

Abernethy Highland Games 2013 Report

Whilst cloudy skies and fairly cool temperature heralded the start of the day, the sun soon broke through on what proved to be a memorable day of sport and competition in Nethy Bridge on Saturday. Over 3000 spectators were treated to the excitement, thrills and spectacle that only the Games can deliver.

Records tumbled on track & field, the crowd discovered events previously overlooked, and everyone generally had a thoroughly good time amidst the cheerful & friendly atmosphere of the Nethy Games.

A record number of records for recent times were broken in a single games. Seven records were broken beating the last count of four, made in 2000. In the heavies, World Champion Scott Rider from Birchfield Harriers broke three games records on the way to taking the overall winners prize on his first visit to The Abernethy Games. Scott broke the putting the shot and 28lb weight for distance records, which have both stood since 2000, throwing 16.86 and 25.08 respectively, and the 56lb weight over the bar record, clearing 15'9" beating the 2004 record of 15'8". Local youngster Conan Quin swept the board in the local, and junior (17-19 yrs) competitions. There's always great camaraderie amongst the heavies, commented upon this year by the judges who were most impressed by the spirit of co-operation and encouragement displayed.

Perhaps inspired by last years Olympics, there was a very strong field in the athletics competition, particularly in the younger age categories. Four games records were broken; Nethy Bridge local Tom Smith broke the boys 12years and under 100yds record with a 12.34sec run; Ailsa Clark from Edinburgh won the 100yds girls 14 years and under in 12.19s; Eleanor Briggs from Inverness Harriers broke the 200mts ladies race in 26.95s and Lukas Pretenthaler from Austria and who was also competing in the heavy events broke the high jump record by clearing 1.78m. The kids programmes of races and fun events continues to go from strength to strength with around 100 youngsters taking part in the many events, an enthusiastic crowd cheering them on. The wheelbarrow race and the 3 legged races in particular drew a large entry, keeping the crowd well entertained.

The RSPB Abernethy Forest 10 mile road race attracted a good field of 91 runners, with first home, Terence Forrest of Cairngorm Runners achieving a very creditable time of 57.20. First lady home was Megan Mowbray in 66.07 (Hunter Bog Trotters) & Nairn Runners won the team competition.

Always a crowd pleaser, the tug o' war, this year restricted to pipe bands, was well fought, Dufftown clearly the strongest team, beating Buckie in the final, 2-0.

Credit is due to all the teams as it's difficult to kick in wearing their kilt shoes, without benefit of the spikes normally worn by tug o'war competitors.

The newly created arena, in the wooded extension to the Games field provided a splendid backdrop to the pipe band competition, the Pipe Band Shield being presented to the winners, Elgin & District Pipe Band by Chieftain, Rob Ritchie. The new area allowed for a much wider audience who were thrilled to enjoy the splendour and skill of the bands being put through their paces in such a fine setting.

This area also provided the new venue for the senior solo piping competition, much appreciated by competitors and judges alike.

Highland Dancing convener, Claire Bryce, was delighted with the turnout of dancers, around 100, hailing from England, Canada, and all over Scotland, the adult competition being won by Fiona Lee, former World Champion from British Columbia. Dancing was of a very good standard, with the Brenda Gordon Dance School from Huntly taking the prize for best dance school.

In his address, Games President Neil Sutherland paid tribute to a crucial contributor to the atmosphere of the Games, our announcer, Hamish Scott, whose running commentary keeps everyone entertained and informed, building up the tension, and encouraging competitors to give their best performance. Hamish must have eyes in the back of his head, keeping track of all the action whilst simultaneously announcing results!

