

Highland Games Spotlight

HIGHLAND games have evolved from when ancient Clan Chiefs would organise contests to find the strongest men for bodyguards, the fastest men for couriers and the fittest men for their army.

It is also suggested in some history books that Henry VIII brought a team of athletes from England to compete against the Scots.

As a sporting event these contests were a way by which rival clans could compete with each other without resorting to the bloodshed of battle.

Not all the contests were warlike. Pipers and dancers were also important for entertainment and the best were favoured by the Clan Chief.



Today, Highland Games are still competitive, physical and musical and very entertaining for spectators.

Most of the games feature similar events and competitions and it is likely that most will feature trade stalls selling local arts, crafts, fresh local produce and of course the obligatory hot dog, burger and seafood stalls.

The Scottish Highland Games dotted throughout Argyll, the West Highlands and Islands throughout the summer period really do offer a fabulous day out for the whole family and offer tourists and locals alike

the opportunity to show their support, and interest, in the what seems to be one of the best loved aspects of Scottish heritage.

Taynuilt Highland Games



**SPORTS FIELD
TAYNUILT**
Saturday 22 July 2006
Official Opening with Oban Pipe Band march at 1 p.m.
Competitions, Highland Dancing and Piping
starts 11 a.m.

HEAVYWEIGHT, TRACK and TUG O'WAR starts 1 p.m.
NOVELTY EVENTS : SPECTATORS' RACES
SIDESHOWS

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

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KILMORE AND KILBRIDE HIGHLAND GAMES



Balnoe, Kilmore
(five miles south of Oban)
SATURDAY 29 JULY 2006
10.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.

HEAVY EVENTS, TRACK AND FIELD
TUG O'WAR, CHILDREN'S RACES
PIPE BAND, DOG SHOW (S.S.P.C.A.)
Highland Dancing : Piping Competitions
including Donnie Ferguson Memorial
Junior Chanter Competition
Contact **01631 770342**

GLENGARRY HIGHLAND GAMES



Shinty Field, Inveraray
SATURDAY 1 JULY
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Adults £3.50, OAPs £1, Child 50p
FREE PARKING

A Traditional Highland Games . . . Heavy, Track and Field Events
Hill Race, Children's Races, Tug o' War, Highland Dancing and the
Lochaber Pipe Band : the ever popular Pet Dog Show
An appearance by the male Swedish choir *Harmony*
Plus many Trade and Side Stalls and Attractions

SHINTY GAMES TO FOLLOW THE GAMES
A DANCE WILL ALSO BE HELD IN THE HALL IN THE EVENING

MULL HIGHLAND GAMES



ERRAY PARK, TOBERMORY
THURSDAY 20 JULY
Hereditary Chieftain:
The Hon. Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern
Adults £4, OAPs £2, Family £8
DANCE in AROS HALL in EVENING
9.50 p.m. - 2 a.m. LICENSED BAR

Piping: MULL AND IONA PIPING SOCIETY
Highland Band: ROYAL REGIMENT OF SCOTLAND
Piping, Dancing, Athletics, Track and Field Events
Over £4000 Prize Money!

● Band leads march to field from Main Street at 10 a.m.
Games start 10.30 a.m., until 4.30 p.m., approximately
Licensed Refreshments Available On Field