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

1952 until 1956 the World Gliding Championships were organised in 2 classes, the Open Class (single seater) and Two Seater Class. The FAI Challenge Cup, donated by the Royal Aero Club of Spain, was awarded to the winner of the Two Seater Class to the Team Luis Juez and Roberto Bermúdez, Spain. Description: The FAI Challenge Cup is a 52 cm high classic two-handles silver trophy on a wooden base. The following is engraved: Campeonato del Mundo de Vuela a Vela Categora “D” (Biplazas), Trofeo cedido por el Real Aero Club de Espana a la Federacion Aeronatica International.

1958 At the 7th WGC in Leszno/Poland the Two Seater Class was replaced by the Standard Class and the FAI Challenge Cup was transferred to that class.

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**List of the Two Seater World Champions and events:**

* 1952 4th WGC Luis Juez, R. Bermúdez, Spain Madrid / Spain
* 1954 5th WGC Zvonimir Rain, B. Komac, Jugoslavia Champhill / UK
* 1956 6th WGC Nick Goodhart, Frank Foster, UK Saint-Yan / France

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* 1958 7th WGC Adam Witek, Poland Leszno/Poland
* 1960 8th WGC Heinz Huth, Germany GER Cologne/Germany
* 1963 9th WGC Heinz Huth, Germany GER Junin/Argentina
* 1965 10thWGC Francois Henry, France South Cerney/GBR
* 1968 11thWGC Andrew J. Smith, USA Leszno/Poland
* 1970 12thWGC Helmut Reichmann, GER Marfa/USA
* 1972 13thWGC Jan Wroblewski, Poland Vrsac/Jugoslavia
* 1974 14thWGC Helmut Reichmann, GER Waikerie/Australia
* 1976 15thWGC Ingo Renner, Australia Räyskälä/Finland
* 1978 16thWGC Baer Selen, Netherland Chateauroux/FR
* 1981 17thWGC Marc Schroeder, France Paderborn/ GER
* 1983 18thWGC Stig Oye, Denmark Hobbs/USA
* 1985 19thWGC Leonardo Brigliadori, Italy Rieti/Italy
* 1987 20thWGC Markku Kuittinen, Finland Omarama/NZ
* 1989 21stWGC Jaques Abulin, France Wiener-Neustadt/AT
* 1991 22ndWGC Baer Selen, Netherland Uvalde/USA
* 1993 23rdWGC Andrew Davis, Great Britain Borlänge/Sweden
* 1995 24thWGC Markku Kuittinen, Finland Omarama/NZ
* 1997 25thWGC Jean-Marc Caillard, France Saint Auban/France
* 1999 26thWGC Jean-Marc Caillard, France Bayreuth/Germany
* 2001 27thWGC Laurent Aboulin, France Mafikeng/South Africa
* 2003 28thWGC Andrew Davis, Great Britain Leszno/Poland
* 2006 29thWGC Leigh Wells, Great Britain Eskilstuna/Sweden
* 2008 30thWGC Michael Buchthal, Germany Rieti/Italy
* 2010 31stWGC Sebastian Kawa, Poland Prievidza/Slovakia
* 2012 32ndWGC Sebastian Kawa, Poland Gonzalez Chavez/AR
* 2014 33rdWGC Bert Schmelzer, Belgium Räyskälä/Finland
* 2016 34thWGC Louis Bouderlique, France Pociunai / Lithuania

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* 2018 35th WGC Sjaak Selen, Netherland Ostrow Wielkopolski / Poland
* 2020 36th WGC postponed to 2021 Châlon-en-Champagne / France
* 2021 36th WGC Simon Schröder / Germany Montlucons-Gueret / France
* 2023 37th WGC Tom Arscott / GBR Narromine / Australia

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