

New Canoe Club Well Launched

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North Kildonan's new canoe club was officially and enthusiastically opened on Saturday. Pictures show, left to right, Jim Barrable, commodore of club; Tom Whellams, John Tatlock, Jim Horne, regatta committee winners of the men's single blade fours; Margaret Price, winner of women's one-eighth mile. Lower left, Tom Whellams, winner of men's quarter mile. Lower right, a small section of the large crowd.

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PEAK ENTHUSIASM

North Kildonan Canoe Club Opens in Style

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The cornerstone of a tradition was laid in North Kildonan, Saturday. Kildonan Canoe club, remarkable both for the worthiness of its attainments and for the foresight of its founders, held its first annual midsummer regatta on the beautiful Red river course stretching in a gentle curve for one mile in front of the newly-erected clubhouse.

You have heard of group enthusiasm. You possibly have knowledge of enthusiasm of that nature, past or present, in this city or in others. To approximate the intensity of the enthusiasm of this new club's members and executive, you must select in your memory the absolute enthusiastic peak, and multiply.

Kildonan club members provided the largest part of the fine inaugural programme, with Winnipeg Canoe club assistance in several exhibition races.

R. O. Taylor, a past commodore of the Winnipeg Canoe club, and a dominant figure in the earlier history of that organization, officially opened the new club after a short introduction by Corb Sheppard, founder of the Kildonan club. Tom Whellams won the men's singles, in a close finish with Dave Robertson. Margaret Price triumphed in the women's singles. Des Donaldson and Bert Kooyman won the men's tandem. Joan Allan and Betty de Pencier the women's. . . The Kildonan four-boat showed real class in a half-mile contest. . . Jim Barrable, Jim Horne, Tom Whellams and John Tatlock were in the winning boat. . . Wink Stevens and John McLaughlin won the gunwale race, a novelty feature. . . the ladies' war canoe race was the most exciting of the day. . .

Johnny Smith's Winnipeg Canoe club crew nosed out Bert Orr's Kildonanites by no more than a yard. . . Betty de Pencier won the crab race. . . Winnipeg Canoe club men won the half-mile war canoe men's event, with Johnny Smith coxing the south-enders to victory over Ian Snider's Kildonan crew.

Reg. Bates' aquaplaning was the goods. . . Badger Locke, Howie Masson, and Bob Cotton pleased the large crowd with a splendid hand-balancing display. . . Speakers included Kildonan's commodore, Jim Barrable, J. R. K. Milne, J. Gallagher, reeve of North Kildonan; George Young, Winnipeg Canoe club commodore, and others. . .

Other well known local sportsmen, Buss Muth, Vic Johnson, Bert Orr, and Harold Harriman, were introduced. Men's singles, 1/4 mile—1. Tom Whellams; 2. Dave Robertson; 3. Steve Sidloski. Time 1:58. Ladies' singles, 1/4 mile—1. Margaret Price; 2. Ethel Coleman; 3. Vivian Bake. Time 1:44. Men's tandem, 1/4 mile: 1. Des Donaldson and Bert Kooyman; 2. Doug Burrows and Lorne Campbell; 3. Steve Sidloski and Jim Mackay. Time 2:29.

Ladies' tandem, 1/4 mile—1. Joan Allen and Betty de Pencier; 2. Pat Ames and Ethel Coleman; 3. Meryl Finlayson and Nora Barrett. Time 1:17. Men's fours, 1/2 mile—1. Jim Barrable, Jim Horne, Tom Whellams, John Tatlock. Time 3:44.

Gunwale race—1. Wink Stevens and John McLaughlin; 2. John Ames and Bill Malvish. Ladies' war canoe—1. Winnipeg Canoe club, cox Johnny Smith; 2. Kildonan Canoe club, cox Bert Orr; 3. W.C.C., cox Vic Love.

Crab race—1. Betty de Pencier; 2. Vivian Bake; 3. Meryl Finlayson. Men's war canoe, 1/2 mile—1. W.C.C., cox Johnny Smith; 2. K.C.C., cox Ian Snider.

Ky. Laffoon Wins Cleveland Open Tourney

Oakwood Country Club, Cleveland, Aug. 15 (UP)—Ky Laffoon, tall, dark-skinned Chicagoan, was \$3,000 richer today because he had decided at the last minute to play in the \$10,000 Cleveland open golf tournament instead of an inter-club match at home.

