

ABERNETHY HIGHLAND GAMES 8th AUGUST 2015 – REPORT

What a splendid day at the Abernethy Highland Games; dry, mild, light breeze – ideal conditions for the many athletes who took part in the friendly games. Only when the rain came on at 4.30 did spectators scuttle for shelter. Paid attendance was up on last year, with overall attendance estimated at around 3400. Games Chairman Neil Sutherland was particularly happy with the athletics and heavy entries, as well as Highland Dancing, where 96 keen dancers from all over the Highlands, Aberdeenshire, Fife and from as far afield as Australia battled it out on the boards; Kathryn Attlier from down under being awarded several of the highly prized trophies. Over 150 musicians entertained the crowd in a thrilling display of massed pipes and drums; 8 bands marched round the field three times during the afternoon, a sight which drew gasps of admiration from an appreciative crowd.

Major General Seymour Monro, Games Chieftain, who also happens to be President of Forres Pipe Band, was gracious and fulsome in his praise for Elgin Pipe Band, as he presented them with the Pipe Band Challenge Shield.

In his opening address the Chieftain commended the community spirit, commitment and enthusiasm of all the volunteers making the Abernethy Games so popular & successful.

The skill of these pipers and drummers was amply demonstrated in the solo competitions; a lively and hard fought contest in the senior piping still allowed for 'the friendly games' to demonstrate it is just that. When one entrant in the Jig just could not recall the tune he was to play, other competitors sang it for him. He then took to the piping board once again and resumed playing!

The deluge of drummers took organisers by surprise, and all played with skill, confidence and enthusiasm drawing many visitors to their event as did the Junior Pipers who also performed well.

A popular event in the running calendar, the RSPB Abernethy 10 mile road race was once again well supported with 76 runners toeing the line, well protected from the blustery conditions by the shelter of the forest. This year's field was truly international with runners from America, Italy and Switzerland taking part. It was a real family affair too, with Hunter Bog Trotters, David Wright taking the men's honours in a very commendable time of 58:10 and his wife Megan Wright taking the ladies category, and 9th overall, in 67:05. The winner for 1st Vet and the new Holt Naylor trophy was won by Mark Raistrick from Aberdeenshire in 4th place in a time of 63:03, and the 1st Lady vet was Susie Hubbard who travelled up from Ayr. For the second consecutive year Abernethy Trust won the Team prize. Prizes for the Local Strathspey residents went to Nethy Bridge's Brendan Parke and in the Ladies it was Aviemore's Lorna Adam.

Despite the strong competition there were no games records broken in any of the track and field events.

15 heavies competed in four events, with three ladies taking part in the junior heavy 15-16 age class. In the local heavy events Conon Quinn (Nethy Bridge) took overall first, winning the Hugh Fraser Challenge Cup, as well as winning the junior heavy 17-19 year age category for the A S Grant memorial Trophy. Daniel Wilby (Inverness) won the junior heavy 15-16 age category, taking the Stuart Pountney Memorial Trophy. The open heavy competition was won convincingly by Jamie Gunn of Halkirk, picking up the J&B Scotch Whisky Trophy; John Macleod (Lairg) came second and David Hart (Fort William) placed third.

For the second year running there was a strong field in the athletics competition with seventy eight entrants. The younger age categories were very popular with 24 entrants for the 100yds boys 12yrs and under and 10 for the girls 12yrs and under races. Five pipe bands competed in the Tug o War with Dufftown winning the event. Once again the morning programme of kids fun events proved very popular, with the entry in the wheelbarrow race necessitating 14 heats! 6 youngsters tried their hand at tossing a specially sized caber, under the guidance of local junior heavy Conan Quinn; let's hope they were enthused enough to continue and form the next generation of heavy athletes!

