Abernethy Highland Games 9 August 2014 Games Report

Whilst the Nethy Games may not have had the privilege of the scale, glitz and glamour, nor indeed Kylie, that graced the Commonwealth Games, nevertheless Chieftain Major General Murray Naylor was moved to comment that Glasgow 2014 could well learn from Nethy 2014, the original Friendly Games! The crowd could not have been happier. The committee too were even happier that the heavy overnight rain moved away, and a fine, if not sunny day was enjoyed by all. The athletes were spared the hot and sunny days of past weeks, resulting in fast times in the 10 mile race with Junior Olympian in the winter biathlon, Scott Dixon, cracking the hour, something that has evaded competitors for some years. A superb performance was recorded by first lady home, Megan Wright of Hunters Bog Trotters.

As usual the day kicked off with a well attended programme of children's events although the most popular were those where parents participated also; at least 75 pairs competed in both the wheelbarrow and 3 legged races, proving we're all kids at heart. Youngsters were given a taste of caber tossing, coached by local junior heavy Conan Quinn, and the standard of throwing augers well for the future.

Always a highlight of the day, the massed pipes and drums parades were spectacular, with 8 bands, over 150 players taking part. Huntly and District Pipe Band were presented with the stunning Pipe Band Challenge Shield for the best band performance overall.

During the Chieftains parade a moments silence to mark the outbreak of the Great War was observed, broken by lone piper Christopher Hyndman of the Elgin and District Pipe Band, playing Mist Covered Mountain, from atop the mound to the south of the field; a very moving and fitting tribute to all who perished, including 32 souls from the parish of Abernethy.

The standard of competition was good throughout the programme, and of course the traditional heavy events drew much attention and a very good entry.

15 heavies competed in three events. Five competitors fought it out in the local heavy events with Conan Quinn (Nethy Bridge) taking overall first, J D Macleod (Newtonmore) came second and Brian Harrold (Nethy Bridge) third. Again, local heavy Conan Quinn, who bettered his performance in 9 out of 10 events, was awarded the Hugh Fraser Challenge Cup for achieving most points in the local competition, and the A.S.Grant Memorial Trophy for most points in the Junior 17/19 years heavy events.

The open heavy competition was won by Martin Schiller from Austria with Stefan Dumitrica from Romania in second place and David Hart from Fort William in third. Two ladies took part in the junior heavy 15-16 event.

The Tug o' war was won by Dufftown Pipe Band with a convincing 2-0 against Forres

In athletics, Calum Henderson broke the high jump record by clearing 1.80m, (2013 – 1.78)

In solo piping, the standard in the senior competition was good, and both piping judges & competitors were very complimentary of the setting for the piping, with an attentive audience on the surrounding benches.

Attendance on the dancing boards was disappointing, but nevertheless the standard was good and prizes won by some new dancers at Nethy. The Brenda Gordon School was again Best Dance School.

The gate was slightly down on last year, perhaps due to several big events taking place this last weekend, but still over 3200 spectators and competitors enjoyed a splendid days sport and entertainment at the Friendly Games.

Results for Piping & Drumming:

Piping

Event 1 - Chanter (March, 12 yrs and under) - 1st prize and Craiglynne Centenary Cup to Angus Robertson age 11. One entrant. Event 2 - Junior local piping (March, 14 yrs and under) - no entries. Event 3 - Junior local piping (March, 15-17 yrs) - 1st prize and Bank of Scotland Trophy to Scott Hay. One entrant. Event 4 - Junior local piping (MSR, 17 yrs and under) - 1st prize and Morag McGillivray Cup to Scott Hay. One entrant. Event 5 - Senior Pibroch - 1st prize and the Lord Strathspey Cup to Fraser Maitland. 2nd to Alan Clark and 3rd to Anna Kummerlow. Five entrants. Event 6 - Senior March - 1st prize to Anna Kummerlow, 2nd to Alan Clark and 3rd to Fraser Maitland. Five entrants. Event 7 - Senior Strathspey and Reel - 1st and Banks Brothers Centenary Trophy to Fraser Maitland, 2nd to Anna Kummerlow and 3rd to Alan Clark. Five entrants. Event 8 - Senior Jig - 1st and the Ibbertson Memorial Cup to Anna Kummerlow, 2nd to Fraser Maitland and 3rd to Alan Clark. Four entrants.

