ABERNETHY HIGHLAND GAMES 2010 REPORT

Despite a slightly dull start to the day, the weather proved kind and the sun shone for much of the afternoon - thankfully not too fiercely for the many enthusiastic athletes who participated in the various events. Paid admissions were 10% up on last years record attendance and around 4000 spectators enjoyed a spectacular days sport. No less than 4 records were broken, with Kyle Randalls setting a new Scottish record for Junior 44lb Weight over the Bar.

Visitors and competitors were able to make use of much improved facilities at the new Secretary's Tent - a splendid modern marquee, and the Games single biggest investment to date. This was very generously part funded by the Scottish Government and the European Community (Cairngorms Local Action Group) Leader Programme along with the Highland Council.

The delegation of Cherokees, led by Games Chieftain, Chad Smith, provided a very colourful display during the March of the Clan Grant, and later, the crowd were treated to a display of "stickball" by a number of the Cherokee youngsters. Principal Chief Smith was formally welcomed to the Highlands by Highland Council Convener, Sandy Park. Both he, and Chief Smith, commented on the many similarities between the Cherokee Nation and the Highland communities who pull together for the benefit of the community as a whole. Games President Neil Sutherland presented Chief Smith with a belt and engraved silver celtic belt buckle and asked him to formally open the Games.

The Massed Pipe Bands, following the opening ceremony, provided the most spectacular sight; no less than eight pipe bands performed to a delighted crowd, parading 4 times round the field during the afternoon. The Kintore Pipe Band, the Strathisla Pipe Band and the Caverhill Guardians Pipes & Drums from the Black Forest attended the Games for the first time and were sure to have enjoyed the event. The Pipe Band Challenge Shield, judged by Bill Blacklaw Esq, was won by the Huntly and District Pipe Band.

To the sound of the pipes from the Highland dancing and solo pipers, the morning programme of kiddies fun events proved a real crowd pleaser, and was extremely busy from early in the day. Tattie and spoon races, the wheelbarrow race, and 3 legged races all attracted many entrants and great fun was had by all.

A record number of 96 entrants in the Highland Dancing provided strong competition and the organiser and judges were pleased to note that dancers had come from as far afield as Canada and Australia, as well as from all over Scotland. The Fraser School won the Spey Vale Challenge Trophy once again as the most successful dancing school.

There was strong competition in all of the heavy event categories, with a particularly pleasing number of junior heavy competitors. There were four competitors in the local heavy events and the overall winner was Dave Gorman followed by Brian Harrold of Nethy Bridge. Junior heavies of the 15-16 age class had five competitors and the overall winner was Chris Horne. The older junior heavies with four competitors saw dramatic scores with two games records and a Scottish record being broken by the overall winner Kyle Randalls from Falkirk. Kyle broke the Scottish record for the 44lb weight over the bar and a Games record for the Scots hammer. The open heavy events had eight competing, and the overall winner was ex world champion, Bruce Aitken.

The Tug o' War was contested by 2 local teams drawn from keen amateur enthusiasts who love to get together at the Games for a pull and a pint. After 2 preliminary pulls the teams, Cairn, and Rowantree, flexed their muscles fully and provided an exciting final with Cairn winning the first pull, Rowantree the second, and the decider by Rowantree after some vocal encouragement by the crowd.

Track and Field events also saw some records broken by Sam Freck in the 100yds under 20 men and Alastair Beaton in the 200m men. Overall the number of competitors rose which kept the judges busy all day. Thanks to all the Track & Field and Heavy judges for their professionalism and hard work on the day.

On the piping boards Judges Duncan Watson and Sandy Spence commended the outstandingly high standard of piping, the competition being very close in all events. Especially welcome was the playing by Matt Pantaleone of a setting by General Thomason, a legendary compiler of pipe tunes, of 'The Big Spree'. General Thomason is buried at Grantown on Spey. A further warm hearted and generous gesture by Niall Matheson was the loaning of his own pipes to Matt Pantaleone who, after winning the Piobaireach, broke the bass drone of his own pipes. "This would have been not uncommon in the past but is more of a rarity in these sharper,

more competitive times. All credit to Niall for upholding the best of traditions." commented Duncan Watson.