Neil also paid tribute to another personality on the circuit, Ian Tasker, who has been helping Highland Games for over 40 years as an athletics judge and handicapper. He was presented with 4 bottles of Glen Grant whisky, on behalf of Forres, Newtonmore, Lochaber and Abernethy Highland Games, in recognition of his great contribution. Games Chieftain Rob Ritchie, himself a veteran of Highland Games, notching up 40 attendances at Nethy Bridge since 1970 was impressed by the good turnout of junior heavies; he has been encouraging and working with youngsters throughout the area for many years as well as competing himself, judging, officiating and offering wise counsel on the running of the heavy competition. He mentioned a number of youngsters attending Nethy in the past who have gone on to great things - Craig McLean apparently started his cycling career at Nethy as a very young boy, accompanying his father to the Games, on his bike!

Let's hope next year's Commonwealth Games will further encourage participation in athletics!

Heavy Events

12 heavies competed in three events. Five competitors fought it out in the local heavy events with Conon Quinn taking overall first, James Cameron came second and Harry Hancock third. Conan Quinn also won the junior heavy 17-19 year age category. The open heavy competition was won by Scott Rider from Birchfield Harriers with Aaron Neighbour from Australia in second place and Kyle Randalls from Edinburgh in third. Scott Rider broke three games records on the way to taking the overall winners prize. Scott broke the putting the shot and 28lb weight for distance records which have both stood since 2000 and the 56lb weight over the bar record which has stood since 2004.

Results

Putting the shot (local)

- 1 Conan Quinn 10.34
- 2 James Cameron 8.82
- 3 Harry Hancock 8.43
- 4 Dave Gorman 8.36
- 5 Stan Reid 6.56

28lb weight for distance (local)

- 1 Conon Quinn 13.30
- 2 Dave Gorman 11.49
- 3 James Cameron 11.06
- 4 Harry Hancock 10.89
- 5 Stan Reid 8.87

Scots hammer (local)

- 1 Conon Quinn 25.92
- 2 James Cameron 25.30
- 3 Dave Garman 23.10
- 4 Harry Hancock 22.43
- 5 Stan Reid N/T

56lb Weight over the bar (local)

- 1 Conon Quinn 12'6"
- 2 James Cameron 12'
- 3 Dave Gorman 11'6"
- 4 Harry Hancock 10'6"
- 5 Stan Reid

Tossing the caber (local)

- 1 Conon Quinn 1200
- 2 Dave Garman 1203
- 3 James Cameron 1211
- 4 Harry Hancock 89
- 5 Stan Reid 30

Putting the shot (junior heavy 17-19)

- 1 Conon Quinn 11.73

Putting the shot (open)

- 1 Scott Rider 16.86
- 2 Aaron Neighbour 15.21
- 3 Martin Schiller 12.59
- 4 Jamie Gunn 12.20
- 5 David Frey 11.96

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

- 1 Conon Quinn 15.18

28lb weight for distance (open)

- 1 Scott Rider 25.08
- 2 Aaron Neighbour 22.45
- 3 David Frey 19.01
- 4 Jamie Gunn 18.97
- 5 Kyle Randalls 15.62

Scots hammer (junior heavy 17-19)

- 1 Conon Quinn 28.71

Scots hammer (open)

- 1 Scott Rider 40.08
- 2 Kyle Randalls 38.51
- 3 Jamie Gunn 35.35
- 4 Aaron Neighbour 34.89
- 5 Martin Schiller 33.15

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

- 1 Conon Quinn 11'6"

56lb weight over the bar (open)

- 1 Scott Rider 15'9"
- 2 Kyle Randalls 14'0"
- 3 Aaron Neighbour 14'0"
- 4 Martin Schiller 13'0"
- 5 Jamie Gunn 12'6"

Tossing the caber (junior heavy 17-19)

- 1 Conon Quinn 55

Tossing the caber (open)

- 1 Scott Rider 1200
- 2 Aaron Neighbour 75
- 3 David Frey 65
- 4 Martin Schiller 55
- 5 Kyle Randalls 50

Tug O War

- 1 Dufftown pipe band
- 2 Buckie pipe band

Athletics 10 August 2013

Summary

There was a very strong field in the athletics competition particularly the younger age categories. There were twenty entrants for the 1500mts boys 14years and under which in itself was a record. Four games records were broken. Nethy Bridge local Tom Smith broke the boys 12years and under 100yds record with a 12.34sec run. Ailsa Clark from Edinburgh won the 100yds girls 14 years and under in 12.19s. Eleanor Briggs from Inverness Harriers broke the 200mts ladies race in 26.95s. Lukas Pretenthaler from Austria and who was competing in the heavy events broke the high jump record by clearing 1.78m.

