

The Ottawa Canoe Club and War Canoes

In 1897 the Ottawa Canoe Club acquired a war canoe and from then until 1930 the club and the New Edinburgh Canoe Club were major contenders in war canoes racing. The two clubs merged in 1915.

In 1898 the OCC won what was effectively the Canadian war canoe championship at Point Claire. The New Edinburgh Canoe Club placed second in the Men's Senior War Canoe, half mile race in 1908, 1909, and 1910. ONEC placed first in the race in 1904, 1915, 1924, 1928, and 1929 and second in 1919, 1920, and 1925.

In 1921 Henry Birks & Sons of Montréal donated the Henry Birks Cup which was awarded to the winner of the half mile race in the Canadian Canoe Association championship. In 1929, after winning the championship on three occasions, ONECC was awarded permanent possession of the cup.

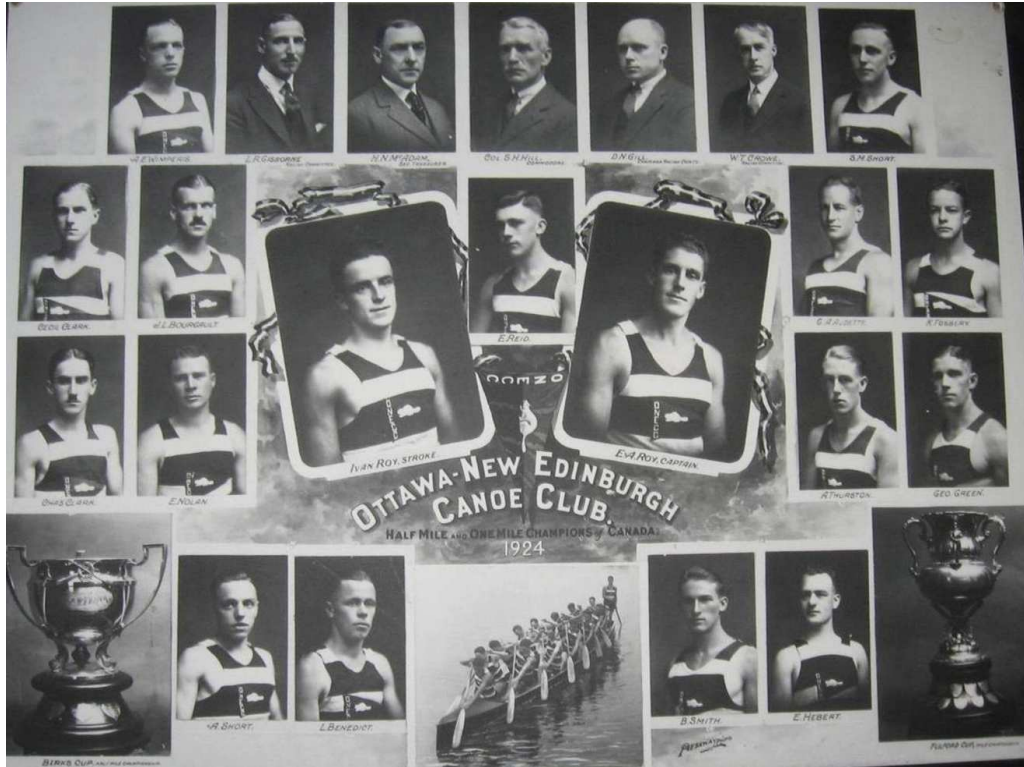


Henry Birks Cup

Championship
Half Mile – War Canoe
C.C.A.
Presented by
Henry Birks & Sons Ltd.
for
Annual Competition
1922

Won by
Parkdale Canoe Club at Cartierville, 1922
Humber Bay Aquatic Club at Ottawa, 1923
Ottawa New Edinburgh Canoe Club at Gananoque, 1924
Rideau Aquatic Club at Gananoque, 1925
Toronto Canoe Club at Gananoque, 1926
Rideau Aquatic Club, 1927
Ottawa New Edinburgh Canoe Club at Lachine, 1928
Ottawa New Edinburgh Canoe Club at Carleton Place, 1929
Won outright in 1929

From 1903 to 1979 the George Fulford Trophy was awarded for the winner in the Men's Open War Canoe, one mile race. The New Edinburgh Canoe Club won the race in 1909, 1910 and 1911 with times of 5.11, 6.26, and 4.42. ONECC won the race in 1924 when it also won the half mile race. ONECC placed second in the one mile race in 1915, 1922, 1925, 1928, 1929, 1936 and 1940.



Ottawa New Edinburgh Canoe Club, half mile and one mile Champions of Canada.

The Perney-Tubman Challenge Trophy for the winner of the Half Mile War Canoe trials in the Northern Division of the Canadian Canoe Association was donated in memory of two members of the Ottawa New Edinburgh Canoe Club who were killed in World War I.

Lieutenant Leslie Tubman was an active member of ONECC. He paddled in ONECC war canoe along with Erland Perney in 1914. He enlisted in the Canadian Army in August 1914 and won his commission in the field. He received the Military Cross and was cited 'For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On several occasions he led patrols in the most gallant manner, and succeeded in obtaining most valuable information. He has on many previous occasions done fine work'. He was killed in action in May 1917 and is buried in Ste. Catherine British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

Erland "Ernie" Perney paddled stroke for the ONECC war canoe when it won the C.C.A. championship in 1915. Perney also participated in a 200 mile race from Prescott to Kingston and then to Ottawa in 1915. He joined the Royal Flying Corps and was brought down over German lines in Bourlon Wood in November 1917. His body was not found; he is commemorated at the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

The cup was to remain in competition for 10 years in the Northern Division of the C.C.A. and then was to become the permanent property of the club which had won it most frequently. In 1929 it was awarded to ONECC

Perney Tubman Challenge Trophy
Half Mile War Canoe
Northern Division C.C.A.

1919 – Ottawa New Edinburgh Canoe Club
1920 – Carleton Place Canoe Club
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1922 – Ottawa New Edinburgh Canoe Club
1923 – Rideau Aquatic Club
1924 - Ottawa New Edinburgh Canoe Club
1925 – Rideau Aquatic Club
1926 - Rideau Aquatic Club
1927 - Ottawa New Edinburgh Canoe Club
1928 - Ottawa New Edinburgh Canoe Club



Perney Tubman Challenge Trophy