Event 9 - Junior Open (March, 17 yrs and under) - 1st to Scott Hay and 2nd to Tom Bisset. Two entrants. Event 10 - Junior Open (Strathspey and Reel, 17 yrs and under) - 1st and George Centenary Trophy to Scott Hay. 2nd to Tom Bisset. Two entrants. Event 11 - Junior Open (Jig, 17 yrs and under) - 1st to Scott Hay and 2nd to Tom Bisset.

Drumming

1. Open solo drumming (Drum Major Masson Shield) - 16yrs plus - 1st prize and the shield to Anthony Harvey. 2nd prize to Diane Tandon. Four entrants. 2. Open solo drumming (15 yrs and under) - 1st prize to Katie Brander, and 2nd to Thomas Clark (aged just 10). Four entrants.

Results for 10 mile road race

Fin Pos	Time	Number	name	club	category
1	58.46	108	Scott Dixon	U/A	Male
2	61.09	153	Nikki Johnstone	Asics Frontrunner	Male
3	63.49	98	Alastair Dunlop	Stornoway	Male Vet
4	64.45	106	Megan Wright	Hunters Bog Trotters	Female Vet
5	65.33	155	Pete Loveless	Abernethy Trust	Male
6	66.46	127	Graeme Brown	U/A	Male
7	66.55	109	Robert Sircus	Cairngorm Runners	Male
8	66.56	101	Robin Mussett	Central A.C.	Male Vet
9	68.47	134	Frazer McCuaig	U/A	Male
10	68.50	148	Gary Dobson	Monifieth Tri Club	Male Vet
11	69.36	149	Roxy Bannerman	East Sutherland	Female
12	69.59	113	Thomas Barron	Nairn R.R.	Male
13	70.14	135	Rachel McCuaig	Nairn R.R.	Female Vet
14	70.35	116	Gary Brooks	Sheffield Running Club	Male Vet
15	70.41	147	Sally Rolland	E#3 triathlon	Female Vet
16	71.31	124	Sandy Grigor	Cairngorm Runners	Male Vet
17	71.49	151	Alan Johnstone	U/A	Male Vet
18	72.58	117	Kiku Mach	U/A	Male Vet

