until 1990 the cup was awarded to the winners of a competition between the winners and if there were more than seven teams in the league the runners up, of all the Kent leagues. In 1991 the cup was awarded to the winners of a Kent league and then from 1992 until 1994 the winners of a Kent premier league. The cup was last awarded in 1996 to the winners of a teams of four competition between six invited teams from the premier league, it has not been awarded since 1997.

The Brook Shield has been awarded to the winners of a competition between the winners, and if qualified runners up, of all the Kent leagues since 1992.

Buck Cup

This cup was presented by George Buck in 1938, initially for a pairs competition at the Kent Congress in Tunbridge Wells and involving a qualifying round & final. After WW2 it continued for in the same format until 1968, although no longer part of the Congress. In the years 1969 to 1975 it was awarded to the runners up in the Larsky Cup. Then from 1976 to 1986 it was awarded to the winners of a plate competition for players who did not qualify for the Larsky final. Finally, from 1987 to 2008 it was awarded to the winners of a mixed pivot teams knockout competition. The Cup has not been presented since 2009.

More details of George Buck can be found in the article on the KCBA website archive section under “KCBA people”.

Charles Dickens Cup

Named after the famous author who lived in Kent. This cup was presented to the winners of the league run in Thameside, the earliest results found were for 1960. The league has not been run since circa 1991.

Clark Bowl

Awarded to the winner of an individual competition which involved qualifying heats & then a final. Heats had to consist of a minimum of twelve with sixteen players qualifying for a 45 board final. The systems played was limited to ‘Two Clubs, Variable (i.e.weak and strong) NT, (in cases of disagreement strong NT 16-18 must be played), Blackwood, Weak Threes and no frills. The earliest result so far found is 1954 when there were 107 entrants, although in 1955 there were 179. It has not been run since circa 1980.

Corbett Cup & Plate

The Corbett cup was presented in 1958 by Rex and Maud Corbett, Maud was the first secretary of KCBA, more details of her can be found in the article on the KCBA website archive section under "KCBA people".

The cup is awarded to the winning club in a teams of eight competition. It was first run in 1958 & until 2008 was run on a knock out basis. Since 2009 it has been awarded to the winning club in the top division of the teams of eight league.

The Corbett Plate was introduced in 1992 for teams knocked out of the Corbett cup at an early stage and was run on a knock out basis unto 2008. Since 2009 it has been awarded to the winning club in the second division of the teams of eight league.

Dover Cup

This cup was presented to KCBA by Customs Waterguard Bridge Club. It is awarded the winners of a league run in East Kent, the first year of competition being 1970.

Dyer Smith Cup

Named after & thought to be in memory of Philip Dyer Smith.

Philip Sidney Dyer Smith was born 10 October 1881 in Washington, USA. He and his wife Helen & two daughters Barbara and Margaret sailed from New York to Southampton arriving on 19 July 1922, with Philip recorded as a lawyer. They settled in England & become British nationals in 1934. In 1928 Philip was recorded as a barrister & they were living in Sevenoaks, they were still there in 1930 but by 1933 they were living in Hildenborough where they stayed until at least 1939 & they then moved to 2 Nevill Park in Tunbridge Wells. Philip died 9 October 1955 at Lonsdale Nursing Home in Tunbridge Wells although still resident in Nevill Park.

Philip was a member of West Kent bridge club, he partnered Miss Turnbull when playing for West Kent against Canterbury in a teams of eight match in August 1950. He finished third in the Phillimore Cup in 1955 partnering Mrs Sealy.

The Dyer Smith is awarded to the winners of a mixed pairs competition, it was first run in 1956 & until 1991 involved qualifying heats & then a final. Since 1992 it has been a direct entry event.

Fleming Femina Cup

Named after & presented by Dimmie Fleming, more details of Dimmie can be found in the article on the KCBA website archive section under "KCBA people".

The Cup is awarded to the winners of a ladies pairs competition. Initially there were qualifying heats played & then a final held but since 1992 it has been a direct entry competition.

Fletcher Cup

This cup was presented to the winners of the league run in Mid Kent, starting in the late 1950s, the league has not been run since circa 1987 & the cup has been lost.

Gentry Cup

The Cup was presented by Frederick Cozens Gentry in July 1968 in memory of his wife & partner Ruth Shirley (nee Whyte) who had died 1967 in Folkestone. In 1946 a Mr Gentry entered a team in the Arnold Cup.