100yds (boys 12yrs and under)

- 1 Tom Smith 12.34
- 2 Sean Rudolt 12.59
- 3 Lewis Brown 13.06

100yds (girls 12yrs and under)

- 1 Ella Gibb 14.27
- 2 Anna Underwood 15.33
- 3 Ava Allan 16.22

100yds (boys 14yrs and under)

- 1 Rowan Gibb 12.26
- 2 Lewis Richardson 12.81
- 3 Jamie Cook 13.15

100yds (girls 14yrs and under)

- 1 Ailsa Clark 12.19
- 2 Siobhan Kingham 12.56
- 3 Charlotte Hill 13.07

100yds (boys 16yrs and under)

- 1 Ross Freck 11.01
- 2 Chris Guest 11.83
- 3 Gordon Rudolf 12.28

100yds (girls 16yrs and under)

- 1 Ailsa Clark 12.31
- 2 Siobhan Kingham 13.15
- 3 Kirsty Guest 14.09

100yds (men 19yrs and under)

- 1 Ross Freck 11.26
- 2 Findlay Donegan 11.72
- 3 Chris Guest 11.89

100yds (handicap ladies)

- 1 Eleanor Briggs 11.83
- 2 Kirsten Grant 12.14
- 3 Siobhan Kingham 12.97

100yds (Men)

- 1 Adam Hobson 10.89
- 2 Craig Cameron 11.15
- 3 Ross Freck 11.28

High Jump (handicap men)

- 1 Eoghan MacNamara 1.80
- 2 Adam Hobson 1.79
- 3 Lukas Prettenthaler 1.78

High jump (handicap ladies)

- 1 Amy Priess 1.20
- 2 Hannah Rogan 1.15
- 3 Mary Flockhart 1.00

Putting the shot (ladies)

- 1 Siobhan Kingham 8.00
- 2 Mary Flockhart 7.60
- 3 Rebekah Bryan 5.98

800mts (handicap ladies)

- 1 Charlotte Hill 2.31.71
- 2 Kirsten Grant 2.46.95
- 3 Maria Fuster 2.52.14

800mts (handicap men)

- 1 Eoghan MacNamara 2.31.66
- 2 Pere Badell 2.34.84
- 3 Lewis Richardson 2.44.34

200mts (boys 14yrs and under)

- 1 Rowan Gibb 28.65
- 2 Lewis Richardson 30.32
- 3 Scott Lilburn 30.76

200mts (girls 14yrs and under)

- 1 Ailsa Clark 29.25
- 2 Siobhan Kingham 29.97
- 3 Charlotte Hill 31.31

200mts (ladies)

- 1 Eleanor Briggs 26.95
- 2 Rebekah Bryan 33.52
- 3 Kirsty Guest 33.82

200mts (men 19yrs and under)

- 1 Ross Freck 26.78
- 2 Findlay Donegan 27.57
- 3 Chris Guest 28.7

200mts (men)

- 1 Adam Hobson 25.12
- 2 Eoghan MacNamara 27.00
- 3 Ross Freck 28.31

1500mts (boys 14yrs and under)

- 1 Alasdair Bisset 5.20.45
- 2 Craig Wilson 5.39.52
- 3 Scott Lilburn 5.50.71

1500mts (men)

- 1 Russel Duncan 5.01.77
- 2 Tom Beset 5.08.77
- 3 Tim Griffin 5.44.82

400mts (handicap ladies)

- 1 Eleanor Briggs 1.03.53
- 2 Charlotte Hill 1.03.95
- 3 Maria Fuster 1.08.83

400mts (handicap men)

- 1 Eoghan MacNamara 52.37
- 2 Adam Hobson 52.63
- 3 Pere Badell 1.00.37

ABERNETHY HIGHLAND GAMES 2013 - PIPING RESULTS

In the Senior Open events the Gordon Cup – awarded to the competitor who accumulates the most points in the Open Piping, went to Andrew Bonar of Canada.