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19	73.06	130	David Bryan	East Sutherland	Male Vet	
20	73.22	157	Patrick Parke	Abernethy Trust	Male	Res
21	73.52	161	Penny Lawson	U/A	Female Vet	Res
22	74.00	121	Timothy Kirk	Inverness Harriers	Male Vet	
23	74.04	158	Katrina Statham	Abernethy Trust	Female	Res
24	74.28	150	Neil Cameron	U/A	Male Vet	
25	74.34	132	Jeremy Wood	U/A	Male	
26	75.17	100	Mark Swinden	Spenborough A.C.	Male	
27	75.41	131	Eileen Oag	U/A	Female Vet	
28	75.55	136	Patrick Lord	U/A	Male	
29	76.04	102	James Walsh	U/A	Male Vet	Res
30	76.17	144	Ruaridh Andrew	U/A	Male	
31	76.19	159	Josh Martin	Abernethy Trust	Male	Res
32	76.39	142	Helen Oxenham	U/A	Female Vet	
33	77.13	129	Orla Chapman	Glasgow Uni Hares & Hounds	Female	
34	77.32	107	Simon d'Albertanson	N1 Tri Club	Male Vet	
35	78.14	145	Richard Thomson	U/A	Male	
36	78.18	94	Martin Bain	Dufftown J S	Male	
37	78.45	156	Sarah Houston	Moray R.R.	Female Vet	
38	79.23	125	Tim Sands	U/A	Male Vet	Res
39	79.57	133	Ian McCuaig	Nairn R.R.	Male Vet	
40	80.24	103	Gavin Liddell	U/A	Male Vet	
41	81.40	122	Jodi Sharpe	U/A	Female Vet	
42	82.15	162	Stuart Ross	Nairn R.R.	Male	
43	82.37	95	Laurence Dunn	U/A	Male Vet	
44	83.04	120	Sonia Rae	U/A	Female Vet	Res
45	83.36	163	Donald Ross	Nairn R.R.	Male Vet	
46	84.26	99	David Wilding	Bearbrook Running Club	Male	
47	85.10	93	Kirsten Bamford	U/A	Female	
48	86.04	112	Jenny Saunders	Nairn R.R.	Female Vet	
49	86.21	139	Alexander Weir-Addie	Tropicana Uk	Male	
50	86.25	105	Viktor Stellwaseel	U/A	Male	
51	87.25	154	Claire Reilly	U/A	Female Vet	
52	87.43	118	Judith Thurlow	Cairngorm Runners	Female	Res
53	88.00	115	Peter Wright	U/A	Male	Res
54	88.27	119	WendyAdamson	Cairngorm Runners	Female	Res
55	89.29	152	Anni Johnstone	U/A	Female Vet	
56	90.03	128	Keedy Noble	Forres Harriers	Female	Res
57	90.11	104	James Graham	Nairn R.R.	Male Vet	
58	90.20	137	David McArthur	U/A	Male	
59	90.30	141	Eddie Backler	U/A	Male Vet	
60	90.40	146	Derek Gordon	U/A	Male Vet	Res
61	90.44	138	Amy Oxenham	Tropicana Uk	Female	
62	90.56	123	Rebecca Badger	U/A	Female Vet	Res
63	93.52	160	John Diffey	Cairngorm Runners	Male Vet	Res
64	94.47	97	Susan Baldwin	U/A	Female Vet	

65	94.56	143	Christina Gordon	U/A	Female Res
66	95.09	111	Carol Stewart	Nairn R.R.	Female Vet
67	95.14	140	Shona Leslie	U/A	Female Vet
68	101.57	114	Ailene Cameron	Nairn R.R.	Female Vet
69	103.03	96	Kathryn Morton	U/A	Female Vet
70	106.45	126	Maureen Macdonald	U/A	Female Vet
71	114.02	110	Fiona McLachlan	Nairn R.R.	Female Vet

Team Prize - Abernethy Trust.

Results for Highland Dancing

Abernethy Highland Games – Dancing results, 1st placed only

Primary 4yrs: Pas De Basques, pas de basques and high cuts – Eilidh Smith **Primary 5yrs**: Pas de basques, pas de basques and high cuts - Cameron Duff

Primary 6yrs: Pas de basques – Evie Challinor Pas de basques and high cuts, swords – Elana Duff

Fling, Sword - Evis Challinor

Beginners 8yrs & under: Fling, reel, lilt, Floara, Sean Truibhas – Isla Ross

Swords – Ross McTaggart

Beginners 9 & over: Fling, swords, Sean Truibhas, Reel, Flora, Lilt - Hayley Black

Novice

Fling, ST, Reel, Lilt – Abbie Kellas; Swords – Sophie Mapplebeck Flora – Katie Taylor

Intermediate 11 & under: Fling – Eve Mortensen; Sean Truibhas, Lilt – Phoebe Goodall

Swords, Reel, Flora - Aimee Shannon

Intermediate 12 & over: Fling, Flora – Holly Grant; Swords, ST, Reel – Maia Mortensen

Premier 10 yrs: Fling, Highland Laddie, Hornpipe – Cerys Goodall; Sean Truibhas, jig – Alexandrea

Andrew; Trophy - Cerys Goodall, Buckie, Alison Munro School

Premier 11 yrs: Fling, Sean Truibhas, Highland laddie – Anna Morrison; Jig, Hornpipe – Sophie

Baker; Trophy – Anna Morrison, Inverness, Fraser School

Premier 12yrs: Fling, Jig, Hornpipe - Molly Smith; Sean Truibhas, Highland laddie - Georgina