Initially the cup was awarded to the leading married pair, but excluding the winning pair who were not eligible, in a mixed pairs event held at the Kent congress, generally played on a Friday afternoon. The cup is now awarded to the leading married pair in the Kent Congress pairs event after the winning pair (who are not eligible) & excluding the winner of the Allnutt Trophy.

George Griffiths Cup

First presented circa 1965. Initially it was presented to the winners of a pairs competition for those with an EBU ranking of county master or master & this continued until 1978. Then from 1979 until 1998 it was awarded to the leading team in a one day Swiss teams competition. No competition was held in 1999. Since 2000 it has been awarded to the leading pair in a senior pairs competition.

It is thought the cup was named after George Griffiths who was the KCBA honorary secretary in the late 1960s & resided at Bearsted.

Gill Cup

Initially in 1939 the cup was presented to the leading team in division three of the Kent league. In 1947 it was presented to the runners up (it is thought of league one) but from 1951 at the latest it has been awarded to the winners of the league based in North West Kent. Divisions two & three were added to the league circa 1990 although no cups exist for these.

Hunter Cup & Hunter Hominees

These are both named after Tony Hunter, more details of Tony can be found in the article on the KCBA website under "Kent people".

The Hunter cup is presented to the leading married couple in the Dyer Smith cup after the winning pair (who are not eligible).

The Hunter Hominees cup is awarded to the winners of a mens pairs competition & until 1991 involved qualifying heats & then a final. Since 1992 it has been a direct entry event.

Ingram Cup & Goblets

Named after Harry St John Ingram, more details of Harry can be found in the article on the KCBA website archive section under "KCBA people". It is thought the cup was lost & replaced by the goblets in 1979.

Initially the Ingram cup was presented to the winners of a competition for cadet pairs & this continued until 1978. In 1979 the Ingram goblets were awarded to the leading cadet team in the George Griffiths swiss team & this continued until 1984. No competition was held in 1985 & 1986 but from 1987 until 2003 the goblets was awarded to the winners of a knock out cadet teams of four competition. The goblets have not been awarded since 2003 & the goblets have been lost.

Invicta Cup

The cup was presented by Folkestone Bridge Club. It is awarded to the winners of the Kent Congress pairs event.

Jameson Cup

Presented by Lt Col Archibald Douglas Jameson initially for league Kent league division one winners, but subsequently presented to East Kent league winners. It was first presented at the KCBA congress in Margate in 1938. In that congress Archibald & his partner A Walter of Deal qualified for the Buck Cup final. He was also elected to the first KCBA committee at the first annual meeting in 1938. He was a member of New Kent bridge club which was based in Folkestone.

Archibald was born 16 October 1877 in Southsea in Hampshire. He attended Dulwich College & then Edinburgh Academy from 1891 to 1894 after his family moved to Scotland. Archibald married Ella Muriel Thomas on 1 June 1908 in Eastbourne. He served in the Royal Army Medical Corp from 1900 starting as a lieutenant & after various promotions became a Lieutenant Colonel in 1917. He served in the Boer War & also in WW1 where he served in India from 1915. He retired from the RAMC on 21 June 1924. Archibald died 20 August 1949 at his home 95 Bouverie Road West in Folkestone. He left a widow Ella, who continued to live in the same house & died 25 December 1964 at Ashford Hospital.

The Cup was last contested in 1991 & has been lost.

Larsky Cup

Named after & presented in memory of Andrew Wornar Larsky. The cup is the main Kent pairs event which include qualifying heats throughout the county & then a final.

Andrew was born 21 October 1888 in Russia & was not living in the UK in 1911. He married in 1926 in Kensington in London to Doris Maude Hepworth, nee Pearson. By 1935 he was living in Kingsgate in Kent & was working for General Aircraft Limited. He died 25 June 1968 while living in First Avenue in Kingsgate. Doris died 2 February 1975 in Margate.

Leonard Trophy

Named after former KCBA chairman Peter Leonard, more details of Peter can be found in the article on the KCBA website archive section under "KCBA people". The cup was initially awarded to the winners of a Butler pairs competition held on Friday afternoon of the Kent Congress. It was then awarded to an Open pairs competition from 2001 to 2005 inclusive & then for a Butlers pairs again in 2006.

