

## **Abernethy Highland Games report – 13 August 2016**

The day dawned, and there was a huge sigh of relief to find sunny skies and a warm, mainly dry day. A few showers later did nothing to mar the happy and exciting atmosphere of a busy games field.

Although gate numbers were down around 100 on the previous year, over 3000 athletes and spectators enjoyed a grand days sport and entertainment. As usual there was plenty to see and do around the field in the form of trade and charity stalls, showing a stunning array of goods, from wooden items, leather ware, to jewellery, Scottish gifts and crafts, beautiful tweed accessories and much more.

Regular visitors to these Games will have noticed that there was a new announcer this year. Neil Sutherland, Games chairman was delighted to welcome Graeme Allan to this important task, taking over from Hamish Scott who was the voice of Abernethy Games for 19 years. Graeme is no stranger to Highland Games and in fact he still competes, and holds the Abernethy Games records for junior weight for distance set in 1999. His shot putt record, also of 1999 was smashed this year by youngster, George Evans. His parents, Elspeth and Neil have also given long service to these Games as athletics judges so we are delighted to have this Allan family connection.

Games Chieftain this year, John Hunter, qualified as a Chartered Accountant and joined the Bank of Scotland in the mid 80s, latterly working in the Bank's head office and then retiring early when HBOS was formed on 2001. Over the past few years, John has put his finance and business skills at the service of the Games and other community organisations in the village, to their great benefit.

Neil Sutherland commented in his opening address that John's position as Treasurer of the Games Association has meant that he has been working in the back office in the big tent for each of the last 6 Games and so has never been able to see what was going on outside. It was time he got a good view for a change so when he stepped down as Treasurer earlier this year the committee felt that his appointment as Chieftain was the proper way to mark their appreciation of his work for the Games. It seems to run in the family as John's parents in law, Lindsay and Janet Henderson, were themselves joint Chieftains in 2001.

On the field 18 heavies competed in four events. Six competitors fought it out in the local heavy events with Conon Quinn (Nethy Bridge) taking overall first, JD Macleod (Newtonmore) came second and Brian Harrold (Nethy Bridge) third. Katie Stark (Inverness) won the girls 17-19 junior heavy competition. George Evans (Inverness Harriers) won the overall boys junior heavy 17-19year age category and Daniel Wilby (Inverness Harriers) came second. The overall open heavy competition was won by Sinclair Patience (Inverness), Jamie Gunn (Halkirk) was second and Greg Walker (Fettercairn) was third.

One games record was broken in the heavy events. Junior heavy George Evans broke the record for putting the shot with a throw of 16.14m beating the previous record of 15.34m which has stood since 1999. The previous record holder Graeme Allan who was today's games announcer was very pleased that his record was broken and congratulated George. Graeme still holds the games record for 22lb weight for distance which was also set in 1999.

For the second year running there was a strong field in the athletics competition with sixty five entrants. The younger age categories continue to be very popular particularly the 100yds, 200mts, 1500mts and high jump.

Hugely entertaining, the Tug o'war kept spectators happy and in good voice as 4 pipe band teams battled it out. Adopting an aggressive tactic, pulling hard from the start, City of Inverness Youth Pipe band managed to gain an advantage, finally claiming first place and the Walter Grant Memorial Trophy.

Although the weather held fair for the RSPB Abernethy 10 mile road race, the conditions in the forest sections were challenging due to the recent heavy rain, this however didn't stop first time entrant Alasdair Anthony from Edinburgh gain an impressive and clear win in a time of 58min 56 sec, a full 4 minutes ahead of Helge Hansen from Inverness and Alasdair's brother-in-law, Angus Wardlaw came home in 3rd place. The first lady was Sarah Liebnitc in 4th overall, enabling Inverness Harriers to win the team prize. The local Badenoch and Strathspey resident winners were Penny Lawson and Alan Riach. In the Vets race the mens winner was Stuart Mackay 67:09 and 1st lady vet was Megan Wright 67:59

There was a very good entry in the Highland Dancing, 120 dancers in all, some from far afield, from Wick to Fife as well as 2 dancers from Canada. The standard was high, to be expected as some will be competing in the world championships in Dunoon in 2 weeks time.

The Elsie Ross Trophy for Overall Premier Dancer went to Laura Smith of Huntly, from the Brenda Gordon School.

