

Abernethy Highland Games 2019

Games Report

On the Thursday before Games Day, the Abernethy Games Committee were faced with the prospect of heavy rain and a waterlogged field. On top of this, two other games in the area, due for the same weekend, were cancelled leaving Abernethy the choice of cancelling the Games or taking what looked like a big risk in running them should conditions not improve. Miraculously, conditions did improve and the weather served up almost perfect conditions for the day.

The public responded by turning up in droves, to be given a day of the best competition seen in many years, topped by the setting of a World record in the Weight for Height event of the Open Heavy contest. Numbers overall were an increase of about 100 compared with 2018, with the final tally edging towards 4000.

Heavy and Track and Field events

Twenty one heavies competed in four events.

Four competitors fought it out in the local heavy events with Conan Quinn (Nethy Bridge) taking overall first, J. D. Macleod (Newtonmore) came second, Brian Harrold (Nethy Bridge) third and Harry Hancock (Boat of Garten) fourth. Conan broke two games records with throws of 12.13m in the shot and fourteen foot six inches in the 44lb weight over the bar.

Four juniors in the 15-16 age category competed and, three in the 17-19 age category. This was one of the best turn outs of juniors at our games in recent times and it bodes well for the future. The overall winner of the 15-16 category was James Ramsay followed by Andrew Murphie, Fraser Casarn and Byron Hart. The overall winner of the 17-19 category was Cameron Casarn followed by Ben Morrison and John Shanks.

The open heavy competition was won by Kyle Lillie (USA) followed by Colin Dunbar (USA) who broke a world record for the 56lb weight over the bar throwing an incredible seventeen foot six inches. Greg Walker (Fettercairn) came third overall. Ten competitors in the open heavy events made for a good competition in all five events.

There was a good field in the athletics competition with sixty entrants. The younger and senior age categories continue to be popular with both local athletic clubs and visitors on holiday. There was also a significant number of entrants from overseas.

James Hoad achieved what is probably a record of some sort by winning the Abernethy Forest 10 mile Road Race, in a respectable 56m 15s and then going on to win the 800m and 1500m races on the running track as well. First female in the race was Rachel Armitage

Piping and Drumming

On the senior piping board the Lord Strathspey Cup for pibroch went to Anna Kummerlow from Germany, and the Gordon Cup for the most points in the Senior Open piping competition to James Feeny from the USA. On the Junior Piping board, the David Grant Blyth Cup for the most promising piper 17 years and under was won by Laura Robertson from Fort William.

In the Drumming Competition, a new Trophy was presented by Alastair Dowling, a long time Drumming Judge and instructor whose support and teaching of young drummers has helped many in their piping careers. The inaugural winner of the Dowling Trophy was Hollie Chalmers of Turiff and District Pipe Band. Hollie won both the Open and Junior (13yrs and under) competitions.

A well supported Pipe Band competition saw the Challenge Shield go to Portsoy Pipe Band for the second time, having won the Shield the year before.

At the end of a busy but successful Games, perhaps the most rewarding sight was the number of people who had stayed on to watch the conclusion of the Heavy competition, giving their vocal support to the athletes as they completed the weight over the bar and caber events. The cheer that went up when the new World Record was set was a fitting reward to the Games Committee whose hard work and dedication had made this Abernethy Games a truly memorable one.

Abernethy Highland Games Results – 10th August 2019

RESULTS

Open heavy

Putting the shot (open): 1 Kyle Lillie 17.02m; 2 Colin Dunbar 15.59m; 3 Greg Walker 12.96m; 4 Martin Schiller 11.64m; 5 James Dawkins 11.60m

28lb weight for distance (open) (trophy): 1 Kyle Lillie 24.18m; 2 Colin Dunbar 22.98m; 3 Greg Walker 18.42m; 4 Martin Schiller 17.78m; 5 Conan Quinn 17.39

Scots hammer (open) (trophy): 1 James Dawkins 40.00m; 2 Colin Dunbar 38.83m; 3 Kyle Lillie 37.04m; 4 Greg Walker 36.49m; 5 Martin Schiller 33.79m

Tossing the caber (open): 1 Kyle Lillie 11.58; 2 Greg Walker 85'; 3 Colin Dunbar 85'; 4 James Dawkins 80'; 5 Weibe Zeilsera 50'

56lb weight over the bar (open): 1 Colin Dunbar 17'6"; 2 Kyle Lillie 15'0"; 3 Martin Schiller 12'0"; 4 Greg Walker 11'6"; 5 James Dawkins 11'6"

Ladies heavy

Shot (Ladies): 1 Mary Flockhart 7.21m

Local heavy

Putting the shot (local): 1 Conan Quinn 12.13m; 2 J D MacLeod 9.74m; 3 Brian Harrold 8.87m; 4 Harry Hancock 8.69m

