

## ABERNETHY HIGHLAND GAMES REPORT - 2011

Despite rain and flooding to the north and south, the sun shone on Nethy Bridge, with only a few light showers in the afternoon to cool the many enthusiastic athletes who participated in the various events.

Paid admissions topped the 3200 mark and around 3700 spectators in total enjoyed a spectacular days sport. 2 Scottish records were broken, again by youngster Kyle Randalls, beating his own Scottish record for Junior 44lb Weight over the Bar by 9", clearing 17'3" and setting a new record for the Scots Hammer.

In his opening speech, Games Chieftain Dennis Malcolm, Master Distiller and General Manager of the Glen Grant Distillery, commented on the close ties between his family and the Clan Grant; whilst not Grants, they have been involved with Glen Grant for many generations. After declaring the Games open, he was presented with an engraved crook as a souvenir of the day, by Games President, Neil Sutherland.

During Neil's President's address he paid tribute to two stalwarts of the Highland Games circuit, who sadly died during the year; Sandy Spence, who had judged our piping competition for many years, after a long career competing, and serving as Pipe Major of the Atholl Highlanders, and Kenny MacDonald, a longtime supporter of the Games both as a competitor and later as chief judge on the North of Scotland Amateur Highland Games circuit. Both will be greatly missed. He also applauded the work done by the charity Help for heroes, which the Games Association is proud to support.

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, with the Pipe Band Challenge Shield being won again by the Huntly and District Pipe Band. Banff Castle and District Pipe Band participated for the first time, hopefully the first of many appearances at Nethy.

New to the role of Convener of the kiddies fun events in the morning, John McCook proved more than able, and children, and their parents enjoyed a busy programme of races, with something for everybody Tattie and spoon races, the wheelbarrow race, 3 legged races and the obstacle course all attracted many entrants and great fun was had by all.

Particularly encouraging was the number of foreign families participating in the various events

The dancing entries were excellent this year, with 102 dancers, travelling from all over Scotland, Canada, Australia and England. The judges, Mandy Campbell from Grangemouth and Ian MacLean from Polmont commented on the incredible atmosphere, and the high standard of the dancing. The Fraser School won the Spey Vale Challenge Trophy once again as the most successful dancing school.

In the heavy events, 18 athletes competed in the three age categories. Two Scottish records were broken in the 17-19 junior heavy competition by Kyle Randalls. Kyle broke the records for Scots hammer and 44lb weight over the bar. Kyle also won the overall championship for this age category with Jamie Gunn in second place and David Coulthart in third. The overall competition for the 15-16 age category was won by Nethy Bridge heavy Conon Quinn with Calum McDonald in second and Aiden Finnie in third. The open heavy competition was won by Rusty Price from California, with Lauren Coulthart in second place and David Douson in third.

The Abernethy Tug of War Competition started at around 4pm in almost perfect conditions with the ground soft but not too wet, perfect for digging in the heels. 2 stalwart teams from Carrbridge were present again, the team representing the Cairn were led by Ian Grant, instrumental in the overall organisation, while the Rowanlea 8 were captained by Magnus O'Reilly. This year for the first time 2 Pipe Bands agreed to participate, Elgin and Dufftown, as long as the conditions were dry, they added. The first semi final was between Dufftown and Rowanlea. It was the hardest fought match of the competition and was eventually won by Dufftown. The second semi was between Cairn and Elgin. After a spirited effort by the Elgin team the match was won comfortably by Cairn. After a brief pause the pull off for 3rd and 4th position took place between Elgin and Rowanlea and was won by Rowanlea. The best of 3 Final followed quickly between Cairn and Dufftown. After a hard pull Cairn won the first round and the teams swapped ends. The second pull saw Cairn win again to become the Abernethy Games Tug of War Champions for the 4th consecutive year.

There was a strong field in the athletics competition. No records were broken but one was equalled.

On the piping boards, Norman Matheson making a welcome return to Nethy Bridge, together with his fellow Judge, Duncan Watson, commended the outstandingly high standard of piping, the competition being very close in all events. Anna Kimmerlow, from Germany, making her first appearance at The Games made a notable impact on the results. It was Niall Matheson though whose day was made by his formidable performances and wins in three of the four events. Judging the Junior events Jim Hamilton praised the exceptionally high level of entries and standard of playing. There were four players, at least, said Mr Hamilton, who could have competed at Senior level; indeed one already had at Ballater earlier in the season. Other competitors were most promising and were a credit to themselves and their teachers.