The morning programme of childrens events was well attended, with the wheelbarrow race drawing a huge entry requiring 10 heats; one spectator was moved to comment however that it was a wheelbarrow race, not a ploughing competition – one team got it back to front! More competitive than the kids, the parents obstacle race was a noisy affair, much appreciated by the crowd.

At the piping board, with this year's Junior Open competition entries up 70% on 2015 there was keen competition especially at the upper age end. Judge, Ronald Maclean gave kindly individual feedback to all pipers. The throng of parents tutors and well wishers made for a lively day in support of the youngsters. Chanter, Local Piping and the Senior Open competition each contributed to visitor enjoyment.

The Drumming Competition was slightly down on entrants compared to last year. However we were treated to fine performances by all. Two drummers, new to competition, did exceptionally well in the **Open Solo** with Scott Dingwall taking 1<sup>st</sup> prize and Glenn Morrison in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, both from Huntly and District Pipe Band. Both were pleased they were persuaded to enter competition. It just goes to show it is always worth entering. The **Solo Junior** competition was won by Liam McIntosh from Huntly and District Pipe Band. Liam proved to be the clear winner with a very solid and competent performance. 2<sup>nd</sup> prize was won by Calum Farren from Buckie and District Pipe Band."

All 6 pipe bands attending participated in the Pipe Band Competition for the Pipe band Challenge Shield, deservedly awarded to Huntly & District Pipe Band.

#### Results

##### **Track and Field 13th August 2016**

Putting the shot (local)

- 1 Conan Quinn 11.27m
- 2 J. D. Macleod 10.19m
- 3 Harry Hancock 8.93m
- 4 Brian Harrold 8.85m
- 5 Dave Garman 8.04m

28lb weight for distance (local)

- 1 JD Macleod 13.37m
- 2 Connan Quinn 12.54m
- 3 Brian Harrold 11.40m
- 4 Stan Reid 7.46m
- 5 Harry Hancock

Scots hammer (local)

- 1 Conon Quinn 29.37
- 2 Brian Harrold 25.92
- 3 J. D. Macleod 24.03
- 4 Harry Hancock 23.50
- 5 Dave Garman 23.18

56lb Weight over the bar (local)

- 1 J. D. Macleod 12'0"
- 2 Brian Harrold 10'6"
- 3 Conon Quinn 10'6"
- 4 Dave Garman 10'6"
- 5 Harry Hancock 10'0"

Tossing the caber (local)

- 1 Conon Quinn 12 03

2 Brian Harrold 12 05  
3 Dave Garman 12 08  
4 Harry Hancock 88  
5 J D Macleod 87

Putting the shot (junior heavy boys 17-19)  
1 George Evans 16.14m  
2 Daniel Wilby 9.52m

Putting the shot (junior heavy girls 17-19)  
1 Katie Stark 8.40m  
Putting the shot (open)  
1 Sinclair Patience 14.12m  
2 Jamie Gunn 12.64m  
3 Greg Walker 12.24m  
4 Robert Katzenbissir 11.03m  
5 Lukas Prettenhaler 11.03m

22lb weight for distance (junior heavy boys 17-19)  
1 George Evans 22.90m  
2 Daniel Wilby 13.53m

22lb Weight for distance (junior heavy girls 17-19)  
1 Katie Stark 10.95m

28lb weight for distance (open)  
1 Sinclair Patience 21.67  
2 Jamie Gunn 19.90  
3 Greg Walker 18.60  
4 Dale Walker 17.19  
5 Lukas Prettenhaler 14.81

Scots hammer (junior heavy boys 17-19)  
1 George Evans 35.90m  
2 Daniel Wilby 24.78m

Scots Hammer (junior heavy girls 17-19)  
1 Katie Stark 11.78m

Scots hammer (open)  
1 Sinclair Patience 36.65m  
2 Greg Walker 34.80.  
3 Jamie Gunn 29.04m  
4 Dale Walker 28.60m  
5 Lukas Prettenhaler

44lb weight over the bar (junior heavy boys 17-19)  
1 Daniel Wilby 12'  
2 George Evans 12'

44lb weight over the bar (junior heavies girls 17-19)  
1 Katie Stark 6'

56lb weight over the bar (open)  
1 Sinclair Patience 13'6"  
2 Jamie Gunn 13'0"  
3= Stuart Sutherland 11'0"  
3= Greg Walker 11'0"  
5=Dale Walker 10'0"

5= Lukas Prettenhaler

Tossing the caber (junior heavy boys 17-19)