Highland Dancing results, 1st placed only

Primary 4yrs Pas De Basques, High Cuts – Rowan Bain
Primary 5yrs Pas de basques – Eilidh Smith; High Cuts, Fling, Sword – Erin Forbes
Primary 6yrs Pas de basques, High Cuts, Fling, Sword – Ashleigh Parker
Beginners 7yrs Fling, Flora, Lilt – Emily Chapman; Sean Truibhas – Isla Gauld;
Sword – Moby Knight
Beginners 8yrs Sword, Sean Truibhas, Flora – Macey-May Rodden
Fling - Aimee Gray; Lilt – Ava McGowan
Beginners 9 & over Sean Truibhas, Flora, Lilt – Charlotte Douglas;
Fling – Leah McGillivray; Sword – Caitlin Brown
AHG Highland Dancing Trophy for best overall beginner – Charlotte Douglas,
Inverness, Le-Ellen School
Novice 8yrs & under Fling, ST – Samantha Parker; Sword – Amy MacRae;
Flora – Sophie Fraser; Lilt – Alix-Remi Mair
Novice 9yrs & over Fling, ST, Flora, Lilt – Carys Brown; Sword – Ava Whiteside
Jessie Watt Scroll, for best overall novice to Carys Brown, Aberlour, June Roy School
Intermediate 9yrs & under Fling, Sword, Flora, Lilt – Isla Ross; ST – Abbie Kellas
Intermediate 10yrs & over Fling, Sean Truibhas – Chelsea Bermingham; Swords, Lilt
– Joe MacPherson; Flora – Mairead Ball
G D Gray Silver salver for best overall Intermediate to Isla Ross, Inverness, Fraser
School
Premier 10 yrs & under Fling, Sean Truibhas – Phoebe Clark; Highland Laddie –
Scout Knight; Jig – Rianne Nicholson; Hornpipe – Louise Carroll
Premier 12yrs & under Fling, ST, Highland Laddie, Jig, Hornpipe – Kathryn Attlier
Premier 13yrs Fling, Highland laddie, Jig, Hornpipe – Molly Smith; Sean Truibhas –
Isabella Clark
Premier 14yrs Fling, Sean Truibhas, Highland laddie, Jig, – Elisha Scobie;
Hornpipe – Katie Munro
Premier 15 years Fling, Sean Truibhas, Jig, Hornpipe – Fiona McGowan;
Highland Laddie – Anna Machado
Premier 16 yrs Fling, Sean Truibhas, Highland Laddie, Jig, Hornpipe – Catriona
Dempster
Premier 17yrs & over Fling, Sean Truibhas, Highland laddie, Jig, Hornpipe – Laura
Smith
Abernethy Games Trophy for best overall premier Highland – shared – Phoebe Clark,
Australia, and Kathryn Attlier, Australia
Clan Grant Society Cup for best Overall premier National – shared – Kathryn Attlier,
Australia, and Molly Smith, Huntly
Elsie Ross Trophy for best Overall Premier – Kathryn Attlier, Australia

Kimberley Trophy for best overall local dancer 10 & under – Leah McGillivray, Ballindalloch

Culreach Challenge Cup for best overall local dancer 11 & over – Carys Brown, Aberlour

James Philpot Trophy for best Overall overseas dancer – Kathryn Attlier, Australia

Spey Vale Challenge Cup to Most Successful Dancing School, Brenda Gordon School, with 2975 points

Piping & Drumming Results:

Drumming

Junior Solo Drumming for the Abernethy Highland Games Trophy 8 competitors

1st Thomas Clark George Watsons Edinburgh

2nd Calum Duff Dufftown

Open Solo Drumming for the Drum Major Masson Shield 7 competitors

1st Scott Hale Elgin

2nd Sophie Simpson Elgin

Junior Open Piping Event

Event 1 Chanter

1st Angus Robertson Nairn 1 competitor

Event 9 March 4 part 17 years & under 4 competitors

1st Sean McHugh Elgin

2nd Bruce Craig Rothes

3rd Angus Robertson Nairn

4th Karla Stuart Keith

Event 10 Strathspey & Reel for the George Centenary Trophy 4 competitors

1st Sean McHugh Elgin

2nd Bruce Craig Rothes

3rd Donna Legge Banff

4th Karla Stuart Keith

Event 11 Jig 17 years & under 5 competitors

1st Sean McHugh Elgin

2nd Angus Robertson Nairn

3rd Karla Stuart Keith

4th Donna Legge Banff

David Grant Blyth Cup for the most promising piper 17 years & under

Sean McHugh Elgin

Senior Piping Event

Event 5 Pibroch for the Lord Strathspey Cup 7 competitors

- 1st Ursa Beckford USA
- 2nd Anna Kummerlow Germany
- 3rd Andrew Donlon USA
- 4th Matt Pantaleone USA

Event 6 March

- 1st Ursa Beckford USA
- 2nd Anna Kummerlow Germany
- 3rd Andrew Donlon USA
- 4th Matt Pantaleone USA

Event 7 Strathspey & Reel for the Banks Brothers Centenary Trophy 8 competitors

- 1st Ursa Beckford USA
- 2nd Andrew Donlon USA
- 3rd Anna Kummerlow Germany
- 4th Matt Pantaleone USA

