

SSAGO Trophies

Introduction

This factsheet provides information about the three SSAGO 'trophies': Hesley Wood, The Gadaffy Plate and the Cutlery Cup.

Hesley Wood

The annual conference of Intervarsity (SSAGO's predecessor) was held at Hesley Wood campsite in 1956. At this, Intervarsity was presented with 10 guineas and a small antelope horn. The Manchester club was tasked with providing a box to house the antelope horn. Four years later, the box known as 'Hesley Wood' was presented.

Hesley Wood used to sit on the left-hand side of the Chairperson at meetings. Now it is passed from rally to rally and contains rally mementos. Each rally team is asked to provide something that can go into Hesley Wood at the end of their rally. They keep Hesley until the closing ceremony of the next rally when it is passed to the next team.

Gadaffy Plate

This was presented to SSAGO in 1984 at Witan (an international rally) by the Libyan Scouts in attendance. It came from the 1982 Arabic Jamboree. It is used as a challenge plate contested between the holders and any other club. The rules of the competition are as follows:

1. The challenge shall be any event nominated by the challengers, for which winners can be judged.
2. Teams shall consist of 4 members of mixed sexes
3. The majority of each team shall be from the participating club
4. If a challenge is made and the holding team are unable to meet this challenge, the plate is then forfeited to the challengers
5. The event shall be judged by a referee independent of either club
6. Team members are only allowed to wear swimming costumes with paper bags over their heads
7. Challenges shall be formally and publicly made at least 12 hours prior to the event, stating the nature of the event
8. The referee must :-
 - decide the competition is fair
 - decide the winning team
 - their decision is final, especially when wrong
9. The referee must live for at least 24 hours after the event
10. The challenging team must supply all the equipment for the challenge
11. The plate cannot be held to ransom!
12. The plate remains the property of SSAGO, shall not be defaced and must be returned on demand to SSAGO officials (Breakages will be charged for!)



13. The custody of the plate shall be to a nominated member of the successful club who must deposit his/her home address with the SSAGO chairperson
14. Any of the above rules can be amended for a challenge subject to both clubs agreeing

Cutlery Cup

The Cutlery Cup was created in 2007 and presented to SSAGO by Jennie MacDougall and Will Carr (SSAGO members at the time). It is presented annually where possible to a SSAGO member who has done great work for SSAGO as well as Scouting and Guiding. Winners of the Cutlery Cup also become Honorary Members of SSAGO. For a list of winners see the 'Honorary Members' factsheet.

Nominations for the Cutlery Cup are usually opened at the SSAGO AGM and can be sent by any student member of SSAGO. The outgoing Executive Committee are responsible for deciding a winner and presentation of the Cutlery Cup usually occurs at the SSAGO Ball.

Full information regarding the nomination procedure for the Cutlery Cup is in the 'Cutlery Cup' Policy Document found in the resources section of the SSAGO website.