Judging the Junior events Jim Hamilton praised the exceptionally high level of entries and standard of playing. A number of young pipers have become regular competitors at this event and year by year are pushing the standards of playing higher. "It was a close call on several of the scores; all credit to the competitors and their teachers", said Mr Hamilton

Despite slow wet conditions underfoot we saw a record field of 101 runners enter the RSPB Abernethy Highland Games 10 mile race. First home, in 60.09 was F. Barbon of Keith District. Scott Dixon was first local home and third overall with an impressive time of 62.27. Gill Irvine was first local lady, and Moray Road Runners won the team competition in 4-37-03.

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title	name	result	place
Putting the shot (local)	D Gorman	9.92	1
	B Harrold	9.04	2
	C Quinn	8.32	3
	H Hancock	8.28	4
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28lb weight for	B Harrold	12.88	1
distance (local)		0105 PA CT 200 PA PA PA PA	
	D Gorman	12.72	2
	H Hancock	8.82	3
	C Quinn	8.04	4
			5
Scots hammer	B Harrold	27.39	1
(local)	D Gorman	24.80	2
	H Hancock	15.88	3
	C Quinn	12.45	4
			5
56lb weight over	D Gorman	10'00	1
uie par (local)	H Hancock		2
	C Quinn		3
	B Harrold		4
			5
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5	Tossing the caber (local)	D Gorman	12'02	1
		B Harrold	11'58	2
		H Hancock	- 70	3
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6	Putting the shot (JH	C Quinn	8.89	1
	– 15 &16)	C Horne	7.48	2
		D livingston	7.15	3
				4
				5
7	Putting the shot (JH	K Randals	12.65	1
	– 17 – 19)	S O'Kane	11.73	2
		D Walker	11.28	3
		G Walker	10.68	4
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8	Putting the shot (open)	D Dowson	15.10	1
		B Aitken	12.99	2
		R Fraser	10.60	3
		A johnstone	10.08	4
		D Gorman	9.65	5

9	100yds (under 13 boys)	F Ashworth	14.65	1
	•	R Johnson	15.08	2
		Norman	15.81	3
10	100yds (under 13	C Ross	13.56	1
	girls)	I Crawford	14.60	2
		B MacLean	16.62	3
11	100yds (under 15	A MacLean	13.07	1
	boys)	R Freck	13.24	2
		R McEwen	18.67	3
12	100yds (under 15 girls)	C Ross	13.43	1
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	D Milne	13.59	2
		P Martin	16.36	3
13	100yds (under 17 boys)	C Cameron	11.19	1
		R Fraser	11.80	2
		S Michael	12.20	3
14	100yds (under 17 girls)	C Ross	13.60	1
	giriə <i>j</i>	E Murdoch	13.84	2
		S Milligan	14.27	3

15	100yds (under 20 men)	S Freck	10.80	1
		A Hobson	10.96	2
		E MacNamara	11.64	3
16	100yds (handicap	K Munro	11.72	1
	ladies)			
		R Mackenzie	12.24	2
		C Ross	13.98	3
17	High Jump	E MacNamara	1.85	1
	(handicap men)	C Cameron	1.70	2
		R Fraser	1.70	3
18	High jump	R Mackenzie	1.54	1
	(handicap ladies)	S Milligan	1.15	2
		K Munro	.90	3
19	16lb weight for distance (JH 15 &16)	C Horne	14.79	1
		C Cameron	11.84	2
		D Livingston	7.93	3
		C Quinn	5.78	4
				5
20	22lb weight for distance (JH 17-19)	K Randalls	21.56	1
		D Walker	19.95	2

