

LEECH CUP



The Leech Cup is a masterpiece of the Irish silversmith's art as practiced in the Victorian period. It is a silver tankard, heavily embossed and surmounted by a representation of an ancient tower in ruins.

It was presented to the Amateur Rifle Club of New York by MAJ Arthur Blennerhassett Leech, Captain of the Irish Rifle Team on the occasion of that team's visit to America in 1874. The Leech Cup is the oldest trophy offered today in competitive target shooting in the United States. The Leech Cup was presented to the NRA in 1901 by the Amateur Rifle Club of New York.

The Cup was lost after the National Matches of 1913, and was not recovered until 1927. Its loss resulted in the action by the NRA Board of Directors that requires all NRA trophies to be kept by NRA Headquarters. The trophy is awarded each year in the NRA National High Power Championships.

Match Conditions:

- 1902 Five shots each distance, 800, 900 and 1000 yards, with the Service Rifle.
- 1903 Seven shots each distance, 800, 900 and 1000 yards, with Service rifle.
- 1917 Seven shots each distance 600, 800 and 1000 yards, with Service Rifle.
- 1940 20 shots at 1000 yards.
- 1951 20 shots at 600 yards. Awarded to the competitor achieving the highest score with the Service Rifle in the Marine Corps Cup Match.
- 1953 Two sighting shots and 20 shots at 1000 yards with any rifle, with metallic sights.
- 1976 Unlimited practice firing and 20 shots for record, with any rifle, metallic sights, 1000 yards, slow fire, prone.
- 1979 Winner (only) determined by a shoot-off of the highest-scoring competitor from each relay. 10 shots slow fire, prone, at 1000 yards for the shoot-off.

TROPHY WINNERS

1875	COL John Bodine	205	1919	CPT W.H. Richard	105
1876	COL Henry A. Gildersleeve	214	1920	SGT Theadore B. Crawley, USMC	105
1877	MAJ Henry S. Jewell	213	1921	MAJ William D. Frazer, Coast Art.	105
1878	Frank Hyde	205	1922	Loren M. Felt	105-10V
1879	J.S. Sumner	215	1923	SGT W.E. Hayes	105
1880	T. Lamb, Jr.	218	1924	2LT P.M. Martin, 7th US Cav.	105
1881	COL L.C. Bruce	217	1925	2LT Pierson E. Conradt, USMC	105
1882	COL H.F. Clark	210	1926	SGT Yearian, USA	105
1883-01	NO COMPETITION		1927	PFC Russel F. Seitzinger, USMC	105
1902	SGT W.B. Leushner, 74th NY	59	1928	ENS C.H. Duerfeldt, USN	104
1903	CPL Charles B. Winder, OH NG	94	1929	SGT Carl J. Cagle, USMC	105
1904	Dr. George E. Cook	94	1930	SGT McWillie James, US Inf.	103
1905	LT W.H. Richard	92	1931	CPL William A. Easterling, USMC	104
1906	CPT Stuart W. Wise, MA Vol. Mil.	100	1932	1Sgt Carl Wilck, USMC	104
1907	CPT J.C. Semon	97	1933	GYSGT Olin L. Beal, USMC	105-12V
1908	CPT K.K.V. Casey, DE NG	104	1934	PVT Raymond R. Richard, USMC	105-12V
1909	LT Joseph L. Topham, 13th US Inf.	103	1935	James A. Wade	104
1910	LT C.L. Sturdevant, US Eng.	105	1936	SGT Herschel F. Stemen, OH NG	105
1911	LT S.W. Anding, 30th US Inf.	103	1937	SGT Edward V. Seeser, USMC	105-14V
1912	SGT Frank H. Kean, MA Vol. Mil.	104	1938	CPL Wadie Gaicobbe, US Inf.	105-14V
1913	George W. Chesley	105	1939	CPL Clifford A. Barger, US Inf.	105-19V
1914	NO COMPETITION		1940	1LT Bogardus S. Cairns, US Cav.	100-15V
1915	QSGT John M. Thomas, 3rd US Cav.	102	1941-50	NO COMPETITION	
1916	CPT W.H. Richard	104	1951	PFC H. Lambert, USMC	99
1917	NO COMPETITION - DIVISIONAL MATCHES		1952	SSGT James A. Zahm, USMC	99-13V
1918	Seaman 2ndCI F.A. Cantieri, USN	98	1953	Charles Rodgers	100-15V

