

Abernethy Highland Games – 13th August 2022

GAMES REPORT

Following the Covid-19 pandemic, which is still circulating after three years, it was on the one hand very reassuring to be planning for 'Games Day' while at the same time quite daunting. The last time of cancellations was during the Second World War. Would it be as we knew it from before, would the customers arrive and one of the main concerns, would we remember everything? All very daunting.

This was further compounded by quite a few changes on the committee with several members retiring and also the death in January of long-standing stalwart and former chairman Alistair McCook. We were fortunate to be able to replace several of the retirees with people new to the committee while some vacancies still remain. Our concerns were to nothing as the field build up went like clockwork with good weather helping the effort. It was as though there had been no gap in the event. While many similar events around the country have struggled post pandemic for volunteers, we found ourselves during the build-up and subsequent dismantling having more volunteers than in previous years. A very healthy sign for the future of the games.

One innovation this year was the introduction of card payments at both entrances. While there were teething problems during set up these were ironed out and on the day all went well. This will now be continued into the future. The day itself was blessed with good weather with the audience turning out in good numbers and an attendance close to a record for recent years.

Chieftain for the year was our most recent past chairman, Neil Sutherland who has during his time on the committee acted as Stances Convener, Secretary, Vice Chairman before becoming Chairman. The pipe bands have found it difficult to pick up since Covid with their numbers greatly depleted, that said however we still had a display of 7 bands with many of them competing in the pipe band competition. All in all, a very successful day which was followed up the following day with the many volunteers assisting committee members in getting the field cleared in record time with the shed being locked at 4pm.

J A McCook
Chairman

RESULTS

Local heavy

Putting the shot (Local): 1 Conan Quinn 11.80m; 2 Ali Davidson 10.00m; 3 Harry Hancock 9.04m; 4 Jordan Lafferty 8.40m; 5 Brian Harrold 6.13m.

28lb weight for distance (Local): 1 Conan Quinn 15.49m; 2 Harry Hancock 11.73m; 3 Ali Davidson 11.70m; 4 Jordan Lafferty 10.40m; 5 Brian Harrold 10.27m.

Scots hammer (Local): 1 Conan Quinn 29.57m; 2 Ali Davidson 27.24m; 3 Brian Harrold 24.41m; 4 Harry Hancock 21.61m; 5 Jordan Lafferty 21.53m.

44lb weight over the bar (Local): 1 Conan Quinn 11'9"; 2 Ali Davidson 11'9"; 3 Jordan Lafferty 11'9"; 4 Brian Harrold 10'3".

Tossing the caber (local): 1 Conan Quinn 70'; 2 Ali Davidson 40'; 3 Brian Harrold 35'; 4 Harry Hancock 35'.

Open heavy

Putting the shot (Open): 1 Sinclair Patience 15.23m; 2 David Melnicuk 14.38m; 3 Conan Quinn 11.27m; 4 Craig Sinclair 10.72m; 5 Harry Hancock 9.17m.

28lb weight for distance (Open) (Trophy): 1 Sinclair Patience 21.06m; 2 Craig Sinclair 18.07m; 3 George Evans 17.35m; 4 David Melnicuk 16.31m; 5 Conan Quinn 15.59m.

Scots hammer (Open) (Trophy): 1 David Melnicuk 38.74m; 2 Sinclair Patience 36.11m; 3 Craig Sinclair 32.83m; 4 George Evand 31.32m; 5 Conan Quinn 29.29m.

56lb Weight over the bar (Open): 1 David Melnicuk 15'6"; 2 Sinclair Patience 15'; 3 George Evans 14'; 4 Craig Sinclair 13'; 5 Conan Quinn 10'3".

Tossing the caber (Open): 1 Sinclair Patience 80'; 2 David Melnicuk 75'; 3 Craig Sinclair 65'; 4 Conan Quinn 40'; 5 Harry Hancock 20'.

Junior heavy boys

Putting the shot (junior heavy boys 15-16yrs): 1 Andrew Murphie 13.80m; 2 Robert Flinsen 11.05m; 3 Duncan Bennett 9.67m.

16lb weight for distance (junior heavy boys 15-16yrs): 1 Andrew Murphie 10.01m; 2 Robert Flinsen 9.98m; 3 Jules Ramsay 8.88m.

Scots hammer (junior heavy boys 15-16yrs): 1 Jules Ramsay 32.54m; 2 Andrew Murphie 32.01m; 3 Robert Flipsen 25.49m.