		G Walker	19.28	3
		S O'Kane	16.47	4
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21	28lb weight for distance (open)	B Aitken	22.12	1
	and an order (open)	D Dowson	20.89	2
		R Fraser	19.14	3
		A Johnston	13.86	4
		B Harrold	12.78	5
23	100yds (men)	J Bowie	10.55	1
		N Beaton	10.67	2
		S Freck	11.14	3
24	800mts (handicap – ladies)	C Ross	2.45.9	1
	iauics	C L Ross	2.56.4	2
		C Hutt	3.05.6	3
25	800mts (handicap –	F MacNamara	2.08.0	1
	Men)	J Bowie	2.08.3	2
		C Brydie	2.22.5	3
26	200mts (open –	R Freck	30.60	1
	under 15 boys)	A McLean	30.81	2

		R Johnston	35.70	3
27	200mts (Open –	C Ross	32.84	1
	under 15 girls)	D Milne	Condition to an Adult Shape Control	
			33.12	2
		C Hutt	34.48	3
28	Putting the shot	J Egger	7.79	1
	(open – ladies)	D Milne	6.60	2
		R Mackenzie	6.38	3
29	200mts (open –	R Mackenzie	29.76	1
	ladies)	K Munro	30.39	2
		E Murdoch	32.23	3
30	200mts (open –	S Freck	24.89	1
	junior men)	A Horson	25.63	2
		C Cameron	25.67	3
31	200mts (Open –	A Beaton	23.80	1
	men)	J Bowie	23.88	2
		S Freck	33.66	3
32	Scots hammer (JH	C Horne	23.90	1
	– 15 & 16)	A Finnie	20.92	2

		C Comonon	00.54	
		C Cameron	20.51	3
		D Livingston	19.65	4
		C Quinn	18.70	5
33	Scots hammer (JH	K Randalls	37.95	1
	17 – 19)	G Walker		
		**************************************	37.01	2
		S O'Kane	32.70	3
		D Walker	32.41	4
				5
34	Scots hammer	B Aitken	39.21	1
	(open)	D Dowson	34.58	2
		R Fraser	33.12	3
		P Whitehead	29.68	4
		B Harrold	26.24	5
35	1,500mts (Open –	R Johnson	5.55.62	1
	under 15 boys)			2
				3
36	1,500mts (Men)	T Hely	4.56.7	1
		F Barton	4.57.3	2
		S Michael	5.33.13	3

37	400mts (handicap – ladies)	R Mackenzie	65.29	1
		K Munro	66.18	2
		C L Ross	72.20	3
38	400mts (handicap – men)	C Cameron	54.63	1
	,	R Fraser	57.80	2
-		D Ross	64.34	3
39	32lb weight for	C Cameron	10'	1
	height (JH 15 & 16)			2
				3
				4
				5
40	44lb weight for height (JH 17-19)	K Randalls	16'6	1
	noight (on 17-10)	S O'Kane	12'0	2
		G Walker	12'0	3
		D Walker	12'0	4
				5
41	56lb weight for	B Aitken	14'	1
	height (Open)	P Whitehead	13'	2
	<u> </u>	D Dowson	11'6	3
		R Fraser	11'6	4

		A johnston	10'6	5
42	Tossing the caber (JH 15 & 16)	D Livingston	12.00	1
		C Cameron	12.00	2
		C Quinn	11.57	3
		A Finnie	12.08	4
		C Horne	89'	5
43	Tossing the caber	D Walker	12.00	1
	(JH 17-19)	K Randalls	12.00	2
		G Walker	11.59	3
		S O'Kane	20'	4
				5
44	Tossing the caber (Open)	P Whitehead	11.58	1
		B Aitken	11.56	2
		D Dowson	60'	3
		R Fraser	50'	4
		B Harrold	35'	5
45	Tug o War	Rowantree		1
		The Cairn		2

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Piping & Drumming Results

Event 1. Chanter 1. Stacey Baker, Islay 2. Katherine Jack, Nethy Bridge 3. Ross Weir, Aviemore

JUNIOR LOCAL PIPING

Event 2 March 14 yrs & under 1. Scott Hay, Kincraig 2. Jordan Neil, Aviemore

Event 3 no entries

Event 4 March, Strathspey & Reel 17 yrs & under 1. Scott Hay, Kincraig 2. Jordan Neil, Aviemore

JUNIOR OPEN PIPING

Event 9 March, four part, 17 yrs. & under 1. Angus Lutton, Edinburgh 2. Wilson McAndie, Lochhills 3. Scott Hay, Kincraig 4. John Whyte, Keith