1954	1LT H.B. Voelcker, USA	100-13V		SHOOTOFF SCORE	100-5X
1955	CAPT Joseph E. Riggs, Jr., USMC	100-15V	2002	Norman G. Houle	199-13X
1956	CWO Charles H. Gebhardt, USMC	100-16V		SHOOTOFF SCORE	100-5x
1957	LT Joe A. Deckert, USAR	100-13V	2003	Nancy Tompkins-Gallagher	199-14X
1958		NO COMPETITION		SHOOTOFF SCORE	97-4X
1959	SGT Donald S. Wagner, USMC	100-17V	2004	David Tubb	200-12X
1960	A1C Paul H. Stapper, USAF	100-18V		SHOOTOFF SCORE	100-4X
1961	CPT Verle F. Wright, Jr., USA	100-18V	2005	Nancy H. Tompkins	199-14X
1962	SSGT Henry P. Edwards, USA	100-18V		SHOOTOFF SCORE	100-3x
1963	SSGT R.E. Campbell, USA	100-18V	2006	SFC Lance D. Dement, USA	196-9X
1964	A1C Middleton Tompkins, USAFR	100-18V		SHOOTOFF SCORE	99-0x
1965	SSGT Eric R. England, USMC	100-17V	2007	SPC Tyrel L. Cooper, USA	200-8X
1966	CPL D.M. DeHass, USMC	100-18V		SHOOTOFF SCORE	99-6X
1967	Theodore R. Fasy	100-18V	2008	John L. Whidden	200-15X
1968	SFC Charles Davis, USA	100-17V		SHOOTOFF SCORE	99-4X
1969	Earl H. Burton	100-19V	2009	Thomas P. Rider	197-10X
1970	Earl H. Burton	100-17V		SHOOT OFF SCORE	98-4X
1971	CWO Gordon N. Crane, USMC	100-18V	2010	John L. Whidden	200-14X
1972	LTC Sam C. Burkhalter, USAR	100-17V		SHOOTOFF SCORE	100-7X
1973	CWO2 Robert Goller, USMC	100-20V+2V	2011	Nancy Tompkins	200-14X
1974	Jack P. Sicola	100-20V		SHOOTOFF SCORE	100-4x
1975	Edward L. Robinson	198-11X	2012	Nancy H. Tompkins	200-15X
1976	CWO4 Ray H. Green, USMC	198-10X		SHOOTOFF SCORE	100-8x
1977	MSGT Rolland J. Spurling	100- 5X	2013	Michelle M. Gallagher	200-12X
1978	G. Dean Allemant	199- 7X		SHOOTOFF SCORE	100-6X
1979	MSGT William R. Lee, USA	199- 7X	2014	Phillip R. Crowe	200-12X
	SHOOTOFF SCORE	99-5X	2015	Phillip R. Crowe	200-13X
1980	CPT Barbara J. Barrick, USAR	194- 4X	2016	John L. Whidden	200-14X
	SHOOTOFF SCORE	93- 2X	2017	Jim Sokolowski	200-10X
1981	CWO Robert L. Goller, USMC	199- 6X		SHOOT OFF SCORE	98-4X
	SHOOTOFF SCORE	100- 3X	2018	Phillip R. Crowe	199-14X
1982	SSGT Donald L. Heuman, USMC	196- 8X		SHOOT OFF SCORE	100-5X
	SHOOTOFF SCORE	99- 4X	2019	SSG Amanda Elsenboss, USA N/G	200-14X
1983	Patrick M. McCann	196- 6X		SHOOT-OFF SCORE	100-6X
1984	MAJ Edward L. Schumacher, USA	200-10X	2020	National Matches cancelled due to COVID	
	SHOOTOFF SCORE	99	2021	Thomas Colyer	199-11X
1985	SP4 Jeffrey E. Larosa, USA	198- 5X		SHOOT-OFF SCORE	100-5X
	SHOOTOFF SCORE	97	2022	SFC Brandon Green, USA REG	200-14X
1986	Gregory Connor	198-10X		SHOOT-OFF SCORE	149-9X
	SHOOTOFF SCORE	99			
1987	Middleton W. Tompkins	196-12X			
	SHOOTOFF SCORE	99			
1988	SGT Lowell D. Johnson, USAR	196- 9X			
	SHOOTOFF SCORE	98			
1989	Randall R. Sweetland	199-11X			
	SHOOTOFF SCORE	100			
1990	Mitchell R. Maxberry	200-10X			
	SHOOTOFF SCORE	96			
1991	SFC Terry R. Duling, USA	199-11X			
	SHOOTOFF SCORE	99			
1992	Randall R. Gregory	198-14X			
	SHOOTOFF SCORE	99			
1993	David A. Milosevich	198- 7X			
	SHOOTOFF SCORE	100			
1994	Robert A. Gustin, Jr.	197- 8X			
	SHOOTOFF SCORE	99			
1995	Nancy H. Tompkins-Gallagher	199- 8X			
	SHOOTOFF SCORE	100- 9X			
1996	Jack G. Jones	197-10X			
	SHOOTOFF SCORE	100-4X			
1997	Nancy H. Tompkins-Gallagher	199-9X			
	SHOOTOFF SCORE	99-3X			
1998	Thomas J. Whitaker	200-12X			
	SHOOTOFF SCORE	100-8X			
1999	Nancy H. Tompkins-Gallagher	200-11X			
	SHOOTOFF SCORE	98-2X			
2000	Michelle M. Gallagher	199-7X			
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2001	SGT William R. Janssen, USMC	199-12X			