It was then not been presented for a number of years when the format of the Kent Congress was changed with fewer pairs events held.

From 2019 the trophy has been awarded to the winners of the Mid Kent league in place of the Aveling Trophy which has been lost.

John Lukey Cup

The cup is awarded to the winners of the Kent Congress teams event.

Mitchell Salver

Named after Don Mitchell to commemorate his seven years of service as Competitions secretary to KCBA.

Initially the Salver was awarded to the winning club in a subsidiary teams of eight competition, it was intended for less experienced players than those who played in the Corbett Cup. It was first run in 1992 & until 2007 was run on a knock out basis. Since 2010 it has been awarded to the winning club in the third division of the teams of eight league.

Owl Cup

It is thought that the cup was named after the house of Maud Corbett, the congress secretary when it was first presented. At the time she was living at The House of the Owls at Boarshead, near Crowborough.

The cup has generally been awarded to the runners up of the Kent Congress teams event although in some years it has been awarded to the winners of a subsidiary teams competition.

Paul Spurway Bowl

Named after Paul Spurway, more details of Paul can be found in the article on the KCBA website archive section under "KCBA people".

It is thought to have been initially awarded in the Kent Congress to the leading pair in a subsidiary pairs competition. In 1987, 1988, 1990 & 1991 it was awarded to the runners up in the Invicta Cup field. Then from 1992 to 2006 it was awarded to the winning pair in a champagne pairs held on Friday evening before the start of the main congress, which had been shifted to Saturday from the traditional Friday evening. The bowl has now been lost.

Pearson Cup

Named after & presented by John Pearson, founder of KCBA. More details of John can be found in the article on the KCBA website archive section under "KCBA people".

Initially the cup was presented to the leading team in division two of the Kent league but from 1946 has been presented to the winners of the league run in South West Kent (so based around Tunbridge Wells).

Phillimore Cup

Named after & thought to be in memory of Major Phillimore.

Philip George Phillimore was born 19 August 1884 in South Africa. In the 1901 census he was boarding with his sister Lois in Cornwall, both were pupils & in 1901 he was recorded as a gentleman cadet in Woolwich Barracks. He subsequently served in India. In WW1 he served initially as a captain then as a major in the Army Service Corp embarking for service in August 1914. He married Mabel Holdron in 1938 in Westminster. He played for Kent in December 1937 with a Mr Franks at the Spa Hotel in Tunbridge Wells in a team of 56 against Middlesex. In May 1938 partnering Mrs Scrutton he was the runner up in the first playing of the Buck Cup. He also played with his wife, they were in the team which finished second in the KCBA Congress teams at the Spa Hotel in Tunbridge Wells in May 1939. In September 1939 he was recorded as Major (Royal Army Service Corp) retired & was also an air raid warden for Folkestone. Philip died 22 December 1939 while living at Greenleas in Folkestone. Mabel died 1 June 1959 in Isleworth while still residing at Greenleas.

The Phillimore was initially awarded to the winners of a pairs competition run in the Autumn involving qualifying heats & then a final. In recent years it has been run as a Swiss Pairs competition.

Puddleduck Trophy/Plate

It is thought that the cup was named after the dog of the Maud Corbett, the congress secretary when it was first presented.

The cup was initially awarded to the winners of a pairs competition for those pairs who had failed to qualify for the main final (for the Invicta Cup). In between 1993 & 1997 it was awarded to the leading non-expert team in the Kent Congress teams event. Since 1998 it has been awarded to the leading non-expert pair in the Kent Congress Swiss pairs.

Ray White Trophy

Named after former KCBA chairman Ray White, more details of Ray can be found in the article on the KCBA website archive section under “KCBA people”. It was initially awarded in 2004 to the winners of a competition for pairs who had not qualified for the pairs final of the Kent Congress. In 2007 & 2008 it was awarded to the winners of a pairs event for bridge students held at the Kent Congress.

It was then not been presented for a number of years when the format of the Kent Congress was changed with fewer pairs events held.

Since 2018 it has been awarded to a Really Easy Pairs held on the Saturday afternoon of the Kent Congress.

Thanet Cup

This cup was presented to the winners of a league in North East Kent, first run in the late 1950s the league has not been run since 2003 & the cup has been lost.