



The Hammer Circle

The Association of
British Hammer Throwers
Founded 1952



THE ALAN WOODS SALVER

Hammer Circle Vice-President Alan Woods presented this magnificent trophy to the Hammer Circle at its "Annual Reunion" held at Hull in October 2013.

Alan is a Senior (now Masters) thrower, with a distinguished Club career for Woodford Green A.C. and Birchfield Harriers. A regular National League competitor, he won the Midland Counties AAA Championships on several occasions, the British Masters many times and gained a University "Blue" at Birmingham University, where he trained with the great Howard Payne. Sixth in the UK Championships in 1978, he set a French Regional Record during his time abroad.

During his career in Lloyds Bank, Alan won the Bank's Salver every year for the best Field Athlete; so the name "Salver" has great sentimental appeal to him. Being a Latin scholar, he explains that the verb "Salvere" means to preserve from risk and to wish "Well and healthy". Ceremonial salvers have been used as major sporting trophies, most notably a sterling silver salver as the Ladies' Singles trophy in the Wimbledon tennis championships, since 1886, and from 1978 onwards, for the runner-up at the Masters Golf.

Alan started hammer throwing at School at the age of 14 and so The Alan Woods Salver is presented for the best throw in the year by an Under 15 Boy who is a member of The Hammer Circle.

Presented to

2013	68.15m	Jake Norris
2014	53.57m	Bayley Campbell
2015	59.87m	Sam Mace
2016	62.71m	Jack Lambert
2017	55.51m	Alex Bernstein
2018	46.40m	Matthew Heywood
2019	49.44m	Kai Barham
2020	57.65m	Kai Barham
2021	41.91m	Wyatt Larkins
2022		Not Awarded



PRESENTED TO

2009 Mark Dry +5.38m
2010 Sam Coe + 5.55m
2011 Chris Bennett +5.31m
2012 Mark Dry +2.33m
2013 Michael Bomba + 2.16m