1 Daniel Wilby

2 George Evans

Tossing the caber (junior heavies girls 17-19)

1 Katie Stark

Tossing the caber (open)

1 Jamie Gunn 12 02

2 Sinclair Patience 11 58

3 Lukas Prettenhaler 50

4 Harry Hancock 45

5 Stuart Sutherland 40

100yds (boys 12yrs and under)

1 Sam Griffin

2 Ben Sharpe

3 Ewan Brown

100yds (girls 12yrs and under)

1 Hannah Kingham

2 Zoe Sharpe

3 Bethany Evans

100yds (boys 14yrs and under)

1 Finlay Rollo

2 Chris Cowie

3 Archie Morris

100yds (girls 14yrs and under)

1 Hannah Kingham

2 Bethany Evans

100yds (men 19yrs and under)

1 Finlay Donegan

100yds (ladies)

1 Siobhan Kingham

100yds (Men)

1 Ross Fraser

2 Finlay Donegan

3 Bruce Donald

High Jump boys (14 and under)

1 Ben McCreadie 1.40m

2 Archie Morris 1.35m

3 Ben Sharpe 1.30m

High Jump girls (14 and under)

1 Hannah Kingham 1.30m

2 Zoe Sharpe 1.15m

3 Bethany Evans 1.10m

High Jump (men)

1 Lukas Prettenhaler 1.60m

2 Finlay Donegan 1.50m

3 Ross Fraser 1.45m

High Jump (Ladies)  
1 Siobhan Kingham 1.55

Putting the shot (ladies)  
1 SiobhamKingham 8.75

800mts (ladies)  
1 Meg Naylor  
2 Siobhan Kingham

800mts (men)  
1 Ross Fraser  
2 Bruce Donald  
3 Patrick Tibby

200mts (boys 14yrs and under)  
1 Finlay Rollo  
2 Chris Cowie  
3 Ben Sharpe

200mts (girls 14yrs and under)  
1Hannah Kingham  
2 Zoe Sharpe  
3 Bethany Evans

200mts (ladies)  
1 Siobhan Kingham  
2 Clare Wilcock  
3 Mary Wilkinson

200mts (men)  
1 Finlay Donegan  
2 Ross Fraser  
3 Darin Cameron

### **Solo Piping Results, 2016**

Event 1 Chanter 1 competitor  
1<sup>st</sup> Maisie Blyth Bridge of Allan

#### Junior Local

Event 3 15 – 17 years March 1 competitor  
1<sup>st</sup> Lyall Kinnaird Grantown on Spey

#### Junior Open Piping

Event 9 March 4 part 17 years & under 14 competitors  
1<sup>st</sup> Reuben Green Inverness  
2<sup>nd</sup> Liam Brown Montrose  
3<sup>rd</sup> Fionn Dempster Tomatin  
4<sup>th</sup> Patrick Tibbs Inverness

Event 10 Strathspey & Reel for the George Centenary Trophy 14 competitors

1<sup>st</sup> Liam Brown Montrose  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reuben Green Inverness  
3<sup>rd</sup> Finlay Rollo Muir of Ord  
4<sup>th</sup> Angus Duffy Nairn

Event 11 Jig 17 years & under 14 competitors

1<sup>st</sup> Reuben Green Inverness  
2<sup>nd</sup> Finlay Rollo Muir of Ord  
3<sup>rd</sup> Patrick Tibbs Inverness  
4<sup>th</sup> Liam Brown Montrose

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

Reuben Green Inverness

Senior Piping Event

Event 5 Pibroch for the Lord Strathspey Cup 5 competitors

1<sup>st</sup> Alan Clark Bridge of Don  
2<sup>nd</sup> Matt Panteleoni St Louis, USA  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jack Taylor Aboyne  
4<sup>th</sup> Emily Kate Maclellan Toronto, Canada

Event 6 March 3 competitors

1<sup>st</sup> Alan Clark Bridge of Don  
2<sup>nd</sup> Steven McCabe Inverness  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jack Taylor Aboyne

Event 7 Strathspey & Reel for the Banks Brothers Centenary Trophy 5 competitors

1<sup>st</sup> Alan Clark Bridge of Don  
2<sup>nd</sup> Matt Panteleoni St Louis, USA  
3<sup>rd</sup> Emily Kate Maclellan Toronto, Canada  
4<sup>th</sup> Steven McCabe Inverness