Event 8 Jig for the Ibbertson Memorial Cup 8 competitors

- 1st Anna Kummerlow Germany
- 2nd Ursa Beckford USA
- 3rd Elizabeth Sheridan Canada
- 4th Bill Peters Canada

The Gordon Cup awarded to the competitor who accumulates most points in the Senior Open Piping :- Ursa Beckford USA

Road Race Results

Fin Pos	Time	Number	name	club	category	Winners	Local
1	58.10	226	David Wright	Hunter Bog Trotters	M	1st Male	
2	59.34	246	Tonk Golabek	Forres Harriers	M	2nd Male	
3	60.27	250	Dougie Carstairs	Portobello RC	M	3rd Male	
						1st Male	
4	63.03	217	Mark Raistrick	U/A	MV	Vet	
5	64.12	241	Brendan Parke	Abernethy Trust	M	1st Local	1st Male
6	64.46	257	Thomas Barron	Nairn RR	M		
7	64.52	247	Chris Brydie	U/A	M		
						2nd Male	
8	66.13	259	Alan Riach	Cairngorm RC	MV	Vet	
9	67.05	225	Megan Wright	Hunter Bog Trotters	FV	1st Lady	
						3rd Male	
10	67.46	219	Graeme Jessop	Edinburgh Triathlon	MV	Vet	
11	68.19	233	Hugh Naylor	London Heathside	MV		
12	68.46	230	Gary Dobson	Monifieth Triathlon	MV		

13	69.40	237	Lindsay Grant	Forres Harriers	MV	
14	70.57	204	Ranald Gordon	U/A	M	
15	71.25	265	Susie Hubbard	Ayr Seaforth	FV	1st Lady
16	71.39	243	Patrick Parke	Abernethy Trust	M	Vet
17	72.02	228	Tim Pott	Forres Harriers	MV	
18	72.20	263	Ruth Duncan	U/A	FV	2nd Lady
19	72.50	260	Charlotte Halford	Purbeck Runners	F	vet
20	74.01	223	Mark Blyth	U/A	MV	2nd Lady
21	74.08	274	Richard Thomson	Club Tropicana	M	
22	74.46	222	David Bryan	East Sutherland	MV	
23	75.44	236	Graham Hygate	Sparkhill harriers	MV	
24	76.04	240	Timothy Kirk	Inverness harriers	MV	
25	76.06	245	Paul Singleton	Abernethy Trust	M	
26	76.09	206	Neil Kennedy	U/A	MV	
27	76.17	213	Matthew Kirkwood	U/A	M	
28	76.27	208	Bruce Mouat	U/A	M	
29	76.31	218	JJ Tait	Parkrun	MV	
30	76.36	235	Frank Whitley	U/A	MV	
31	76.42	244	Katrina Stratham	Abernethy Trust	F	3rd Lady
32	77.48	264	Maureen Mackie	Nairn RR	FV	3rd Lady
33	78.09	268	Helen Oxenham	U/A	FV	Vet
34	78.21	205	Stuart Barr	U/A	MV	
35	78.29	242	Andrew Gordon	Inverness harriers	MV	
36	78.38	238	Martin Bain	Duffton Jog Scotland	M	
37	78.53	209	Richard Parris	U/A	MV	
38	79.30	232	Mark Crawford	Banchory RC	MV	
39	79.53	239	Gavin Liddell	U/A	MV	
40	80.51	229	Kerry Sutherland	Banchory RC	FV	
41	82.03	261	John McGlinchey	U/A	M	
42	82.32	212	David MacLean	U/A	MV	
43	83.32	248	Alison Smith	U/A	F	
44	85.03	276	Richard Harrap	u/a	M	
45	85.58	269	David Oxenham	U/A	MV	
46	86.10	227	Bill Paul	Banchory RC	MV	
47	86.47	210	Mike Nicholson	U/A	MV	
48	87.49	249	Andrea Buonapace	U/A	MV	
49	88.03	201	Lorna Adam	U/A	FV	
50	88.05	220	Lucy Bole	U/A	FV	
51	88.36	231	Lesley Cheyne	Banchory RC	F	
52	89.52	207	Alison Curry	Central AC	FV	
53	90.24	273	Emma Ownes	Club Tropicana	F	
54	90.27	211	Andrew Lilley	U/A	M	
55	90.33	258	Jenny Henderson	Nairn RR	FV	