Andrew; Trophy - Molly Smith, Huntly, Brenda Gordon School

Premier 13vrs: Fling, Sean Truibhas, Highlan laddie, Jig, Hornpipe – Elisha Scobie

Trophy - Elisha Scobie, Glenrothes, Sarah Hendry School

Premier 14yrs: Fling, Sean Truibhas, Highland laddie, Jig, Hornpipe – Lauren Hamilton

Trophy – Lauren Hamilton, Huntly, Brenda Gordon School

Premier 15 years: Fling - Kirsten Hunt; Sean Truibhas, Highland laddie, Jig, Hornpipe - Catriona

Dempster; Trophy - Catriona Dempster, Huntly, Brenda Gordon School

Premier 16 yrs: Fling, Sean Truibhas, Highland laddie, Hornpipe - Heather Nelson; Jig - Stacy Baker

Trophy - Heather Nelson, Northumberland, Donna Kimberley Morrison School

Premier 17 & over: Fling, Sean Truibhas, Highland laddie, Jig, Hornpipe - Laura Smith

Trophy – Laura Smith

Overall Beginner – Hayley Black, Derbyshire; Overall Novice – Abbie Kellas, Keith; Overall intermediate – Aimee Shannon, Balloch; Overall premier highland – Laura Smith, Huntly; Overall Premier National – Laura Smith; Overall Premier – Laura Smith; Overall local 11 & under – Katie Taylor, Craigellachie; Overall local 12& over - Calum Duncan, Kincraig; Overall overseas – Angie Grant, Canada; Overall dancing school - Brenda Gordon with 2967 points.

Results - Athletics & Heavy Events

Putting the shot (local)

- 1 Conan Quinn 11.65
- 2 J. D. Macleod 10.41
- 3 Brian Harrold 8.48
- 4 Harry Hancock 8.44
- 5 Dave Gorman 8.44

28lb weight for distance (local)

- 1 Conan Quinn 13.42
- 2 Brian Harrold 11.23
- 3 J. D. Macleod 11.14
- 4 Dave Garman 11.09
- 5 Stan Reid 6.83

Scots hammer (local)

- 1 Conan Quinn 27.57
- 2 Brian Harrold 24.77
- 3 Dave Garman 23.43
- 4 Harry Hancock 22.68
- 5 J. D. Macleod 21.15

56lb Weight over the bar (local)

- 1 J. D. Macleod 12'3"
- 2 Dave Gorman 11'3"
- 3 Conan Quinn 10'6"
- 4 Harry Hancock 10'3"
- 5 Brian Harrold 10'3"

Tossing the caber (local)

- 1 Conan Quinn 1215
- 2 Harry Hancock 85
- 3 Dave Garman 75
- 4 Brian Harrold 65
- 5 J D Macleod 25

Putting the shot (junior heavy 15-16)

- 1 Chris Guest 7.42
- 2 Sarah Cavill 6.88
- 3 Kirsty Guest 6.65

Putting the shot (junior heavy 17-19)

- 1 Conan Quinn 11.27
- 2 J. D. Macleod 10.57

Putting the shot (open)

- 1 Stefan Dumitrica 14.21
- 2 Martin Schiller 12.95
- 3 Lucas Prettenhaler 12.01
- 4 David Hart 11.36
- 5 Martin Braeundle 11.25

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

1 Sarah Cavill 10.43

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

- 1 Conan Quinn 16.51
- 2 J. D. Macleod 12.60

28lb weight for distance (open)

- 1 Martin Schiller 18.60
- 2 stefan Dumitrica 17.09
- 3 David Hart 15.38
- 4 lukas Prettenhaler 14.59
- 5 Martin Braeundle 13.33

Scots hammer (junior heavy 17-19)

- 1 Conan Quinn 31.18
- 2 J D Macleod 24.36

Scots hammer (open)

- 1 Martin Schiller 34.00
- 2 David Hart 29.55
- 3 Stefan Dumitrica 26.63
- 4 Lukas Prettenhaler 23.92
- 5 Harry Hancock 22.19