Event 8 Jig for the Ibbertson Memorial Cup 5 competitors

1<sup>st</sup> Matt Panteleoni St Louis, USA  
2<sup>nd</sup> Alan Clark Bridge of Don  
3<sup>rd</sup> Emily Kate Maclellan Toronto, Canada  
4<sup>th</sup> Steven McCabe Inverness

The Gordon Cup awarded to the competitor who accumulates most points in the Senior Open Piping

Alan Clark Bridge of Don

RSPB Abernethy 10 Mile race

Fin Pos	Time	Number	Name	Club	Category	Winner of:-	Resi
1	58.56	196	Alasdair Anthony	Hunters Bog Trotters	M	1st Male	
2	62.52	192	Helge Hansen	Inverness Harriers A.C.	M	2nd Male	
3	64.07	197	Angus Wardlaw	Edinburgh AC	M	3rd Male	
4	65.10	200	Sarah Liebnitc	Inverness Harriers A.C.	FV	1st Lady	
5	65.11	193	Euan Kay	U/A	M		
6	67.09	158	Stuart Mackay	U/A	MV	1st Male Vet	
7	67.59	154	Megan Wright	Hunters Bog Trotters	FV	1st Lady Vet	

8	68.27	170	Richard Fain	U/A	M		
9	68.31	194	Alan Riach	Cairngorm Runners	MV	2nd Male Vet	R
10	69.13	151	Hugh Naylor	London Heathside	MV	3rd Male Vet	
11	69.33	195	Pete Loveless	U/A	M		R
12	70.38	157	JJ Tait	Parkrun	MV		
13	72.54	171	Ben Fiddes	Inverness Harriers A.C.	M		
14	73.13	161	David Bryan	East Sutherland A.C.	MV		
15	73.27	153	Martin Bain	U/A	MV		
16	73.35	167	Geddes Murray	Celtic Coaching	MV		
17	73.39	199	Penny Lawson	U/A	FV	2nd Lady Vet	R
18	73.40	160	Jason Baggaley	U/A	MV		
19	73.44	180	Greg Cooper	U/A	M		
20	74.03	184	Patrick Lord	U/A	M		
21	74.32	175	Tim Pott	Forres Harriers	MV		R
22	74.43	190	Matthew Kirkwood	U/A	M		R
23	75.10	188	Paul Morris	U/A	MV		
24	76.55	172	Mark Blyth	U/A	MV		
25	77.43	149	Helen Oxenham	U/A	FV	3rd Lady Vet	
26	78.49	163	Marc Castello	U/A	MV		
27	79.25	156	Morgane Artacho	Cairngorm Runners	F	2nd Lady	R
28	79.45	278	Paul Singleton	U/A	M		R
29	80.23	189	Graham Laing	Inverness Harriers A.C.	MV		
30	80.38	185	Gavin Liddell	U/A	MV		
31	80.48	169	Norman Pollock	U/A	MV		
32	80.57	176	Murray Bryce	Cosmic Hillbashers	MV		
33	82.33	159	Gordon Smith	U/A	MV		R
34	84.08	177	Jodi Sharpe	Inverness Harriers A.C.	FV		
35	86.27	164	Andrew Lilley	U/A	M		
36	86.34	178	Peter Wright	U/A	M		R
37	86.41	181	Andrew Holmes	Cairngorm Runners	MV		R
38	87.14	166	Rachel Murray	Spey Runners	FV		
39	87.48	186	Elisabeth Smart	Forres Harriers	FV		
40	88.05	162	Chrissie Grant	U/A	F	3rd Lady	
41	88.08	165	John McLinchey	U/A	M		R
42	88.14	155	Lindsay Sutherland	U/A	FV		
43	88.15	182	Mark Adam	U/A	MV		R
44	88.15	183	Lorna Adam	Cairngorm CC	FV		R
45	88.36	179	Michael Dearman	U/A	M		R
46	94.06	146	Callum Scott	U/A	MV		R
47	94.52	187	Andrew Shepherd	Inverness Harriers A.C.	MV		
48	94.54	150	David Oxenham	U/A	MV		
49	94.54	277	Eddie Backler	U/A	MV		
50	95.44	168	Cairine Scullion	U/A	FV		R
51	96.01	173	Doug Kennedy	U/A	MV		
52	96.30	191	Rosanna Kirkwood	U/A	F		R
53	97.37	174	Clare Laybourne	U/A	FV		