On the relatively new Drumming competition, Judge Alastair Dowling commented on the welcome increase in interest in this event. Thanks to Douglas Caldwell of the Elgin and District Pipe Band in particular, this year's entries were well intimated and the standard of solo playing higher, as might be expected. Abernethy Highland Games looks forward to more of the competing Pipe Bands following Elgin's fine example and putting forward solo drummers for next year's competition.

A total of 77 runners entered the RSPB Forest 10 mile race, with all completing the course. First home was S. Mackenzie, of Forres Harriers in a time of 58.36. Probably the strongest run of the day was from Melissa White, Inverness Harriers, who came within a minute of the record despite wet and muddy conditions underfoot.

Scott Dixon retained the first local male title and Nethy Bridge resident Penny Lawson took the first local female prize for the first time.

The Team Prize went to Forres Harriers with a time of 4.37.12

Grateful thanks are due to all the spectators, athletes, the helpers and volunteers and the many individuals and businesses whose contributions made this successful event possible.

## **ABERNETHY HIGHLAND GAMES TRACK & FIELD RESULTS 2011**

### **Event 1 Putting the shot (local)**

- 1 Scott Simon 10.26
- 2 Conan Quinn 10.09
- 3 Harry Hancock 8.95
- 4 Brian Harrold 8.75
- 5 Rab Ritchie 6.91

### **Event 2 28lb weight for distance (local)**

- 1 Brian Harrold 13.26
- 2 Harry Hancock 12.29
- 3 Conan Quinn 11.95
- 4 Scott Simon 11.48
- 5 Rab Ritchie 10.38

### **Event 3 Scots hammer (local)**

- 1 Brian Harrold 27.90
- 2 Scott Simon 24.72
- 3 Conan Quinn 23.33
- 4 Harry Hancock 23.12
- 5 Rab Ritchie 20.13

### **Event 4 56lb Weight over the bar (local)**

- 1 Scott Simon 13.6
- 2 Brian Harrold 10.06
- 3 Harry Hancock 10.06

4 Rab Ritchie 10.03

Event 5 Tossing the caber (local)

1 Harry Hancock 12.01

2 Brian Harrold 12.02

3 Rab Ritchie 80'

4 Conan Quinn 50'

5 Scott Simon 50'

Event 6 Putting the shot (junior heavy 15-16)

1 Cannon Quinn 12.22

2 Aiden Finnie 11.89

3 Calum Macdonald 9.48

Event 7 Putting the shot (junior heavy 17-19)

1 David Colthart 12.78

2 Kyle Randalls 12.68

3 Jamie Gunn 12.66

4 Bruce Stewart 12.15

Event 8 Putting the shot (open)

1 Rusty Price 15.43

2 David Dowson 14.60

3 Lauren Coulthart 13.08

4 Scott Simon 10.69

5 Jim Blackhall 9.56

Event 19 16lb weight for distance (junior heavy 15-16)

1 Connon Quinn 18.21

2 Calum McDonald 15.59

Event 20 22lb weight for distance (junior heavy 17-19)

1 Kyle Randalls 20.88

2 Jamie Gunn 20.40

3 David Colthart 20.38

4 Bruce Stewart 10.58

Event 21 28lb weight for distance (open)

1 Rusty Price 23.37

2 Lorne Coulthart 22.19

3 David Douson 20.37

4 Jim Blackhall 15.99

5 Andrew Johnstone 14.36

Event 32 Scots hammer (junior heavy 15-16)

1 Connon Quinn 29.31

2 Calum McDonald 26.25

3 Aiden Finnie 25.57

Event 33 Scots hammer (junior heavy 17-19)

1 Kyle Randalls 41.19

2 Jamie Gunn 36.47

3 David Coulthart 36.01

4 Bruce Stewart 24.89

Event 34 Scots hammer (open)