28lb weight for distance (local): 1 Conan Quinn 16.27m; 2 J D MacLeod 12.89m; 3 Brian Harrold 11.41m; 4 Harry Hancock 11.41m

Scots hammer (local): 1 Conan Quinn 30.11m; 2 Brian Harrold 24.33m; 3 J D MacLeod 23.59; 4 Harry Hancock 21.73m

44lb Weight over the bar (local): 1 Conan Quinn 13'0"; 2 J D MacLeod 12'6"; 3 = Brian Harrold 11'0"; 3 = Harry Hancock 11'0"

Tossing the caber (local): 1 Conan Quinn 12.01; 2 Brian Harrold 80'; 3 J D MacLeod 80'; 4 Harry Hancock 75'

Junior heavy boys

Putting the shot (junior heavy boys 17-19yrs): 1 Cameron Casarn 9.81m; 2 Ben Morrison 8.75m; 3 John Shanks 7.95m

Putting the shot (junior heavy boys 15-16yrs): 1 James Ramsay 10.20m; 2 Byron Hart 7.82m; 3 Andrew Murphie 7.80m

22lb weight for distance (junior heavy boys 17-19yrs): 1 Cameron Casarn 15.16m; 2 Ben Morrison 14.74m; 3 John Shanks 12.05m

16lb weight for distance (junior heavy boys 15-16yrs): 1 James Ramsay 17.12m; 2 Byron Hart 12.52m; 3 Andrew Murphie 6.76m

Scots hammer (junior heavy boys 17-19yrs): 1 John Shanks 22.21; 2 Ben Morrison 21.86m; 3 Cameron Casarn 18.05m

Scots hammer (junior heavy boys 15-16yrs): 1 Andrew Murphie 18.29m; 2 Fraser Casarn 11.67m

44lb weight over the bar (junior heavy boys 17-19yrs): 1 Cameron Casarn 14'0"; 2 Ban Morrison 13'0"; 3 John Shanks 11'6"

32lb Weight over bar (junior heavy boys 15-16yrs): 1 James Ramsay 12'6"; 3 = Andrew Murphie; 3 = Byron Hart
Tossing the caber (junior heavy boys 17-19yrs): 1 Ben Morrison 12.00; 2 John Shanks 12.02 3 Cameron Casarn 87'
Tossing the caber (junior heavy boys 15-16yrs): 1 Fraser Casarn 12.00; 2 Andrew Murphie 12.00

Track & Field Events

100yds (Men): 1 Ross Freck 11.4s; 2 Fraser Macdonald 11.6s; 3 Finlay Robb 11.7s
200m (men) (trophy): 1 Ross Freck 25.3s; 2 Fraser MacDonald 25.5s; 3 William Rove 30.7s
400m (men): 1 Ross Freck 1.07.2; 2 William Rove 1.09.9; 3 Guillaume Legardinier 1.10.1
800m (men): 1 James Hoad 2.26.11; 2 Mitchell Leslie 2.39.9; 3 Ross Freck 2.59.0
1500m (men) (trophy): 1 James Hoad 4.42.5; 2 Euan Duffield 5.15.6; 3 Ross Freck 5.35.3
100yds (ladies): 1 Hannah Brown 13.8s; 2 Zemoz Mathilde 13.9s; 3 Focernier Gevenaelle 14.3s
200m (ladies): 1 Libby Smith 32.2s; 2 Eve Gardiner 33.6s; 3 Hannah Brown 34.8s
400m (ladies): 1 Libby Smith 1.14.3; 2 Eve Gardiner 1.17.4; 3 Mary Flockhart 1.18.5
800m (ladies): 1 Libby Smith 2.49.5; 2 Meg Naylor 2.58.3; 3 Eve Gardiner 3.03.2
1500m (ladies): 1 Libby Smith 5.59.6; 2 Eve Gardiner 6.20.1; 3 Katie Smith 6.53.0
100yds (boys 12yrs and under): 1 Ryan Johnston 14.5s; 2 Christian Grant 14.7s; 3 James Gilchrist 14.8s
200m (boys 14yrs and under): 1 Ryan Johnston 35.3s; 2 Hayden Ramsay 40.5s
200m (boys 12yrs and under): 1 Ryan Johnston 33.0s; 2 Sol Bloomfield 33.5s; 3 Calum Jessop 33.7s
800m (boys 12yrs and under): 1 James Gilchrist 3.05.6; 2 Calum Jessop 3.09.8; 3 Jeremy Ellemor-Collins 3.12.0
100yds (girls 14yrs and under): 1 Poppy Flockhart 13.7s; 2 Freya Gudgeon 15.8s; 3 Isabel MacDonald 19.1s
100yds (girls 12yrs and under): 1 Isla Burns 15.2s; 2 Faye Brown 15.6s; 3 Hermione Allan 17.7s
200m (girls 14yrs and under) (trophy): 1 Poppy Flockhart 31.2s; 2 Tessa Challis 34.5s; 3 Freya Gudgeon 37.1s
200m (girls 12yrs and under): 1 Faye Brown 39.4s; 2 Isla Burns 39.5s; 3 Hermione Allan 44.9s
800m (girls 12yrs and under): 1 Isla Burns 3.08.4; 2 Faye Brown 3.31.9
1500m (girls 14yrs and under): 1 Sophie Barner 6.21.4; 2 Isla Bloomfield 6.54.8
High Jump (Men): 1 Lukas Prettenhaler 1.65m; 2 Stewart Clark 1.60m; 3 Fraser MacDonald 1.55m
High Jump (Boys 14yrs and under): 1 Christian Grant 1.20m; 2 James Gilchrist 1.20m; 3 Calum Jessop 1.10m
High Jump (ladies): 1 Libby Smith 1.10m; 2 Mary Flockhart 1.05m
High Jump (Girls 14yrs and under): 1 Poppy Flockhart 1.30m; 2 Linnea Perch 1.05m; 3 Maisie Flockhart 0.95m

