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METROPOLITAN INTER-BOROUGH SHOOTING CHALLENGE CUP.

It is seldom that we have the privilege of attending a gathering the details of which have been so perfectly organised and admirably carried through as the shooting competition, when our friends, the Wandsworth Borough Rifle Club, had to compete against a team which Sir Henry Jackson with every justification called "unbeatable," Wandsworth, which had held the Challenge Cup for the last two years, was relegated to third place. Thanks to the courtesy of Mr. T. C. Willett, the organising secretary, we reprint the following from his official report.

These were the results:—

- 1. Kensington Best Time 30 seconds.
- 2. Richmond " 85 "
- 3. Wandsworth " 80 "
- 4. Shoreditch

At the Ham and Petersham Rifle Range, on Saturday last (Sept. 13th), before a large gathering, the team representing the Royal Borough of Kensington were successful in winning the Cup presented by the late Sir Archibald D. Dawnay. The conditions were not very favourable for good shooting, there being a high wind, but the Kensington team nevertheless created a record in breaking 24 discs in 30 seconds in the 5th heat (the time limit being 3 minutes).

The Mayor of Wandsworth (Councillor Sir Henry Jackson, M.A., M.B., J.P.) presided and was supported by the Mayoress, the Mayor and Mayoress of Hornsey (Councillor P. Everington and Mrs. Everington), the Mayor and Mayoress of Shoreditch (Alderman Arthur T. Parry and Mrs. Parry), the Mayor of Paddington (Alderman H. V. Kenyon, J.P.), the Mayor and Mayoress of Richmond (Councillor and Mrs. M. C. Robinson), Alderman Thos. E. Comins, J.P., and Mrs. Comins, Mr. and Mrs. Evan Cook, Councillor and Mrs. F. W. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Boehringer (Hon. Secretary of the Swiss Rifle Club), Mr. A. N. Stuart (Hon. Secretary, Ham and Petersham Rifle Club), Mr. F. J. Tucknott, S.S.M.R.C., Mr. T. C. Willett (Hon. Secretary, Metropolitan Mayors' Shooting Committee), and some 80 representatives from various Rifle Clubs in London.

The Boroughs represented in the final were Wandsworth, Kensington, Richmond, and Shoreditch.

The conditions for this stage were teams of eight, rapid firing at 2-inch breakable discs at 100 yards, 24 discs to each team. Each of the opposing boroughs to fire against each other, the team breaking all its discs first or most in three minutes to score 1 point. The Borough scoring most points to be the winner of the Cup. Mr. F. J. Tucknott, Secretary of the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs, acted as official judge in connection with the competition.

At the conclusion of the shooting the teams, together with their friends, were entertained to tea by the Mayor and Mayoress of Wandsworth.

Sir Henry Jackson, in presenting the Cup to the winning team, expressed his hearty congratulations to the members on their wonderful performance that afternoon, and also congratulated the other teams on the excellent fight they had put up. He had thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and was delighted to see so many of the Metropolitan Mayors and Mayoresses present on the occasion.

On behalf of the Metropolitan Mayors' Shooting Committee he thanked the Ham and Petersham Rifle Club for the admirable arrangements they had made, to Mr. F. J. Tucknott for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of official judge, and to Mr. T. C. Willett, the Hon. Secretary, for the organising work in connection with the competition.

The Mayoress (Lady Jackson) then presented the winning team with silver medals, and to each member of the three other teams silver spoons.

The Mayor of Richmond, in proposing a vote of thanks to Sir Henry Jackson for presiding, and also to the Mayoress for presenting the medals and spoons, said that it gave him very great pleasure to perform this duty; he felt sure everyone had had a very enjoyable afternoon, and that the whole competition was carried through in a very sportsmanlike manner.

The Mayor of Shoreditch, in seconding the vote of thanks, sincerely hoped his Borough would again enter the final, and pointed out that Wandsworth and Shoreditch had each been successful on four occasions; he felt sure it added considerable interest to the competition when another Borough had succeeded in winning the Cup, and he heartily congratulated the winners.

The Mayor of Wandsworth returned thanks.

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