54	99.48	152	Clare Lamond	U/A	FV
55	104.19	147	Richard Evans	U/A	MV
56	105.13	198	Yvonne Smith	U/A	F
57	106.48	148	Sheila Evans	U/A	FV

Highland Dancing 1st placed only

Primary 4yrs

Pas De Basques, High Cuts – Beatrice Finkler, Cannich

Primary 5yrs

Pas de basques, Fling – Evie Jones

High Cuts, Sword – Farrah Watkins, Buckie

Primary 6yrs

Pas de basques, Fling – Kali Smith, Alford

High Cuts, Sword – Eilidh Smith

Beginners 8yrs and under

Fling, Sean Truibhas – Summer Campbell, Inverness

Sword, Flora – Lauren Abbott, Aberlour

Lilt – Kayleigh Maccoll, Nairn

Beginners 11 and under

Fling, Swords – Chloe Abbott, Aberlour

Sean Truibhas, Flora, Lilt – Isla MacGillvary, Inverness

12 + Beginners

Fling, Sean Truibhas, Flora, Lilt – Sophie Borthwick, Nethy Bridge

Swords – Grace MacCaulay, Dulnain Bridge

AHG Highland Dancing Trophy for best overall beginner – Lauren Abbott, Aberlour, Alison Gordon School

Novice 8yrs & under

Fling – Erin Forbes, Buckie

Swords, ST, Flora, Lilt – Moby Knight, Huntly

Novice 10yrs & under

Fling, Swords, Lilt – Anna MacGruer

ST, Flora – Lean MacGilveray, Inverness

Jessie Watt Scroll, for best overall novice to Moby Knight, Huntly, Brenda Gordon School

Novice 11yrs and over

Fling, Swords, ST, Flora, Lilt – Grace MacDonald, Drumnadrochit

Intermediate 9yrs & under

Fling, Sword, Flora, – Alix Remi Mair, Buckie

ST – Ross McTaggart, Inverness

Lilt – Emily Chapman, Inverness

Intermediate 10yrs & over

Fling, Swords, Lilt – Innes MacKenzie, Fearn

ST, Flora – Carys Brown, Aberlour

G D Gray Silver salver for best overall Intermediate to Innes MacKenzie, Fearn, Darra Wood School



Premier 9 yrs

Fling, Sean Truibhas, Highland laddie, Hornpipe – Hollie Miller, Wick  
Jig – Sophie MacRae, Inverness

Premier 10yrs

Fling – Eva Seaton, Inverness; ST – Scout Knight, Huntly  
Highland Laddie, Jig, Hornpipe – Abbie Kellas, Huntly

Premier 11yrs

Fling – Lucy Barclay, Huntly; ST – Rianne Smart, Craigellachie  
Highland laddie, Jig, Hornpipe – Suzanne McDonald, Elgin

Premier 1 2yrs

Fling, Highland Laddie – Chelsea Birmingham, Glenrothes  
ST, Jig, Hornpipe – Aimee Shannon, Balloch Loch Lomond

Premier 13yrs

Fling, Hornpipe – Erin Gilfoy, Nova Scotia  
ST, Highland laddie - Erica Mitchell  
Jig – Anna Morrison

Premier 14yrs

Fling, Highland laddie, Jig, Hornpipe – Molly Smith, Huntly  
ST – Holly Lyall, Kirkhill

Premier 15 years

Fling, Sean Truibhas, Highland laddie, Hornpipe – Katie Munro, Inverness  
Jig – Carla McTaggart, Inverness

Premier 16 yrs

Fling, Highland Laddie, Hornpipe – Lenis Smith, Elgin  
ST, Jig – Fiona McGowan, Huntly

Premier Adult

Fling, Sean Truibhas, Highland laddie, Jig, Hornpipe – Laura Smith, Huntly

Abernethy Games Trophy for best overall premier Highland – Laura Smith

Clan Grant Society Cup for Overall Premier National – jointly to Suzanne McDonald, Laura Smith,  
Molly Smith

Kimberley Trophy for best Overall Local Dancer 11 yrs & under – Rianne Smart

Culreach Challenge Cup to best Overall Local Dancer 12 yrs & over – Brodie Bain

Elsie Ross Trophy for best Overall Premier – Laura Smith

James Philpot Trophy for best Overall overseas dancer – Erin Gilfoy, Canada

Spey Vale Challenge Cup to Most Successful Dancing School, Claire Bryce, with 3159 points