Open Piping

Pibroch for the Lord Strathspey Cup: 1 Anna Kummerlow, Germany; 2 James Feeney, U.S.A.; 3 Gordon Barclay, Keith; 4 Zephan Knichel, Canada; 5 Angus McPhee, Inverness; 6 Ed McIlvaine, Canada

March: 1 Anna Kummerlow, Germany; 2 James Feeney, U.S.A.; 3 John Angus Smith, London; 4 Zephan Knichel, Canada

Strathspey & Reel for the Banks Brothers Centenary Trophy: 1 James Feeney, U.S.A.; 2 John Angus Smith, London; 3 Anna Kummerlow, Germany; 4 Zephan Knichel, Canada

Jig for the Ibbertson Memorial Cup: 1 James Feeney, U.S.A.; 2 John Angus Smith, London; 3 Anna Kummerlow, Germany; 4 Zephan Knichel, Canada;

The Gordon Cup awarded to the competitor who accumulates most points in the Senior Open Piping: James Feeney, U.S.A.

Junior Open Piping

March 4 part 17 years & under for the Ewen MacDonald Memorial Trophy: 1 Kyle Cameron, Rosemarkie; 2 Laura Robertson, Fort William; 3 Emily Feeney, U.S.A.; 4 Andrew Orr, Fort William

Strathspey & Reel for the George Centenary Trophy: 1 Kyle Cameron, Rosemarkie; 2 Emily Feeney, U.S.A.; 3 Laura Robertson, Fort William; 4 Calum Robertson, Forres

Jig 17 years & under: 1 Kyle Cameron, Rosemarkie; 2 Laura Robertson, Fort William; 3 Tom Spencer, Inverness; 4 Andrew Orr, Fort William

David Grant Blyth Cup for the most promising piper 17 years & under: Laura Robertson, Fort William

Chanter: 1 Fraser Laurie, Isle of Harris; 2 Angus Robertson, Forres; 3 Rory Cairns Edinburgh; 4 Isla Bell, Walton on Thames

Pipe Bands

Winner of the Pipe Band Challenge Shield: Portsoy Pipe Band

Drumming

Open: 1 Hollie Chalmers, Turriff & District Pipe Band; 2 Jamie Wallis, City of Inverness Youth Pipe Band 3 Alex Young, Portsoy & District Pipe Band 4 Kirsty Turnbull, Forres & District Pipe Band

Junior (14 to 17): 1 Jamie Wallis, City of Inverness Youth Pipe Band; 2 Craig MacKay, City of Inverness Youth Pipe Band; 3 Aaron Brown, City of Inverness Youth Pipe Band; 4 Alex Young, Portsoy & District Pipe Band

Junior (13 & under): 1 Hollie Chalmers, Turriff & District Pipe Band; 2 Euan McBain, Dufftown & District Pipe Band; 3 John-Allan Wallis, City of Inverness Youth Pipe Band; 4 Melissa Poppy, Dufftown & District Pipe Band

Abernethy 10-mile Road Race

1st Male James Hoad 56.15 Aberdeen Amature; 1st Female Rachel Armitage 1.06.32 Inverness Harriers; 1st Male Vet Martin Bain 1.03.52 Moray Road Runners; 1st

Female Vet Jenny Aungier 1.16.40 Cairngorm Runners; 1st Local Male Alan Riach 1.11.11 Cairngorm Runners; 1st Local Female Jenny Aungier 1.16.40 Cairngorm Runners; 1st Team Inverness Harriers.