- 1 Rusty Price 37.99
- 2 Lorne Coulthart 37.06
- 3 David Douson 31.95
- 4 Jim Blackhall 29.71
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Event 42 Tossing the caber (junior heavy 15-16)

1 Calum McDonald 12.00

2 Aiden Finnie 12.01

3 Conon Quinn 12.04

Event 43 Tossing the caber (junior heavy 17-19)

1 Jamie Gunn 88'

2 David Couldhart 85'

3 Kyle Randalls 75'

4 Bruce Stewart 25'

Event 44 Tossing the caber (open)

1 Lorne Coulthart 12'

2 Rusty Price 11'59

3 Jim Blackhall 80'

4 David Douson 75'

5 Harry Hancock 50'

5 Angus McPhail 50'

100yds (under 13 boys)

1 kai Nishimara-low 14.7

2 Morgan Anderson 14.7

3 Sam Jones 16.3

100yds (under 13 girls)

1 Maya Rizza 13.9

2 Katie Stark 14.3

3 Iona Crawford 14.6



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1 Ross Freck 12.9

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3 Angus Maclean 13.2

100yds (under 17 girls)

1 Sula Munro

100yds (under 20 men)

1 Sam Freck 10.8

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3 Craig Cameron 11.1

100yds (handicap ladies)

1 Katie Munro 12.2

2 Christa Hutt 13.2

3 Katie Stark 15.1

100yds (Men)

1 Sam Freck 10.9

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High Jump (handicap men)

1 Eoghan MacNamara 1.80

2 Adam Hobson 1.65

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1 Katie Stark 1.10

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Putting the shot (ladies)

1 Katie Stark 6.42

2 Katie Munro 6.30

3 Christa Hutt 3.10

800mts (handicap ladies)

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2 Beth McLean 3.20

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## ABERNETHY HIGHLAND GAMES 2011      PIPING & DRUMMING RESULTS

Event 1. Chanter      1. Stacey Baker, Islay

### JUNIOR LOCAL PIPING

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

Event 3    no entries

Event 4    March, Strathspey & Reel 17 yrs & under      1. Jordan Neil, Aviemore

### JUNIOR OPEN PIPING

Event 9    March, four part, 17 yrs. & under      1. Nicholas Theriault, California, USA    2. Charles MacDonald, Inverness    3. Ed Lavender, Windermere    4. Scott Hay, Forres

Event 10    Strathspey & Reel 17 yrs & under      1. Nicholas Theriault, California, USA    2. Charles MacDonald, Inverness    3. Ed Lavender, Windermere    4. Scott Hay, Forres

Event 11    Jig 17 yrs & under      1. Charles MacDonald, Inverness    2. Nicholas Theriault, California, USA    3. Scott Hay, Forres    4. Jack McGowan, Huntly

DAVID GRANT BLYTH CUP    awarded to the most promising piper under 17 years.    Nicholas Theriault, California, USA

### SENIOR OPEN PIPING

Event 5    Piobaireachd      1. Niall Matheson, Inverness    2. Alan Clark, Bridge of Don    3. Matt Pantaleone, Rosemarkie    4. Anna Kimmerlow, Rostock, Germany

Event 6    March      1. Alan Clark, Bridge of Don    2. Niall Matheson, Inverness    3. Hamish Munro, Lhanbryde    4. Anna Kimmerlow, Rostock, Germany

Event 7    Strathspey & Reel    1. Niall Matheson, Inverness    2. Matt Pantaleoni,    3. Andrew Travers, Blair Adam    4. Alan Clark, Bridge of Don

Event 8    Jig      1. Niall Matheson, Inverness    2. Anna Kimmerlow, Rostock, Germany    3. Matt Pantaleoni, Rosemarkie    4. Andrew Travers, Blair Adam

THE GORDON CUP awarded to the competitor who accumulates most points in the Open Piping Niall Matheson, Inverness