32lb Weight over bar (junior heavy boys 15-16yrs): 1 Andrew Murphie 15'3"; 2 Robert Flipsen 15'3"; 3 Duncan Bennett 11'.

Tossing the caber (junior heavy boys 15-16yrs): 1 Andrew Murphie 12'00"; 2 Robert Flipsen 45'; 3 Jules Ramsay 35'.

Track & Field Events

100yds (Men): 1 Douglas Smith 12.4; 2 Sam Singleton 13.1; 3 Wes Beard 13.4.

200m (men) (trophy): 1 Ryan Towsten 29.5; 2 Robert Alstead 31.8

400m (men) 1 Ryan Johnston 1.21.2.

800m (men): 1 Peirin Nicolas 2.27.3; 2 Tayio Glenn 2.27.4; 3 Laurence Phin 2.50.5.

1500M (men) (Trophy): 1 David Caroe 5.39.2; 2 Laurence Phin 5.41.1; 3 Jonathan Tait 5.51.1.

100yds (ladies): 1 Romy Beard 14.0.

200m (ladies): 1 Fiona Taylor 39.6; 2 Ruth Slader 45.2.

400m (ladies): 1 Freya Gudgeon 1.25.6.

1500m (ladies): 1 Rommy Beard 6.01.6; 2 Eilidh Wardlan 6.04.7; 3 Lianne Logan 6.42.1.

100yds (boys 12yrs and under): 1 Alex Henthorn 12.82; 2 Ayden Beard 13.74; 3 Riley Murchie 13.80.

200m (boys 12yrs and under): 1 Alex Henthorn 31.9; 2 Ewan Thompson 33.4; 3 Riley Murchie 33.5.

800m (boys 12yrs and under): 1 Alex Henthorn 2.44.0; 2 Ewan Thompson 2.58.6; 3 Riley Murchie 3.08.4.

100yds (girls 12yrs and under): 1 Tia Raffan 13.28; 2 Skye Robertson 13.54; 3 Eve Bogie 13.81.

200m (girls 12yrs and under): 1 Skye Robertson 31.4; 2 Tia Raffan 31.9; 3 Rhona McLaren 34.4.

800m (girls 12yrs and under): 1 Skye Robertson 2.50.3; 2 Rhona McLaren 3.18.8; 3 Elanor Graham 3.21.6.

100yds (boys 14yrs and under): 1 James Gilchrist 12.12; 2 Calum Jessop 12.77; 3 Tom Bogie 15.08.

200m (boys 14yrs and under): 1 James Gilchrist 28.7; 2 Calum Jessop 32.0; 3 Callum Thompson 33.5.

1500m (boys 14yrs and under): 1 Callum Thompson 5.45.6.

100yds (girls 14yrs and under): 1 Eleanor Amos 13.1; 2 Tazmin Raffan 13.8; 3 Bonnie Bloomfield 14.1.

200m (girls 14yrs and under) (trophy): 1 Eleanor Amos 31.9; 2 Bonnie Bloomfield 33.3; 3 Tazmin Raffan 33.6.

1500m (girls 14yrs and under): 1 Sky Simpson 6.06.3.

100yds (boys 16yrs and under): 1 Ryan Tomistan 11.9; 2 Sol Bloomfield 12.0.

100yds (girls 16yrs and under): 1 Freya Gudgeon 15.1.

High Jump (Men): 1 Taiyo Glenn 1.60m; 2 Kane Connor 1.40m.

High Jump (Boys 14yrs and under): 1 James Gilchrist 1.52m; 2 Alex Henthorn 1.25m; 3 Callum Thompson 1.25m.

High Jump (Girls 14yrs and under): 1 Josie Byers 1.20m; 2 Tia Raffan 1.20m; 3 Sky Simpson 1.20m.

Open Piping

Pibroch for the Lord Strathspey Cup: 1 Adam Cameron-Taylor, Australia; 2 Neil Esslemont, Aylesbury; 3 Angus MacPhee, Inverness; 4 Alan Clark, Aberdeen; 5 Leslie Hutt, Inverness.

March: 1 Alan Clark, Aberdeen; 2 Angus MacPhee, Inverness; 3 Neil Esslemont, Aylesbury; 4 Leslie Hutt, Inverness.

Strathspey & Reel for the Banks Brothers Centenary Trophy: 1 Alan Clark, Aberdeen; 2 Angus MacPhee, Inverness; 3 Leslie Hutt, Inverness; 4 Neil Esslemont, Aylesbury.

