

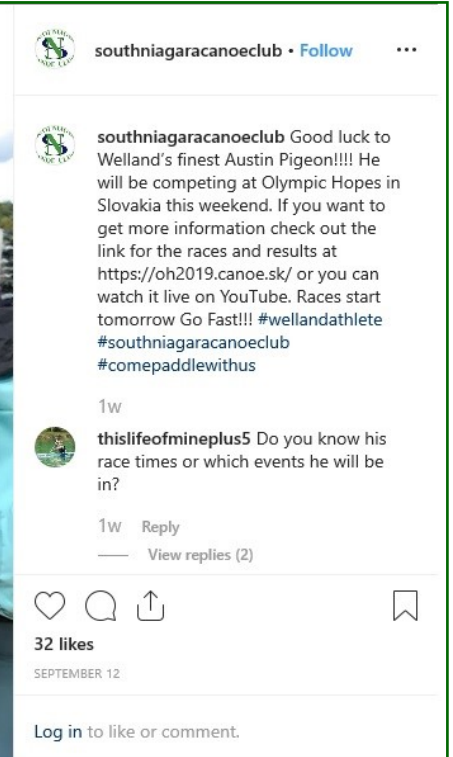
THE CATCH



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Austin Pigeon and the 2019 Olympic Hopes Regatta



From SNCC's Instagram: Here is Austin and the whole Canadian gang at the 2019 Olympic Hopes in Slovakia!

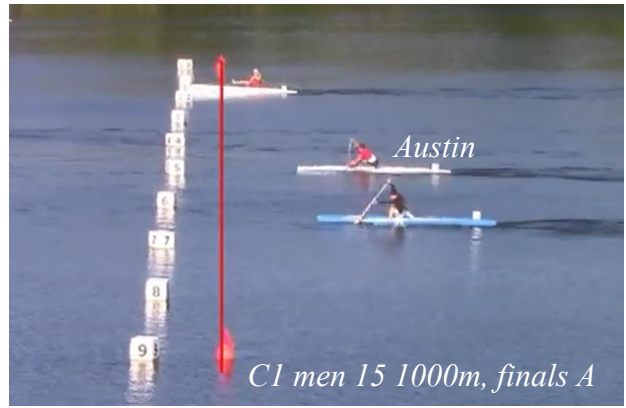


Austin competed in C1 and C2 with Kieran Graham from Rideau Canoe Club in Ottawa. He raced 200m, 500m, and 1000m all in 3 days. Competitors came from as far away as South Africa and Australia. Thank you Austin for representing Canada in Slovakia!

THE CATCH shares news about SNCC and its members so you can **stay connected** with SNCC and its members.

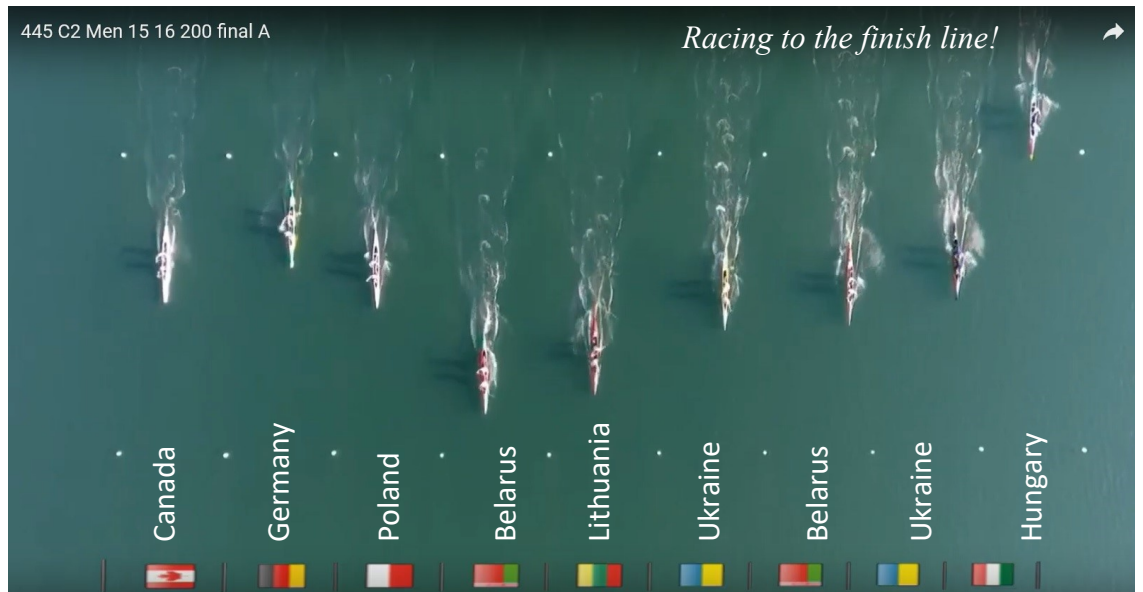
Pictures from Slovakia

These screenshots were taken from YouTube videos linked to the 2019 Olympic Hopes Results posted at <https://oh2019.canoe.sk/default/results/>



Austin and his partner Kieran are both left-sided paddlers which is challenging in C2 but not impossible. At the 200m Finals, Austin and Kieran placed sixth with a time of 00:42.460, only 00:02.02 off first place. At the 1000m Finals, Austin and Kieran placed seventh.