## SOLO DRUMMING EVENTS

### JUNIOR SOLO DRUMMING TROPHY 15 years & under

1. Ieuan Johnson, Elgin 2. Gemma Henderson, Birnie, by Elgin 3. Craig Watt, Dufftown

### OPEN SOLO DRUMMING TROPHY

1. Douglas Caldwell, Hopeman 2. Ieuan Johnson, Elgin 3. Gemma Henderson, Birnie, by Elgin

## **ABERNETHY HIGHLAND GAMES 2011 HIGHLAND DANCING RESULTS**

### **DANCING RESULTS: (first placed only)**

**4 years Primary:** Pas de Basque and High Cuts, Sophie Mapplebeck

**5 years Primary:** Pas de Basque, High Cuts & Fling, Jaedyn Manason

**6 years Primary:** PDB Leah Bremner; High Cuts, Fling and Swords, Cara Ross

**7 years & under Beginners:** Fling, Swords, Seann Truibhas, Reel, Flora & Lilt, Alexandra Andrew

Section Winner - Highland, and National, Alexandra Andrew

**8 years Beginners:** Fling, Calum Ross; Swords, Sophie MacLeod; ST, Calum Ross; Reel, Layla Ryalls; Flora, Sophie MacLeod; Lilt, Calum Ross

Section Winner - Highland Calum Ross; National, Layla Ryalls

**9 years Beginners:** Fling, Iona Kelly; Swords, ST, Reel, Flora and Lilt, Leia Taylor

Section Winner - Highland & National, Leia Taylor

**10 years Beginners:** Fling, Swords, ST, Reel, Flora & Lilt, Kate Munro

Section Winner - Highland and National, Kate Munro

**11 years and over Beginners:** Fling, Swords & ST, Morven Craib; Reel & Lilt, Amy Milton; Flora Mackenzie Lamb

Section Winner - Highland, Morven Craib; National, Mackenzie Lamb

**Overall Beginner** Calum Ross

**9 years Novice:** Fling, Megan Collins; Swords & ST, Sophie Baker; Reel and Lilt, Megan Collins; Flora, Lauren Sieppert

Section Winner - Highland, Sophie Baker; National, Lauren Sieppert & Megan Collins

**10 years Novice** - Fling & Reel, Jamie Milton; Swords, ST, Flora & Lilt, Tove MacArthur

Section Winners Highland Jamie Milton & Tove MacArthur; National Tove MacArthur

**10 years Intermediate:** Fling & Swords, Trini Adams; ST, Anna MacKeelaig; Highland Laddie, Ella Pacey; Jig, Trini Adams; Hornpipe, Caitlin Graham

Section Winners - Highland, & National, Trini Adams

**11 years Intermediate:** Fling, Claire Williamson; Swords, ST & Highland Laddie, Chloe Ross; Jig, Claire Williamson; Hornpipe, Chloe Ross

Section Winner - Highland & National, Chloe Ross

**Overall Intermediate** awarded the G.D.Gray Silver Salver, Trini Adams

**10 years and under Premier:**

Fling, Swords, & ST, Benna Runcie; Highland Laddie, Georgina Andrew; Jig, Elisha Scobie; Hornpipe, Georgina Andrew

Section Winners - Highland, Benna Runcie; National, Georgina Andrew

**12 Years and under Premier:**

Fling, Swords, ST, Highland Laddie, and Hornpipe, Elise Lyall; Jig, Veronica Duthie

Section Winner - Highland, and National, Elise Lyall

**14 years and under Premier:**

Fling, Emma Ross; Swords, ST, Highland Laddie, Jig, and Hornpipe, Melissa Fife

Section Winner, Highland & National, Melissa Fife

**16 Years and under Premier:** Fling, Swords, ST, Highland Laddie, Jig, and Hornpipe, Emily MacDonald

Section Winner - Highland & National, Emily MacDonald

**17 Years and over Premier:**

Fling, Swords, ST, Jig and Hornpipe, Duncan Slessor; Highland Laddie, Stephanie Duthie