Laffoon, blasting his drives and putting with uncanny accuracy, conquered the final 18 holes in 35-35-70 for a 280 aggregate on 72 holes. He sank a 40-foot putt for a birdie on the sixth, but flubbed a three-foot putt on the eighteenth "because I knew I could take two putts and still win the tournament." "Slammin'" Sammy Snead, of White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., grabbed the \$1,500 second prize, with a total of 281 strokes for the four days' play. His feat of matching the course record of 67 plummeted him from fourth place.

Billy Burke, of Cleveland, aggregated 282 with a 72 for the third place and \$300.

Four stars tied for fourth and received \$487.50 each. With 72-hole totals of 285, they were: U.S. Open Champion Ralph Guldahl, of Braidburn, N.J.; E. J. Harrison, of Oak Park, Ill.; Ray Mangrum, Oakmont, Pa., and Vic Chezzi, Deal, N.J.

Calgary Shooter Is Best

Edmonton, Aug. 15. (CP)—W. J. Muirhead, of Calgary, retained the Alberta singles trapshooting championship here Saturday by busting 197 birds out of a possible 200, a record score for the event. He set the previous mark of 196 in winning last year.

Don Blow, of Calgary, was second with 195.

Chummy Plumber, of Flin Flon, Man., with 194, and Jimmy Gurgulus, of Saskatoon, with 188 trailed the leaders but were not eligible for the title.

Kildonan Canoe Club Holds First Regatta

Bandanas and bathing suits were the order of the day at Kildonan Canoe club on Sunday, as the first annual spring regatta was held. A large crowd of members and friends took advantage of a real midsummer day to enjoy a fine display of paddling and all events were well filled with contestants.

Jim Mackay paced a fine field to a close victory in the junior singles event with John Tatlock and Sid Sidloski taking the second and third spots. In the ladies' singles, Betty dePencier proved herself to be the current queen of the blades with Marg Price and Helen Gray in close attendance.

The novice tandem event was captured by J. Barry and C. Pink. Thrills and spills were the highlights in the novelty mixed gun-whale race which was eventually taken by Bud dePencier and Nora Barrat, followed closely by Vic Peake and Merl Finlayson.

In the junior tandem, Marsh Haynes and Jim Mackay took a close decision from Tom Whellams and Doug Burroughs. The closest finish of the day came in the double blade tandems with Fred Gallagher and J. McKenzie winning by an eyelash from Wink Stevens and Ken McLaughlin. In the girls' tandem race Marg Price and Beth McIntosh showed a clean pair of paddles to a classy field, followed closely by Betty dePencier and Kay Wilson, with Nora Barrat and Merl Finlayson taking the show position.

The girls' crab race was finally won by Nora Barrat after much turning and twisting, which really provided a lot of fun and amusement for the spectators. Another blanket finish wound up the mixed tandem event with Betty dePencier and Dave Robertson just nosing

out Isabel Holden and Jim Barry. The main event of the day was the junior fours. The three length handicap given to the novice crew of H. Atkins, C. Pink, J. Barry and A. Zibicki proved to be too long a lead, in fact they were still about one length ahead crossing the finishing line. The first junior crew to finish were J. Horn, S. Sidloski, T. Whellams and J. Tatlock. The crew of Bud dePencier, Bill Alderson, Dave Robertson and Charles dePencier wound up in third place.

Commodore J. Barrable officiated, and Rear-Commodore Ian Snider was head man of the events.

The regatta dance was held on Saturday evening and a big turnout was in evidence. The big feature was the awarding of a brand new 16-foot canoe which was won by J. Morris, of Ogilvie's, limited. Will Batty and Johnnie Smith, popular members of the Winnipeg Canoe club, were on hand to make the award.

Bud Foster Wins at Minaki

Turning in a sparkling 73-6-67, Bud Foster, of the car service department, captured the Van Wyck cup and the Walter Pratt trophy at the annual meeting of the Canadian National railways golf club at Minaki Lodge. Foster was in good form and turned in two steady cards for the nine-hole course. A large crowd took in the week-end at Minaki to participate in this event, and as the course is in good condition, some good scoring was done. Incidentally, Foster's card was the lowest ever turned in for this competition. Runner-up was S. E.