Event 10 Strathspey & Reel 17 yrs & under 1. Scott Hay, Kincraig 2. Wilson McAndie, Lochhills 3. John Whyte, Keith 4. Angus Lutton, Edinburgh

Event 11 Jig 17 yrs & under 1. Scott Hay, Kincraig 2. Angus Lutton, Edinburgh 3. Jordan Neil, Aviemore 4. Wilson McAndie, Lochhills

DAVID GRANT BLYTH CUP awarded to the most promising piper under 17 years. Scott Hay, Kincraig

SENIOR OPEN PIPING

Event 5 Piobaireach 1. Matt Pantaleone, Rosemarkie 2. Niall Matheson, Inverness 3. Duncan Grant, Flichity 4. Alan Clark, Bridge of Don

Event 6 March 1. Alan Clark, Bridge of Don 2. Niall Matheson, Inverness 3. Matt Pantaleone, Rosemarkie 4. Duncan Grant, Flichity

Event 7 Strathspey & Reel 1. Niall Matheson, Inverness 2. Alan Clark, Bridge of Don 3. Matt Pantaleone, Rosemarkie 4. Duncan Grant, Flichity

Event 8 Jig 1. Duncan Grant, Flichity 2. Matt Pantaleone, Rosemarkie 3. Niall Matheson, Inverness 4. Alan Clark, Bridge of Don

THE GORDON CUP awared to the competitor who accumulates most points in the Open Piping Matt Pantaleone, Rosemarkie

SOLO DRUMMING EVENTS

JUNIOR SOLO DRUMMING TROPHY 15 years & under

 Gemma Henderson, Elgin 2. Craig Watt, Dufftown 3. Kyle Cooper, Keith 4. Darren Wells, New Elgin

OPEN SOLO DRUMMING TROPHY

1. Douglas Caldwell, Hopeman 2. Kirsty Duncan, Aberlour 3. Lindsey Black Kintore

DANCING RESULTS: (first placed only)

4 years Primary: Pas de Basque, Hannah Stebbings

5 years Primary: Pas de Basque, Sophie MacBean; PDB and High Cuts, Leah Bremner; Fling, Leah Bremner

6 years Primary: PDB Amy Harrison; PDB & High Cuts, Fling and Swords, Mollie Lewis 7 years & under Beginners: Fling, Caitlin Graham; Swords, Jessica Chalmers; Seann Truibhas and Reel, Caitlin Graham; Flora & Lilt, Sophie Baker

Section Winners - Highland, Caitlin Graham of Inverness, Le-Ellen School; National, Sophie Baker of Islay, Edgar School

8 years Beginners: Fling, Swords, ST, Reel, Flora & Lilt, Katie Brown Section Winner - Highland & National, Katie Brown of Alness, Ann Noble School

9 years & over Beginners: Fling and Swords, Claire Williamson; ST and Reel, Morven Craib, Flora and Lilt, Claire Williamson

Section Winner - Highland & National, Claire Williamson of Nairn, Fraser School

11 years and under Novice:

Fling, Swords, ST and Flora, Ella Pacey; Reel and Lilt, Kirsten Hunt Section Winner - Highland & National, Ella Pacey of Kirkhill, Le-Ellen School

12 years and over Novice: Fling, Swords, Flora and Lilt, Charlotte Boa; ST, Lauren Thomson; Reel, Morven McArthur

Section Winner - Highland & National, Charlotte Boa of Ullapool

9 years & under Intermediate: Fling, Ashleigh Stirling; Swords, Annabel Hoath; ST, Lauren Moore, Highland Laddie, Abigail Ademiec; Jig, Ceitidh Petrie; Hornpipe, Ashleigh Stirling

Section Winners - Highland, Ashleigh Stirling of Muir of Ord, Wilson School; National, Ceitidh Petrie of Muir of Ord, Isobel Rae School

10 years & over Intermediate: Fling, Rowena Nicol; Swords, Carlie Mackinnon; ST, Celine Richardson; Highland Laddie, Emma Ross; Jig, Emma Ross; Hornpipe, Carlie Mackinnon