Senior Open

Pibroch (choice of three) *competing for the Lord Strathspey Cup* - 1 Andrew Bonar; 2 Fraser Maitland; 3 Jason Craig; 4 Anna Kummerlow; 5 Nicholas Therault; 6 Hamish Munro

March (choice of three) 1 Anna Kummerlow, Germany; 2 Andrew Bonar; 3 Hamish Munro; 4 Fraser Maitland

Strathspey & Reel *competing for the Banks Bros. Centenary Cup* – 1 Anna Kummerlow; 2 Hamish Munro; 3 Andrew Bonar; 4 Fraser Maitland,

Jig *competing for the Ibbertson Trophy* – 1 Andrew Bonar; 2 Nicholas Therault; 3 Jason Craig; 4 Fraser Maitland

Junior Open

Chanter, March, 12 years & under - 1 Ross Nicholson; 2 Josh Nicholson

March (four-part) 17 yrs & under – 1 Charles MacDonald; 2 Scott Hay; 3 Sean McHugh; 4 Ieuan Johnson

Strathspey & Reel 17 yrs & under *competing for the George Centenary Trophy* – 1 Charles MacDonald; 2 Scott Hay; 3 SEaan McHugh; 4 Bruce Craig

Jig 17 yrs & under – 1 Charles MacDonald; 2 Scott Hay; 3 Sean McHugh; 4 Ieuan Johnson

Junior Local

March – 14 yrs & under – 1 Jack Doherty

March 15 to 17 years *competing for the Bank of Scotland Trophy* – 1 Scott Hay

March, Strathspey & Reel *competing for the McGillivray Cup* – 1 Scott Hay

DRUMMING EVENTS Abernethy 2013

Open Solo - March tune 2/4 time in four parts - *competing for the AHG Senior Solo Drumming Trophy* 1 Euan Johnson; 2 Gemma Henderson; 3 Darren Wells; 4 Nathan Ward

Junior Solo March tune 2/4 time in four parts - *competing for the AHG Junior Solo Drumming Trophy* 1 Bronwen Johnson; 2 Scott Hale; 3 Kirsten Barrett; 4 Declan Robertson

Abernethy Highland Games – Dancing results, 1st placed only

Primary 4yrs

Pas De Basques, pas de basques and high cuts - Carrie Anne Daniel

Primary 5yrs

Pas de basques, pas deb assumes and high cuts - Cameron Bonar

Fling - Rhianna Grant

Swords- Alix-Remi Mair

Primary 6yrs

Pas de basques - Samantha Parker

Pas de basques and high cuts, swords - Sophie Macrae

fling - Katie Taylor

Beginners 7yrs & under

Fling, reel, lilt - Phoebe Goodall

Swords, Sean Truibhas - Hollie Miller

Flora - Naimh McGirr

Winner - Phoebe goodall

Beginners 10 & under

Fling, swords, Sean Truibhas, Reel, flora - Bella Donaldson

Lilt - Anna Reid

Winner - Bella Donaldson

Beginners 11 & over

Fling, Sean Truibhas, reel, flora, lilt - Georgia Mowat

Swords - Emily McCloskey

Winner - Georgia Mowat

Novice 9 & under

Fling, swords, Sean Truibhas, flora - Aimee Shannon

Reel, lilt - Orlaith McGirr

Winner - Aimee Shannon

Novice 10 & over

Fling, swords, Sean Truibhas, reel, lilt - Cody Winterburn

Flora - Jennifer birks

Winner - Cody Winterburn

Intermediate 9 & under

Fling, Sean Truibhas, highland laddie, hornpipe - Faith Campbell

Swords, jig - Cerys Goodall

Winner Faith Campbell

Intermediate 10 & over

Fling, Sean Truibhas, highland laddie - Leanne urquhart

Swords, jig, hornpipe - Isla Mackenzie

Winner - Isla Mackenzie

Premier 9 & under
Fling, sean Truibhas, highland laddie, jig, hornpipe - Kate Bonar
Winner Kate Bonar