44lb weight over the bar (junior heavy 17-19)

- 1 J D Macleod 12'6"
- 2 Conan Quinn 12'0"

56lb weight over the bar (open)

- 1 Martin Schiller 12'9"
- 2 Stefan Dimitri 12'9"
- 3 Martin Braeundle 11'9"
- 4 David Hart 11'3"
- 5 Lukas Prettenhaler 10'3"

Tossing the caber (junior heavy 17-19)

- 1 Conan Quinn 12 06
- 2 J D Macleod 35

Tossing the caber (open)

- 1 Martin Schiller 60
- 2 David Hart 60
- 3 Martin Braeundle 50
- 4= Stefan Dimitri 45
- 4= Lukas Prettenhaler

100yds (boys 12yrs and under)

- 1 Archie Morris 13.7
- 2 Rob Henderson 14.3
- 3 Jamie Curry 14.5

100yds (girls 12yrs and under)

- 1 Bethany Evans 15.3
- 2 Poppy Flockhart 15.4
- 3 Carenza Robb 16.1

100yds (boys 14yrs and under)

- 1 Calum Henderson 12.1
- 2 Tom Evans 13.6
- 3 Alfie Appleby 13.9

100yds (girls 14yrs and under)

- 1 Ailsa Clark 13.1
- 2 Eva Clark 14.1
- 3 Ellen Curry 17.0

100yds (boys 16yrs and under)

- 1 Findlay Donegan 12.0
- 2 Chris Guest 12.7

100yds (girls 16yrs and under)

- 1 Ailsa Clark 13.1
- 2 Eva Clark 13.7
- 3 Kirsty Guest 14.1

100yds (men 19yrs and under)

- 1 Ross Fraser 11.8
- 2 Findlay Donegan 12.4
- 3 Chris Guest 13.5

100yds (handicap ladies)

1 Rebekah Bryan 14.8

100yds (Men)

- 1 Adam Hobson 11.1
- 2 Ross Fraser 11.8

High Jump (handicap men)

- 1 Calum Henderson 1.80
- 2 Findlay Donegan 1.72
- 3 Ross Fraser 1.70

Putting the shot (ladies)

- 1 Rebekah Bryan 6.09
- 2 Eva Clark 5.23
- 3 Laura Clark 5.21

800mts (handicap ladies)

1 Rebekah Bryan 3.20.1

800mts (handicap men)

- 1 Ross Fraser 2.30.3
- 2 Findlay Donegan 2.32.1
- 3 Sam Bryan 3.08.0

200mts (boys 14yrs and under)

- 1 Calum Henderson 26.7
- 2 Tom Evans 31.4
- 3 Alfie Appleby 32.0

200mts (girls 14yrs and under)

- 1 Ailsa Clark 29.9
- 2 Eva Clark 32.8
- 3 Olivia Bannerman 38.7

200mts (ladies)

- 1 Rebekah Bryan 33.1
- 2 Kirsty Guest 33.9
- 3 Ailsa Clark 37.11

200mts (men 19yrs and under)

- 1 Ross Fraser 26.3
- 2 Findlay Donegan 27.3
- 3 Chris Guest 27.4

200mts (men)

- 1 Adam Hobson 25.1
- 2 Ross Fraser 29.1
- 3 Chris Guest 34.6

1500mts (boys 14yrs and under)

- 1 Ruaridh Grant 5.42.9
- 2 Andrew Rolland 5.50.0
- 3 Sam Bryan 6.10.3

1500mts (ladies)

- 1 Megan Mowbry 5.57.1
- 2 Rebecca Bryan 6.44.8

1500mts (men)

- 1 D Wright 5.06.8
- 2 Russell Duncan 5.08.8
- 3 Brian Stevenson 5.20.9

400mts (handicap ladies)

- 1 Rebecca Bryan 74.1
- 2 Megan Mowbray 75.9
- 3 Natasha Bryan 90.7

400mts (handicap men)

- 1 Adam Hobson 52.8
- 2 Ross Fraser 55.1
- 3 Findlay Donegan 59.2