Section Winner - Highland & National, Duncan Slessor



**Overall Premier Highland** awarded the Abernethy Games Trophy, 3 way tie, Benna Runcie, Elise Lyall, Emily MacDonald

**Overall Premier National** awarded the Clan Grant Society Cup, 2 way tie Melissa Fife and Emily MacDonald

**Overall Premier Dancer** awarded the Elsie Ross Trophy, Emily MacDonald of Dingwall,

**Overall Overseas Dancer** awarded the James Philpot Trophy, Sophie MacLeod of Alberta, Canada,

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

# **Abernethy 10 Mile Race 2011 Results**

1.	S Mackenzie	Forres	58.36	MV	1 <sup>st</sup> Male (Vet) Team
2.	G Lennox	Cambuslang	59.16	M	
3.	T Griffin	Cosmics	59.44	MV	
4.	B Biner	London RDC	60.04	M	
5.	T Christie	Peterhead	60.27	M	
6.	J Goodhall	Keith	60.40	MV	
7.	M Whyte	Inverness	60.42	FV	1 <sup>st</sup> Female (Vet)
8.	S Dixon	CBNSC	62.47	M	1 <sup>st</sup> Local Male
9.	S Crawford	Kinross	63.31	MV	
10.	N Hitchcock	Sunderland	64.02	M	
11.	A Riach	Cairngorm	64.35	MV	
12.	R Paterson	Forres	67.14	M	Team
13.	J Robertson	Peterhead	67.22	MV	
14.	C Christie		68.56	M	
15.	G Angus	Keith	69.13	MV	
16.	P Bell	Walton	69.26	MV	
17.	R Revill		69.28	MV	
18.	S Grigor	Cairngorm	70.13	MV	
19.	F Arnot	Edinburgh RC	70.29	MV	
20.	R Roberts	Muir of Ord JS	70.58	MV	
21.	R Williams	Cosmics	71.24	MV	
22.	P Loveless		71.21	M	
23.	J Meehan	Highland HR	71.30	MV	
24.	I Cumming	Corstorphine	72.28	MV	
25.	G Taylor	Highland HR	72.23	MV	
26.	T Potts	Forres	73.08	MV	Team
27.	G Henderson		73.16	MV	
28.	J Fowlers		74.41	MV	
29.	A Gordon	Inverness	75.33	MV	
30.	P Lawson	Cairngorm	75.42	FV	1 <sup>st</sup> Local Female
31.	C Macgregor	Nairn	76.08	M	
32.	A Johnstone		77.12	MV	
33.	M Callan		77.24	MV	
34.	J J Tait		78.09	MV	
35.	J Nicol	Forres	78.14	FV	Team
36.	C Donald		80.29	MV	
37.	R MacKenzie		81.21	MV	
38.	C Reynolds	Stockholm	81.44	M	
39.	T Coillies		82.12	FV	
40.	M Watson		82.42	MV	
41.	E MacLeod		82.52	M	
42.	J Diffey	Peterhead	82.55	MV	
43.	L Southerland		84.04	FV	
44.	J Jessop		84.15	FV	
45.	M Reynolds	Stockholm	84.44	MV	
46.	O Thorn		85.35	F	
47.	J Graham	Nairn	85.48	MV	
48.	R Wright	Forres	85.50	FV	
49.	A Frazer	Cairngorm	86.17	FV	

50.	S Haywood-Ward	Cairngorm	86.19	MV	
51.	C Nicholas	Forres	87.27		
52.	I van der Heiden	Dufftown JS	88.23	FV	
53.	E Mair		88.30	FV	
54.	J Souden	Metro Aberdeen	88.39	MV	
55.	C Casling		88.47	MV	
56.	B Lindsay		89.47	FV	
57.	N Paterson		89.52	F	
58.	S Shearer		90.18		
59.	R Wild	Keith	90.24	MV	
60.	C Laybourn		90.34	FV	
61.	J Donachie		90.56	F	
62.	R Taylor		90.58	MV	
63.	M Fookes		91.09	FV	
64.	C Dorrان		91.39	FV	
65.	C Murphey	Forres	91.49	FV	
66.	N Williams	Forres	93.20	FV	
67.	D Cransten	Cairngorm	93.49	FV	
68.	B Paul	Cairngorm	97.10	FV	
69.	J Wright		99.40	FV	
70.	M Houston		99.41	MV	
71.	F MacBeath		99.42	MV	
72.	L McKenzie		100.07	FV	
73.	L Souden	Metro Aberdeen	101.48	FV	
74.	C MacLean		103.46	MV	
75.	M Woodhouse	Inverness	106.41	FV	
76.	M Sunde	Cairngorm	109.23	F	
77.	S Anderson		109.23	M	

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