Jig for the Ibbertson Memorial Cup: 1 Alan Clark, Aberdeen; 2 Neil Esslemont, Aylesbury; 3 Adam Cameron-Taylor, Australia.

The Gordon Cup awarded to the competitor who accumulates most points in the Senior Open Piping: Alan Clark, Aberdeen.

Junior Open Piping

March 4 part 17 years & under for the Ewen MacDonald Memorial Trophy: 1 Grace Kelman, Inverness; 2 Kyle Cameron, Rosemarkie; 3 Laura Robertson, Fort William; 4 Dan MacKinnon, Dingwall.

Strathspey & Reel for the George Centenary Trophy: 1 Kyle Cameron, Rosemarkie; 2 Laura Robertson, Fort William; 3 Grace Kelman, Inverness; 4 Dan MacKinnon, Dingwall.

Jig 17 years & under: 1 Kyle Cameron, Rosemarkie; 2 Grace Kelman, Inverness; 3 Laura Robertson, Fort William; 4 Dan MacKinnon, Dingwall.

David Grant Blyth Cup for the most promising piper 17 years & under: Kyle Cameron, Rosemarkie

Drumming

Open: 1 Tyler Smith, Forres & District Pipe Band; 2 Scott Dingwall, Portsoy & District Pipe Band; 3 Kirsty McCallum, Forres & District Pipe Band; 4 Charlie Eaglesham, City of Inverness Youth Pipe Band.

Junior (14 to 17): 1 Charlie Eaglesham, City of Inverness Youth Pipe Band; 2 Tyler Smith, Charlie Eaglesham, City of Inverness Youth Pipe Band; 3 Michael MacKay, City of Inverness Youth Pipe Band; 4 Lola Lovie, Portsoy & District Pipe Band.

Junior (13 & under): 1 Callum Hymers, City of Inverness Youth Pipe Band.

Pipe Bands

Winner of the Pipe Band Challenge Shield: Portsoy Pipe Band.

Tug of War

Winner of the Tug of War: City of Inverness Youth Pipe Band.

Abernethy 10-mile Road Race

1st Male Martin Bain Moray RR 64.03; 1st Female Lesley Hansen Inverness Harriers 74.46; 1st Male Vet Paul Paterson Inverness Harriers 69.30; 1st Female Vet Mairi Crawford U/A 82.10; 1st Local Male Malcolm Hinsley Cairngorm Runners 97.07; 1st Local Female Mairi Crawford U/A 82.10; 1st Team Inverness Harriers.

Full Results

1 Martin Bain Moray RR 64.03; 2 Paul Paterson Inverness Harriers 69.30; 3 Helge Hansen UA 69.39; 4 Mark Cooper UA 69.44; 5 Colin Potter UA 70.05; 6 Stuart Thompson Nairn RR 71.32; 7 David Naughton Deveron Harriers 72.18; 8 Andy McMahon Highland Hill Runners 73.35; 9 Hugh Naylor UA 74.37; 10. Lesley Hansen Inverness Harriers 74.46; 11 Graeme Jessop EH3 Triathlon 76.01; 12 Jurgen Kallenberger UA 76.02; 13 James Lumley UA 77.47; 14 Stewart McLean UA 79.44; 15 Kit Naylor UA 80.19; 16 Gordon Robertson George Heriots 81.03; 17 Ken Laidlaw Perth Tri Club 81.11; 18 Grant Stewart Nairn RR 81.17; 19 Alex Sutherland Inverness Harriers 81.29; 20 Alistair Crawford Carnethy 81.58; Mairi Crawford UA 82.10; 22 Nick Fotheringham UA 82.10; 23 Asiya Cunningham Inverness Harriers 82.35; 24 Meg Naylor UA 84.09; 25 Steve Donaghy Moray RR 85.02; 26 Stuart MacCulloch UA 85.12; 27 Laurie Symon Dingwall 85.35; 28 Jenny Singh UA 86.13; 29 Coppin Stewart UA 86.41; 30 Connor Stewart UA 87.15; 31 Alec Morrison UA 87.42; 32 Matthew Reid UA 87.51; 33 Greg Cooper UA 88.19; 34 Lydia McGill UA 88.56; 35 Debbie Clark Spey Runners 91.00; 36 Jim King UA 92.49; 37 Malcolm Hinsley Cairngorm Runners 97.07; 38 Lotte Stuer UA 98.54; 39 Bereut Kofker UA 99.54; 40 Amanda Esslemont UA 100.05; 41 Calum Maclean Huntley Runnin 115.14; 42 Alison Gordon UA 128.05