

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 sight.
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 shootoff.

TROPHY WINNERS

1875	COL John Bodine	205
1876	COL Henry A. Gildersleeve	214
1877	MAJ Henry S. Jewell	213
1878	Frank Hyde	205
1879	J.S. Sumner	215
1880	T. Lamb, Jr.	218
1881	COL L.C. Bruce	217

1882	COL H.F. Clark	210
1883-01	NO COMPETITION	
1902	SGT W.B. Leushner, 74th NY	59
1903	CPL Charles B. Winder, OH NG	94
1904	Dr. George E. Cook	94
1905	LT W.H. Richard	92
1906	CPT Stuart W. Wise, MA Vol. Mil.	100
1907	CPT J.C. Semon	97
1908	CPT K.K.V. Casey, DE NG	104
1909	LT Joseph L. Topham, 13th US Inf.	103
1910	LT C.L. Sturdevant, US Eng.	105
1911	LT S.W. Anding, 30th US Inf.	103
1912	SGT Frank H. Kean, MA Vol. Mil.	104
1913	George W. Chesley	105
1914	NO COMPETITION	
1915	QSGT John M. Thomas, 3rd US Cav.	102
1916	CPT W.H. Richard	104
1917	NO COMPETITION - DIVISIONAL MATCHES	
1918	Seaman 2ndCl F.A. Cantieri, USN	98
1919	CPT W.H. Richard	105
1920	SGT Theadore B. Crawley, USMC	105
1921	MAJ William D. Frazer, Coast Art.	105
1922	Loren M. Felt	105-10V
1923	SGT W.E. Hayes	105
1924	2LT P.M. Martin, 7th US Cav.	105
1925	2LT Pierson E. Conradt, USMC	105
1926	SGT Yearian, USA	105
1927	PFC Russel F. Seitzinger, USMC	105
1928	ENS C.H. Duerfeldt, USN	104
1929	SGT Carl J. Cagle, USMC	105
1930	SGT McWillie James, US Inf.	103
1931	CPL William A. Easterling, USMC	104
1932	1Sgt Carl Wilck, USMC	104
1933	GYSGT Olin L. Beal, USMC	105-12V
1934	PVT Raymond R. Richard, USMC	105-12V
1935	James A. Wade	104
1936	SGT Herschel F. Stemen, OH NG	105
1937	SGT Edward V. Seeser, USMC	105-14V
1938	CPL Wadie Gaicobbe, US Inf.	105-14V
1939	CPL Clifford A. Barger, US Inf.	105-19V
1940	1LT Bogardus S. Cairns, US Cav.	100-15V
1941-50	NO COMPETITION	
1951	PFC H. Lambert, USMC	99
1952	SSGT James A. Zahm, USMC	99-13V
1953	Charles Rodgers	100-15V
1954	1LT H.B. Voelcker, USA	100-13V
1955	CAPT Joseph E. Riggs, Jr., USMC	100-15V
1956	CWO Charles H. Gebhardt, USMC	100-16V
1957	LT Joe A. Deckert, USAR	100-13V
1958	NO COMPETITION	
1959	SGT Donald S. Wagner, USMC	100-17V
1960	A1C Paul H. Stapper, USAF	100-18V
1961	CPT Verle F. Wright, Jr., USA	100-18V
1962	SSGT Henry P. Edwards, USA	100-18V
1963	SSGT R.E. Campbell, USA	100-18V
1964	A1C Middleton Tompkins, USAFR	100-18V
1965	SSGT Eric R. England, USMC	100-17V
1966	CPL D.M. DeHass, USMC	100-18V
1967	Theodore R. Fasy	100-18V
1968	SFC Charles Davis, USA	100-17V
1969	Earl H. Burton	100-19V
1970	Earl H. Burton	100-17V
1971	CWO Gordon N. Crane, USMC	100-18V
1972	LTC Sam C. Burkhalter, USAR	100-17V
1973	CWO2 Robert Goller, USMC	100-20V+2V
1974	Jack P. Sicola	100-20V
1975	Edward L. Robinson	198-11X
1976	CWO4 Ray H. Green, USMC	198-10X
1977	MSGT Rolland J. Spurling	100- 5X

1978	G. Dean Allemand	199- 7X
1979	MSGT William R. Lee, USA SHOOTOFF SCORE	199- 7X 99-5X
1980	CPT Barbara J. Barrick, USAR SHOOTOFF SCORE	194- 4X 93- 2X
1981	CWO Robert L. Goller, USMC SHOOTOFF SCORE	199- 6X 100- 3X
1982	SSGT Donald L. Heuman, USMC SHOOTOFF SCORE	196- 8X 99- 4X
1983	Patrick M. McCann	196- 6X
1984	MAJ Edward L. Schumacher, USA SHOOTOFF SCORE	200-10X 99
1985	SP4 Jeffrey E. Larosa, USA SHOOTOFF SCORE	198- 5X 97
1986	Gregory Connor SHOOTOFF SCORE	198-10X 99
1987	Middleton W. Tompkins SHOOTOFF SCORE	196-12X 99
1988	SGT Lowell D. Johnson, USAR SHOOTOFF SCORE	196- 9X 98
1989	Randall R. Sweetland SHOOTOFF SCORE	199-11X 100
1990	Mitchell R. Maxberry SHOOTOFF SCORE	200-10X 96
1991	SFC Terry R. Duling, USA SHOOTOFF SCORE	199-11X 99
1992	Randall R. Gregory SHOOTOFF SCORE	198-14X 99
1993	David A. Milosevich SHOOTOFF SCORE	198- 7X 100
1994	Robert A. Gustin, Jr. SHOOTOFF SCORE	197- 8X 99
1995	Nancy H. Tompkins-Gallagher SHOOTOFF SCORE	199- 8X 100- 9X
1996	Jack G. Jones SHOOTOFF SCORE	197-10X 100-4X
1997	Nancy H. Tompkins-Gallagher SHOOTOFF SCORE	199-9X 99-3X
1998	Thomas J. Whitaker SHOOTOFF SCORE	200-12X 100-8X
1999	Nancy H. Tompkins-Gallagher SHOOTOFF SCORE	200-11X 98-2X
2000	Michelle M. Gallagher SHOOTOFF SCORE	199-7X 100-7X
2001	SGT William R. Janssen, USMC SHOOTOFF SCORE	199-12X 100-5X
2002	Norman G. Houle SHOOTOFF SCORE	199-13X 100-5x
2003	Nancy Tompkins-Gallagher SHOOTOFF SCORE	199-14X 97-4X
2004	David Tubb SHOOTOFF SCORE	200-12X 100-4X
2005	Nancy H. Tompkins SHOOTOFF SCORE	199-14X 100-3x
2006	SFC Lance D. Dement, USA SHOOTOFF SCORE	196-9X 99-0x
2007	SPC Tyrel L. Cooper, USA SHOOTOFF SCORE	200-8X 99-6X
2008	John L. Whidden SHOOTOFF SCORE	200-15X 99-4X
2009	Thomas P. Rider SHOOT OFF SCORE	197-10X 98-4X