Section Winner - Highland & National, Emma Ross of Beauly, Fraser School Overall Intermediate awarded the G.D.Gray Silver Salver, Emma Ross of Beauly 10 years and under Premier:

Fling, Elisha Scobie; Swords, Benna Runcie; ST, Jenna Wilson; Highland Laddie, Elisha Scobie; Jig, Benna Runcie; Hornpipe, Fiona McGowan

Section Winners - Highland, Elisha Scobie of Glenrothes, Sarah Hendry School; National, Benna Runcie of Banff, Audrey Watt School.

12 Years and under Premier:

Fling, Swords, ST, Highland Laddie, Melissa Fife; Jig and Hornpipe, Veronica Duthie Section Winners - Highland, Melissa Fife of Kirkhill, Fraser School; National, Veronica Duthie of Fraserburgh, Lowe School

14 years and under Premier:

Fling, Swords, ST, Highland Laddie, Jig, and Hornpipe, Emily MacDdonald Section Winner, Highland & National, Emily MaDonald of Dingwall, Marion Munro School 16 Years and under Premier:

Fling, Swords, ST, Highland Laddie and Hornpipe, Stephanie Duthie; Jig, Kendal Kopel Section Winner - Highland & National, Stephanie Duthie of Fraserburgh, Lowe School 17 Years and over Premier:

Fling, Swords, ST, Highland Laddie & Jig, Duncan Slessor: Hornpipe, Tessa Bond Section Winner - Highland & National, Duncan Slessor of Peterhead, Slessor School: **Overall Premier Highland** awarded the Abernethy Games Trophy, 4 way split Melissa Fife, Emily MacDonald, Stephanie Duthie and Duncan Slessor Overall Premier National awarded the Clan Grant Society Cup, Emily MacDonald Overall Premier Dancer awarded the Elsie Ross Trophy, Emily MacDonald of Dingwall, Marion Munro School

Overall Local Dancer 11and under awarded the Kimberley Trophy, Rowena Nicol of Dufftown, Alison Gordon School

Overall Local Dancer 12 and over awarded the Culreach Cup, Lauren Thomson of Aberlour, Alison Gordon School

Overall Overseas Dancer awarded the James Philpot Trophy, Celine Richardson of Winnipeg, Canada, McGregor School

Most Successful Dancing School awarded the Spey Vale Challenge Trophy, Fraser School

Abernethy 10 Mile Race 2010 Results

2. 3.	T Griffin			1	
3		Cosmics	60.11	MV	2 nd Vet
· ·	S Dixon	Inverness Harriers	62.27	M	1 st Male & 1 st Local
4.	D Ross	Mansfield	63.10	MV	3 rd Vet
5.	B Patterson	Forres Harriers	63.20	М	2 nd Male
6.	A Riach	Cairngorm	63.20	MV	
7.	S Crawford	Kinross	63.36	MV	
8.	S Malcome	Highland HR	64.49	MV	
9.	B Carrol	- I see a se	64.52	M	3 rd Male
10.	G Angus	Keith District	65.41	MV	o maio
11.	C Icelly		65.47	MV	
12.	C Hutt		66.19	MV	
13.	S Garland	Moray RR	67.11	MV	Team
14.	K McArthur	Moray RR	68.12	MV	Team
15.	R Roberts	Jog Scotland	68.23	MV	100
16.	E Jenkins	Moray RR	68.51	FV	1st Lady Vet & Team
17.	E Wardlaw	HBT	69.26	F	1 st Lady
18.	C Lamar	Cosmics	69.49	MV	Lady
19.	T Pott	Forres Harriers	69.52	MV	
20.	A Sutherland	Torrestrainers	69.53	MV	
21.	Karen Lyons		69.55	FV	2 nd Lady Vet
22.	S Gregor	Cairngorm	70.37	MV	Z Lady Vet
23.	L Grant	Forres Harriers	71.38	MV	
24.	C MacGregor	Nairn RR	71.50	M	
25.	K Schewk	Forres Harriers	72.32	M	
26.	C Green	Moray RR	72.49	M	Team
27.	H Irvine		72.49	MV	ream
28.	G Irvine	Highland HR Highland HR	72.54	FV	3 rd Lady Vet 1 st Local Lady
29.	R Tighe	nighiand rik	73.07	F	2 nd Lady
30.	M Richardson	Lothian	73.07	_	z Lady
31.	S Langmuir	Lourian	73.11	MV	
32.		НВТ	73.29	MV	
33.	R Livingston	ПВІ			
34.	M Blyth		74.06	MV	
	C Reynolds		74.13	M	
35. 36.	S Bazant		74.50	M	
	P Lawson		74.53	FV	
37.	J Robinson	10	75.00	M	
38.	M Bryce	Cosmics	75.15	MV	
39.	H Oxenham	-	75.46	FV	
40.	B Milne	Moray RR	75.51	MV	
41.	S Houston	Moray RR	75.52	FV	
42.	T Losie	Kaith Diet ist	77.08	M	ord .
43.	B Anderson	Keith District	77.40	F	3 rd Lady
44.	A Wannacott	Forres Harriers	77.52	MV	
45. 46.	D Gordon		77.53	MV	
40	D Oxenham		78.19	MV	
	C Danald				
47. 48.	C Donald T Rust	Cairngorm	78.36 79.10	MV M	