Premier 10 yrs
Fling, Sean Truibhas, hornpipe - Sophie baker
Highland laddie, jig - Caitlin Graham
Winner - Sophie baker

Premier 11 yrs
Fling - Abigail ademiec
Sean Truibhas, highland laddie, jig, hornpipe - Georgina Andrew
Winner - Georgina Andrew

Premier 12yrs
Fling, Sean Truibhas, highland ladie, jig, hornpipe - Elisha Scobie
Winner - Elisha Scobie

Premier 13yrs
Fling, Sean Truibhas, highlan laddie, jig, hornpipe - Lauren Hamilton
Winner Lauren Hamilton

Premier 14yrs
Fling, Sean Truibhas, highland laddie - Catriona Dempster
Jig, hornpipe - Kirsten hunt
Winner - Kirsten hunt

Premier 15 years
Fling, Sean Truibhas, highland laddie, hornpipe - Rebecca Hamilton
Jig - Heather Nelson
Winner Rebecca Hamilton

Premier 16 yrs
Fling, Sean Truibhas, highland laddie, jig, hornpipe - Becky Dempster
Winner Becky Dempster

Premier 17 & over
Fling, Sean Truibhas, highland laddie, jig, hornpipe - Fiona Lee
Winner - Fiona Lee

Overall intermediate - Isla Mackenzie

Overall premier highland - Lauren Hamilton & Fiona Lee

Overall premier National-
Lauren Hamilton & Fiona Lee & Georgina Andrew

Overall Premier - Lauren Hamilton & Fiona Lee

Overall local 11 & under - Sophie Farrell

Overall local 12&over - Calum Duncan

Overall overseas - Fiona lee

Overall dancing school - Brenda Gordon

Abernethy 10 Mile Race 2013 Results

91 runners set out on the RSPB Abernethy 10 mile road race with excellent condition, they were lead home by local runner Terence Forrest, Cairngorm Runners, the first lady to cross the finish line was Megan Mowbray, Hunter Bog Trotters. The first local lady was Wendy Conway from Grantown. All the finishers received shortbread biscuits kindly donated by Walkers Shortbread. In addition a group of 3 people visiting from London walked the course setting of some time before the race start and they were raising money for Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research, there efforts raised over £652.00 to add to the £1840.00 already raised, thanks to all who supported this charity walk.

1.	Terence Forrest	Cairngorm Runners	57.20	M	1 st Local Male
2.	Jeremy Whittet	Keith & District	58.09	MV	
3.	Jamie Thom		59.18	M	
4.	Tim Griffin	Cosmic Hillbashers	61.42	MV	
5.	Jack Ward		63.05	M	
6.	Alan Raich	Cairngorm Runners	63.06	MV	
7.	Peter Loveless		63.26	M	
8.	Jon Rathen	Hunter Bog Trotters	63.58	MV	
9.	Peter Bell	Viveroys Tri Club	64.24	MV	
10.	Declan Teague	Eastdown AC N.I.	65.49	MV	
11.	Alistair Priess	Ochils	65.57	MV	
12.	Stephen Smith		65.58	M	
13.	Iain Blackburn	Nairn R.R.	66.00	M	
14.	Megan Mowbray	Hunter Bog Trotters	66.07	FV	1 st Lady
15.	Giles Trussell		67.30	MV	
16.	Tom Adams		70.04	M	
17.	Gerald Evans	Moray R.R.	70.46	MV	
18.	David Moore		71.30	M	
19.	Dougie Potter		71.35	M	
20.	Roma Shepherd	Inverness Harriers	72.30	FV	
21.	Mark Blyth		73.11	MV	
22.	Sophie Foreman	Tonbridge A.C	74.14	F	
23.	Andrew Gordon	Inverness Harriers	74.34	MV	
24.	David Bryan	East Sutherland A.C.	75.26	MV	
25.	Phil Younger		75.29	M	
26.	Wendy Conway		75.33	F	1 st Local Female
27.	Luke Caley		76.43	M	
28.	Alan Johnstone	Forres Harriers	76.55	MV	
29.	John MacPherson	Metro Aberdeen	77.00	MV	
30.	June Jessop		77.07	FV	
31.	Jagoda Penkala	Arbroath Footers	77.23	F	
32.	Chris Elliott	Arbroath Footers	77.29	MV	
33.	Mark Swinden		77.33	M	
34.	Jennie Dickie	Forres Harriers	78.27	F	
35.	Dominic Baker		78.33	M	
36.	Maureen Mackie	Nairn R.R.	78.34	FV	
37.	Ewan Huc	Muir of Ord	78.40	M	
38.	Helen Oxenham		78.52	FV	
39.	Gilbert Bain		80.01	MV	
40.	Michael Watson		80.02	MV	
41.	Philip Waite		80.16	MV	
42.	Herbert Thein		80.56	MV	
43.	Jodi Sharpe		81.38	FV	
44.	Donald Ross	Nairn R.R.	81.59	MV	
45.	Gordon Flett		82.33	MV	