Olympic Hopes presents an incredible learning experience for young athletes ages 15-17. For some, it's their first chance to compete at the international level. With over 30 countries competing, it's like an "unofficial world championships".



Welland Warlocks

GWN September 7, 8, 2019

Marilyn Bell Park, Toronto.

The Warlocks raced with our paddling partners from **KAB** (Hamilton) and **Pendragons** (London) in the Mixed, Women's and Open divisions.

A special thanks to **Bonny Adams**, from **Pickering Dragon Boat Club**, who invited our men to race with his crew, WeJahMin.

And to our coaches, **Doug Jones** (Warlocks) and **Kathy Levy** (KAB), you inspired us to race convincingly.

Thanks, everyone, for a great week-end of Dragon Boat racing!

To our dear **John Gagnon**, we will always remember you.



First Place-Mixed "B" Division Consolation – 500 Metres



First Place-Women’s “A” Division Consolation – 200 Metres

Our Warlocks 2019 GWN Dragon Boat Team: Bonny Adams, Kathleen Batstone, Heather Cairnie, Tammy Camposilvan, Abe Caruana, Janet Corbett, Verna Dalgleish, Gabi Di Gennaro, Stefan Fridrikkson, Brian Gastaldi, Diana Hastings, Ellis Henriks, Bill Hilbert, Sue Humphries, Nancy Jones, Doug Jones (Coach/Steer) Jim Kirk, Carol Klassen, Kim Kuipers, Tammy Larder, Ruth Levkoe, Steve Levkoe, Kathy Levy (Coach/Drummer), Tarek Moharram, Marie Jean Monette, Liz Psutka, Lindsay Sale, Michelle Sandrasagra, Arliss Skye, Kim Short, Monica Treumuth, Rebecca Walker, Alan Wright.



First Place-Women’s “A” Division Consolation - 500 Metres

Warlocks John Gagnon

Warlocks' hearts are broken and
the world is a little less bright.
Rest easy big guy. Paddles down.



Our John was an integral member of the Warlocks crew. He was loyal, reliable and committed to our team. In recognition of his long-standing contributions to the Warlocks, John was awarded Paddler of the Year in 2018.

[Fort Erie dragon-boater brings home hardware](#)

[John Gagnon obituary](#)





Correction

In the September 2019 edition of the Catch, Marilyn was incorrectly identified as winning the gold in the Open Women's K-1 (I.D.) at the 2019 CanMas. While she did come in first, the gold was awarded to her competitor, Rachel Cohen of Pickering Rouge, the only female Special Olympian at Nationals. Marilyn received silver as a "Thank you" for pacing with Rachel so that she would have an official race.

From the SNCC Archives

This undated and unlabelled photo of the Warlocks was found in the Archives. Can you help identify what year and what festival this was? Can you identify anyone in the boat? Please share any information with Kathleen Reardon. →



Here's a blast from the past! This photo was taken at the 2016 Mississauga Canoe Club Regatta. Can you recognize these paddlers? You are likely more used to seeing them in a canoe. It's Austin Pigeon in the back and Josh Abbott-Tate in the front. Look how fast three short years can go by! ←

Stratford Rotary Dragon Boat Festival

Held
September 14.

So many happy and smiling faces among Hope Floats and Canal Dragons! That's what happens when both teams win gold medals in their finals! Congratulations to Hope Floats for winning Consolation E Division and to Canal Dragons for winning Consolation C Division. It was a fantastic way to end the summer paddling season for recreational dragon boat! A huge thank you to Coaches Sally and Evan!



#GoSNCCGO



Upcoming Events

Recreational Dragon Boat Night Paddle: October 2. Set up starts at 7:00pm. No glow sticks, reusable lights only. Register here: <https://southniagaracanoclub.wildapricot.org/event-3574141>



SNCC Board Meeting: Thursday October 17, 6:30pm, Welland City Hall, Room 108.

Fall Clean-Up: October 19. Many volunteers will be needed and welcome!

Annual Awards Banquet: November 1 at WIFC, from 6:30-9:00pm. Register here <https://southniagaracanoclub.wildapricot.org/event-3561898> by October 28.

The cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per family or bring an appetizer or a dessert. Contact Brenda or Richard for more details.



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Pictures and story ideas for **The Catch** can be emailed to Kathleen: kat_reardon@hotmail.com



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