50.	T Collies	Cairngorm	79.47	FV	
51.	D Austin	Nairn RR	79.58	M	
52.	E Grant	Cairngorm	80.54	FV	
53.	K Waitt		81.48	MV	
54.	L Frazer		82.17	FV	
55.	N Speight		82.19	MV	
56.	K MacLeod	Nairn RR	82.21	MV	
57.	L Maclellon	Jog Scotland	82.27	FV	
58.	G Taylor	Jog Scotland	82.28	MV	
59.	M Poole	Aberdeen Metro	82.58	MV	
60.	A Brownie	Mainland Mules	83.42	MV	
61.	G Cameron		83.44	MV	
62.	Paulous		83.45	MV	
63.	J Donnachie		83.58	FV	
64.	P Larmour	Cosmics	84.45	FV	
65.	F Johnson	Cairngorm	84.46	FV	
66.	S Ashworth	3	85.32	MV	
67.	C Patterson		85.33	F	
68.	N Patterson		85.34	F	
69.	A Frazer	Cairngorm	85.51	FV	
70.	M Macleod	Nairn RR	86.24	FV	
71.	D Waitt	. John Falt	86.52	FV	
72.	G Mallin	Cairngorm	86.59	FV	
73.	K Russel	Callingoilli	87.54	M	
74.	C Wisselman		88.09	M	
75.	M MacPhearson	Troon Tortoises	88.43	MV	
76.	C Casling	110011 TOTOISES	89.11	MV	
77.	E Dodd	Mainland Mules	90.00	MV	
78.	S Christie	Walifiana Wales	90.00	FV	
79.	M McKenzie		92.37	MV	
80.	D MacPhearson		92.55		
81.				M	
82.	P Humphreys	Coirngorm	92.59	FV	
83.	N Diggins S Christie	Cairngorm	93.46	FV	
84.	A Roedler		93.46 95.27	FV	
85.	C Stewart	Noire DD		FV	
86.	T Mallin	Nairn RR	95.36	F	
		Southampton	95.48		
87.	L Lawson	Cairngorm	96.41	FV	
88.	A Johnson	HBT	96.52	FV	
89.	J Possel		98.40	M	
90.	H Barden		99.14	MV	
91.	Z Taylor		99.31	FV	
92.	J Weiss		100.23	F	
93.	M Hemmingway	Cairngorm	101.39	FV	
94.	W Dunnett	Jog Scotland	103.46	MV	
95.	V Machine	Cairngorm	103.52	FV	
96.	S McDonald	Forres Harriers	108.01	MV	
97.	M Song	Cairngorm	108.29	FV	
98.	A Goodhall	BASOC	110.02	MV	
99.	C Harris	Cairngorm	111.43	FV	
100.	A Lilley		114.29	F	