46.	Stuart Barr		83.09	M	
47.	Neil Kennedy		83.09	MV	
48.	Louise Sutherland	Griffnock North	83.29	FV	
49.	Stephen Mitchell		83.41	MV	
50.	Ron Wild	Keith & District	84.24	MV	
51.	Anni Johnstone	Forres Harriers	85.50	MV	
52.	Imogen Percy-Smith		86.11	FV	
53.	Stewart Charmers	Inverness Jog Scot	86.53	MV	
54.	Andrew Holmes	Cairngorm Runners	86.53	MV	
55.	Sara Huc	Muir of Ord	87.38	FV	
56.	Andrew Shepherd	Inverness harriers	87.43	M	
57.	Kirstin Grant	Nairn R.R.	88.05	FV	
58.	Christoff du Plessis		88.06	M	
59.	Calum Mallbannan		88.06	M	
60.	Geraldine Currie	Milburn Harriers	88.33	FV	
61.	Joachim Blatter		90.34	MV	
62.	Matthew Cochraine	Newburgh Nomads	90.35	MV	
63.	Amy Oxenham		90.36	F	
64.	Anna Clark		91.07	F	
65.	Kate Hext		92.08	F	
66.	Carol Stewart	Nairn R.R.	92.25	FV	
67.	Anni Johnstone	Forres Harriers	92.52	FV	
68.	Simon Molyneux		93.11	MV	
69.	Carol Murphy	Forres Harriers	94.10	FV	
70.	Louise McWilliam		94.10	F	
71.	Alistair Stewart	Nairn R.R.	95.06	MV	
72.	Richard Semple		95.29	MV	
73.	David Oxenham		97.26	MV	
74.	Bob Gossfil		97.26	MV	
75.	Debbie Halliday	Nairn R.R.	97.41	FV	
76.	Corinne Ferguson	Nairn R.R.	97.47	FV	
77.	Louisa Bell		98.02	FV	
78.	Christina Gordon		98.06	F	
79.	Louise Molyneux		99.15	FV	
80.	Sarah Dickie		100.14	F	
81.	David MacFadyn		100.40	MV	
82.	Malcom McKenzie		101.05	MV	
83.	Andrew Lilley		102.51	M	
84.	Jill Cochrane		103.43	FV	
85.	Alexander McDonald		104.11	MV	
86.	Tijana McKenzie		104.24	F	
87.	Laura Fisher		116.46	F	
88.	David Morgan		116.59	MV	
89.	Tanja Cadez		118.04	F	
90.	Kaitlin McKenzie		118.04	F	
91.	Duncan Sutherland		DNF		

Team: Nairn Road Runners, 5hr 14mins