1st
Female

56	91.38	251	Chrissie Grant	U/A	F	
57	91.46	256	Carol Stewart	Nairn RR	FV	
58	91.55	203	Sandra Ekong	U/A	F	
59	91.57	215	Jack Maclean	British Nordic Ski	M	
60	91.58	214	Calum MacLean Geraldine	U/A	MV	Yes
61	92.43	252	Armstrong	U/A	FV	
62	93.14	200	Jack Kerr	U/A	M	
63	93.14	275	Rory Marsh	U/A	M	
64	93.14	202	Orla Millar	U/A	F	
65	94.28	272	Christy Gordon	Club Tropicana	F	Yes
66	97.44	224	Douglas Kennedy	U/A	MV	
67	100.30	266	Bob Russell	U/A	MV	
68	103.09	270	Holly Lamont	U/A	F	
69	103.09	267	Claire Oxenham	U/A	F	
70	104.48	254	Louise Jones	U/A	FV	
71	104.48	255	Brenda Paul	U/A	F	
72	109.25	262	Catriona Hoare	Nairn RR	FV	
73	109.25	221	Kirsten wall Alexander	U/A	F	
DNF		234	McDonald	U/A	MV	
DNF		253	Alastair Preiss	Ochils	MV	
DNF		216	Crystal Fyfe	U/A	FV	

Athletics & Heavy events results

Putting the shot (local)

- 1 Conan Quinn 11.25
- 2 J. D. Macleod 10.01
- 3 Brian Harrold 8.76
- 4 Harry Hancock 8.44
- 5 Dave Garman 8.27

28lb weight for distance (local)

- 1 Conon Quinn 14.56
- 2 Brian Harrold 11.25
3. Harry Hancock 11.25
- 4 J. D. Macleod 11.19
- 5 Dave Garman 9.37

Scots hammer (local)

- 1 Conon Quinn 31.22
- 2 Brian Harrold 24.55
- 3 Harry Hancock 22.99
- 4 J. D. Macleod 22.58
- 5 Dave Garman 22.53

56lb Weight over the bar (local)

- 1 J. D. Macleod 11'6"

2= Conan Quinn 11'0"
2= Dave Garman 11'0"
4 Brian Harrold 10'0"

Tossing the caber (local)

1 Conon Quinn 11.58
2 Brian Harrold 88
3 Harry Hancock 80
4 Dave Garman 80
5 J D Macleod 40

Putting the shot (junior heavy 15-16)

1 Daniel Wilby 10.67
2 William Watts 9.19
3 Katherine Stark 7.76
4 Sarah Cavill 7.21
5 Siobhan Kingham 7.10

Putting the shot (junior heavy 17-19)

1 Conon Quinn 11.38
2 Shaun Gunn 10.16
3 Murdo Masterson 9.95
4 J. D. Macleod 9.58

Putting the shot (open)

1 Jamie Gunn 12.79
2 John Macleod 12.61
3 David Hart 11.28
4 Brian Harrold 8.79
5 Harry Hancock 8.55

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

1 William Watts 15.45
2 Daniel Wilby 14.90
3 Sarah Cavill 10.92
4 Katherine Stark 5.55

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

1 Shaun Gunn 19.41
2 Murdo Masterson 18.76
3 Conon Quinn 16.58
4 J. D. Macleod 12.89

28lb weight for distance (open)

1 Jamie Gunn 19.63
2 Murdo Masterson 18.76
3 David Hart 16.04
4 Brian Harrold 11.45
5 Harry Hancock 11.12

Scots hammer (junior heavy 15-16)

- 1 Daniel Wilby 23.31
- 2 Sarah Cavill 20.35
- 3 William Watts 19.89

Scots hammer (junior heavy 17-19)

- 1 Murdo Masterson 36.62
- 2 Conon Quinn 33.60
- 3 Shaun Gunn 29.70
- 4 J D Macleod 26.68

Scots hammer (open)

- 1 Jamie Gunn 36.48
- 2 John Macleod 35.70
- 3 David Hart 29.44
- 4 Brian Harrold 25.25
- 5 Harry Hancock 23.05

32lb weight over the bar (junior heavy 15-16)

- 1 Daniel Wilby 12.0
- 2 William Watts 11.6

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

- 1 Murdo Masterson 12'6"
- 2 Shaun Gunn 12'6"
- 3 J D Macleod 12'0"

44lb weight over the bar (open)