Full Results

1 James Hoad M 56.15 Aberdeen Amature AC; 2 Jamie Thom M 59.19 U/A; 3 Stuart Gardiner M 1.02.27 Inverness Harriers ; 4 Martin Bain MV 1.03.52 Moray Road Runners; 5 Emilio Barreutos M 1.04.48 U/A; 6 Gavin Whiteside MV 1.05.46 Highland Hill Runners; 7 Gianluca Alonzi M 1.05.50 Inverness Harriers; 8 Thomas Logie M 1.06.02 U/A; 9 Rachel Armitage F 1.06.32 Inverness Harriers; 10 Paul Paterson MV 1.07.08 Inverness Harriers; 11 James Ward M 1.08.02 Forres Harriers; 12 David Naughton MV 1.08.45 Deveron Harriers; 13 Graeme Jessop MV 1.09.34 EH * 3 triathlon; 14 Alan Riach MV 1.11.11 Cairngorm Runners; 15 Alex Sutherland MV 1.12.13 Inverness Harriers; 16 Dave Geerlings MV 1.12.16 NSL; 17 Frank Montague MV 1.12.22 U/A; 18 Hugh Naylor MV 1.13.22 London Heathside; 19 Joe Collins M 1.13.27 Abernethy Trust; 20 James Casling M 1.13.33 Bristol & West AC; 21 Walter Wolfgang MV 1.13.58 U/A; 22 Ben Gibson M 1.14.46 U/A; 23 Grant Stewart MV 1.15.23 Nairn Road Runners; 24 Lindsay Grant MV 1.15.40 Forres Road Runners; 25 Simon Garland MV 1.15.45 U/A; 26 David Bryan MV 1.16.34 East Sutherland A.C; 27 Jenny Aungier FV 1.16.40 Cairngorm Runners; 28 Katie Bogie FV 1.17.17 U/A; 29 George Findlay MV 1.17.35 Anster Haddies; 30 Jessica Haworth F 1.18.30 Forres Harriers; 31 Heather Gardiner FV 1.18.52 Inverness Harriers; 32 Sammy Ghowdhury FV 1.19.08 U/A; 33 Max Bloomfield MV 1.19.24 Mtunzini Runners; 34 Bernard Salmon MV 1.19.38 Moray Road Runners; 35 Andrew Lilley M 1.21.07 Triathlon Inverness; 36 Greg Cooper M 1.21.13 U/A; 37 Tom Palmer M 1.21.15 U/A; 38 Steve Donaghy MV 1.21.18 Moray Road Runners; 39 Graeme Ambrose MV 1.21.20 Inverness Harriers; 40 Jonathon Moore M 1.21.22 U/A; 41 Nick Barr MV 1.21.47 Forres Harriers; 42 Neil Macdonald MV 1.22.00 U/A; 43 JJ Tait MV 1.22.44 Park Run; 44 Pete Grant MV 1.24.06 U/A; 45 Gayle Brown FV 1.24.15 Hinckley Running Club; 46 Judy Wardlaw F 1.24.32 U/A; 47 Kenneth Bews MV 1.27.14 U/A; 48 Michelle Russell F 1.27.26 Moray Road Runners; 49 Clare Nicholas FV 1.27.53 Forres Harriers; 50 Lynne Hero FV 1.27.56 Anster Haddies; 51 Debbie Clark F 1.28.15 Spey Runners; 52 Sarah McAllister FV 1.28.49 This Mum Runs Club; 53 George Grant MV 1.29.26 U/A; 54 Amy Low FV 1.30.00 U/A; 55 Andrew Brown M 1.30.33 U/A; 56 Neill Thomson M 1.30.33 U/A; 57 Frederique Brown FV 1.30.41 U/A; 58 Alistair Bath MV 1.31.29 U/A; 59 James Graham MV 1.31.31 Nairn Road Runners; 60 Katie Hill FV 1.31.50 U/A; 61 Gordon Smith MV 1.33.23 U/A; 62 Jeremy Hill MV 1.33.26 Serpentine; 63 Jess Creber F 1.34.10 Cairngorm Runners; 64 Ross Creber M 1.34.10 U/A; 65 Ron Wild MV 1.34.53 Keith & District AAC; 66 Juliet Aungier FV 1.35.39 U/A; 67 Sandra Warren FV 1.36.06 Kirkstall Harriers; 68 Debbie Halliday F 1.36.54 Nairn Road Runners; 69 Mike Causey MV 1.38.28 Abernethy Trust; 70 Elisabeth Smart FV 1.40.21 Forres Harriers; 71 Shaun Sloan M 1.43.51 U/A; 72 Louisa Bell FV 1.45.17 U/A; 73 Fiona MacDonald FV 1.50.53 U/A; 74 Dougie Grant MV 1.56.22 Nairn Road Runners; 75 Chris Graham M 2.16.19 U/A;