

Stone Challenge Trophy  
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Spanning six decades, the Samuel M. Stone Challenge Trophy has been the symbol of supremacy on the tennis courts of Attleboro.

The City of Attleboro initiated a tennis tournament in the late 1940's on the clay courts at Capron Park for its residents. About a decade later, Samuel Stone, an executive with Swank Corp. in Attleboro, and a tennis enthusiast, sought out the Balfour Corp. in Attleboro to design and handcraft this majestic piece of hardware. The men's singles champion would then have his name inscribed on the Stone Trophy.

Since the early 1950's when Don Pelletier reigned supreme on the tennis courts of Attleboro, the Stone Challenge Trophy has been most notably held by John Medgyesy, the winner of 13 singles championships.

For better than a decade, the tournament was not conducted but was re-inaugurated in the late 1960's, the matches being moved from Capron Park to the tennis courts at Finberg Field in Attleboro. Since then the courts at Attleboro and Bishop Feehan High Schools have served as the tournaments base of operations.

Over the past four decades, some of the premier tennis players in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have participated in the Attleboro Tennis Tournament. In addition to Medgysey, such notables as six-time winner Robbie Manchester, three-time winner Greg Bartek, two-time winners Tom Kenyon and Bruce Ogilvie, six-time finalist Robbie O'Donnell & Dave Schreiner, and a new era of players from Attleboro High and Bishop Feehan have helped perpetuate the legend of the Samuel M. Stone Trophy.

Roger Jetty, silversmith of North Attleboro refurbished the trophy in the fall of 2003.