

THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of this association was held on Tuesday, Colonel William C. Church presiding. The principal business before the board was the discussion of the programme of the first annual meeting, October 8. Permission was given to various organizations to use the range at Creedmore previous to the match; a well was ordered to be sunk; General Henry L. Abbot, U. S. Army; General S. W. Johnson, A. W. Craven, and Dr. Gatling were elected honorary directors of the Board, and considerable other routine business was transacted. General Libenau was also elected a member of the board. Vice Johnson resigned. After the adjournment of the board the Executive Committee went into session, and adopted the following programme for the coming meeting:

I. Competition—Opening Match—Judd Prize.—Offered under resolution of Board of Directors of the National Rifle Association, to commemorate the services rendered by Hon. David W. Judd in securing the passage of the law by which the association were enabled to secure their range. Open to all members of the association of the National Guard of the State of New York.

Any military rifle. Distance 200 yards Position standing. Five rounds. Entrance fee \$1.

- 1st prize—A silver cup value \$50
- 2nd Prize—Silver medal, value 30
- 3rd Prize—Life membership in National Rifle Association, value 25
- 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Prizes—Bronze medal, value \$20 each 100

In all, 8 prizes, value \$205

II. Sportsmen's Match.—Open to all comers; weapon, any breech loading rifle; distance, 200 yards; five rounds; position, standing. Entrance fee \$1.

- 1st Prize—Presented by Messrs. Schuyler, Hartley & Graham, Medford target rifle, with case and all appliances, value \$300
- 2nd prize—Pair Moose antlers, handsomely gilded, presented by Chas. Hallock, Esq., Editor of *Forest and Stream*, value 100
- 2nd Prize—Silver medal and \$10 in money, both presented by Patrick Rooney, Esq., value 40
- 4th Prize—Life membership in N.R.A. value 25
- 5th, 6th, and 7th prizes—Bronze medal value, \$20 each 60

Total \$525

III. First Division Match.—Open to all "teams" of twelve from each regiment or battalion in the First Division of the National Guard, State of New York. All competitors to appear in uniform (full dress or fatigue) and be certified by their regimental commander to be a regularly enlisted member in good standing of the regiment they represent, and to have been such on August 1, 1873, as required for the State prize. Weapon, Remington rifle, State model. Distance 200 and 500 yards. Five shots each distance. Position, standing, at 200 yards, any position at 500 yards. Entrance fee, \$1.

- 1st Prize—To the regiment who makes the highest score, the State division prize, value \$100
- 2nd Prize—To the individual making highest score, a silver cup, presented by Major General Alexander Shaler, commanding First Division N.G.S.N.Y., value 100

- 3rd Prize—To the regiment entering the second best team, a silver cup, value 50
- 4th Prize—To the regiment entering the third best team, a silver cup, value 30
- 5th Prize—To the best individual score a silver medal, value 30
- 6th Prize—To the next best individual score, a life membership in National Rifle Association, value 25
- 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th Prizes—To the next best individual scores, a bronze medal value 20 100

Twelve prizes, value \$455
Competitors who do not make eight points at each distance will be debarred from shooting at other distances.

IV. Second Division Match.—Open to all teams of twelve from each regiment or battalion of the Second division of the National Guard, N. Y. S. upon the same conditions as prescribed for the preceding match. Weapon, Remington rifle, State model. Distance 200 and 500 yards. Five shots each distance. Position, 200 yards, standing; 500 yards, any position. Entrance fee, \$1.

- 1st Prize—To the regiment whose team makes the highest score, the State division prize, value \$100
- 2nd Prize—To the regiment whose team makes the highest score, by Major General John B. Woodward, commanding Second Division N.G.S.N.Y., cash 100
- 3rd Prize—To the regiment entering the second best team, a silver cup, value 50
- 4th Prize—To the best individual score a silver medal, value 30
- To the five next best scores, a bronze medal, value \$20 100

Nine prizes \$380
Competitors who do not make eight points at each distance will be debarred from shooting at the other distances

4th Prize—Silver Medal, value \$30

V. Army and Navy Journal Match.—Open to teams of twelve from all regularly organized military organizations in the United States, including the Regular Army, Navy, and Marine Corps. All competitors to be regularly enlisted members in good standing of the regiment they represent, and to have been such on August 1, 1873, and to appear in uniform (full dress or fatigue). Weapon, any military rifle. Distance, 500 yards. Rounds, seven. Position any. Entrance fee, \$1 each competitor.

- 1st Prize—To the regiment whose team makes the highest score, a silver trophy, manufactured by the Gorham manufacturing Company, and presented by Colonel W. C. Church on behalf of the *Army and Navy Journal*, value \$750
- This prize is to be won three times (not necessarily consecutively), before becoming the property of the winners. It is to be held for the year by the officer commanding the winning corps, and a large photograph of it will be presented to each member of the winning team.
- 2nd Prize—To the regiment entering the second best team, a silver cup, value \$50
- 3rd Prize—To the regiment, entering the third best team, a silver cup value 30
- 4th Prize—To the best individual score a silver medal value 30

- 5th Prize—To the second best individual score, a life membership in N. R. A. value 25
- 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th Prizes—To the next best individual scores, bronze medals, value \$20 100

Total \$985

VI. All Comers Match.—Open to all comers. Any rifle. Distance, 500 and 600 yards. Seven shots each distance. Position, any. Entrance fee, \$1.

- 1st prize—F. Wesson Combination Rifle presented by M. W. Robinson, Esq., value \$75
- 2nd Prize—Silver Medal, presented by Bethel Burton, Esq., value 30
- 3rd Prize—Life membership in N. R. A. value 25
- 4th Prize—Bronze medal, presented by Bethel Burton, Esq., value 20
- 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th prizes of \$5 each 30

In all, ten prizes, value \$180
Competitors not making eight points at first distance will be debarred from further competition in this match. In case of a tie it will be shot off at 800 yards, five shots any position. If then a tie five shots at 1,000 yards.

VII. State Prize.—Open only to teams of twelve from each regiment or battalion of the National Guard of the State of New York, each being certified by their regimental commander to be a regularly enlisted member in good standing of the regiment he represents, and to have been such on August 1, 1873. They shall appear in uniform (full dress or fatigue). Distance, 200 and 500 yards. Position, standing at 200, any at 500. Weapon, Remington Rifle, State model. Five rounds Entrance fee, \$1 each man.

- 1. To the regiment whose team makes the highest score the State prize, presented by the Commander-in-Chief on behalf of the state of New York, value \$500
- 2. To the highest individual score, a gold medal presented by Adjutant General Rathbone, value 100
- 3. To the highest score in each of the twenty five teams making the best score, a gold and silver mounted Remington rifle, presented by Remington & Co, value \$75—25 rifles total value 1,875
- Second best score, a silver cup, value 50
- Third best score a silver cup, value 25

Total \$2,550

Competitors failing to score eight points at the first distance will be excluded from firing at the second distance.

In case teams from two or more regiments from any of the divisions of the National Guard (outside the limits of the First and Second divisions) shall participate in this match, the one of such teams making the highest score will be presented by the Adjutant General on behalf of the State, with a division prize of \$100 in cash as the prize of that division.

VIII. The Gatling Match.—Open to teams of twelve from each regiment or battalion of the National Guard of the State of New York. All competitors to appear in uniform and to be certified to be regularly enlisted members in good standing of the regiment they represent, as required for the State prize. Weapon, Remington Rifle, State model. Distance, 500 yards. Rounds, seven. Position, any. Entrance fee, \$1.