- 1 Jamie Gunn 16'0"
- 2 John Macleod 15'0"
- 3 David Hart 13'0"
- 4 Brian Harrold 10'0"
- 5 Harry Hancock 10'0"

Tossing the caber (junior heavy 15-16)

- 1 William Watts 85
- 2 Daniel Wilby 70

Tossing the caber (junior heavy 17-19)

- 1 Conon Quinn 12 00
- 2 Murdo Masterson 11.59
- 3 Shaun Gunn 67

Tossing the caber (open)

- 1 Jamie Gunn 89
- 2 John Macleod 80
- 3 David Hart 70
- 4 Brian Harrold 60
- 5 Harry Hancock 55

Tug o War (pipe band competition)

- 1 Dufftown
- 2 Buckie
- 3 Portsoy
- 4 Forres
- 5 StrathIsla

100yds (boys 12yrs and under)

- 1 Mike French 12.6
- 2 Connor Allan 14.2
- 3 Jibril Carlisel 14.4

100yds (girls 12yrs and under)

- 1 Poppy Flockhart 14.6
- 2 Hannah Kingham 14.8
- 3 Amy Grant 15.1

100yds (boys 14yrs and under)

- 1 Archie Morris 12.9
- 2 Sean Rudolf 13.4
- 3 Ruairidh Grant 14.7

100yds (girls 14yrs and under)

- 1 Eva Clark 13.6
- 2 Ellen Curry 15.0

100yds (boys 16yrs and under)

- 1 William Watts 12.0

100yds (girls 16yrs and under)

- 1 Siobhan Kingham 12.8
- 2 Ailsa Clark 13.8
- 3 Katherine Stark 14.4

100yds (men 19yrs and under)

- 1 Ross Freck 11.2
- 2 Findlay Donegan 11.8
- 3 Gordon Rudolf 15.1

100yds (handicap ladies)

- 1 Siobhan Kingham 11.3
- 2 Margaret Macrae 12.1
- 3 Rebekah Bryan 12.1

100yds (Men)

- 1 Ross Freck 11.1
- 2 Scott Hamilton 11.3
- 3 Ross Fraser 11.5

High Jump (handicap men)

- 1 Findlay Donegan 1.72
- 2 Ross Fraser 1.70
- 3 Scott Hamilton 1.50

High Jump (handicap Ladies)

- 1 Siobhan Kingham 1.50
- 2 Amy Priess 1.35
- 3 Iona Harper-Readson 1.30

Putting the shot (ladies)

- 1 Katherine Stark 8.70
- 2 Siobham Kingham 8.64
- 3 Loxie Hodges 6.68

800mts (handicap ladies)

- 1 Caelidh Ross 2.44.1
- 2 Morven Hubbard 2.58.4
- 3 Rebekah Bryan 3.19.2

800mts (handicap men)

- 1 Ross Fraser 2.39
- 2 Gordon Rudolf 2.53
- 3 Scott Hamilton 3.09

200mts (boys 14yrs and under)

- 1 Mike French 26.9
- 2 Archie Morris 29.3
- 3 Sean Rudolf 32.2

200mts (girls 14yrs and under)

- 1 Eva Clark 31.3
- 2 Poppy Flockhart 35.2
- 3 Hannah Kingham 35.4

200mts (ladies)

- 1 Margaret Macrae 27.8
- 2 Siobhan Kingham 28.5
- 3 Caelidh Ross 28.9

200mts (men 19yrs and under)

- 1 Findlay Donegan 26.9
- 2 Gordon Rudolf 29.7
- 3 Forbes Jackson 32.0

200mts (men)

- 1 Ross Freck 24.7
- 2 Scott Hamilton 25.6
- 3 Ross Fraser 26.3

1500mts (boys 14yrs and under)

- 1 Ruairidh Grant 5.38.2
- 2 Angus Wright 5.40.3
- 3 Sam Bryan 6.09.8

1500mts (ladies)

- 1 Caelidh Ross 5.33.7
- 2 Meg Naylor 6.01.9
- 3 Kirsty Duncan 6.15.5

1500mts (men)

- 1 Forbes Jackson 4.55.5
- 2 Russell Duncan 5.00.7
- 3 Alistair Bisset 5.14.6

400mts (handicap ladies)

- 1 Siobhan Kingham 65.3
- 2 Caelidh Ross 65.3
- 1 Rebecca Bryan 69.4

400mts (handicap men)

- 1 Ross Freck 53.3
- 2 Findlay Donegan 53.9
- 3 Ross Fraser 55.6