

Blairgowrie and Rattray



Highland Games

2025

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The History of Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games

Research done by the town's Our Heritage group has revealed that the history of Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games goes back more than 135 years. Records of the Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games before 1887 may have been lost, as according to John A.R. Macdonald's 'The History of Blairgowrie (Town, Parish, and District)' which was published in 1899, the Highland Games, which had been allowed to lapse were revived in 1887 by The Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds (Lodge Tullyveolan). Back then the event was held on Fair O' Blair Day in July and was known as the Highland Games and Military Sports. It was attended by a detachment of the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons whose band played during the day and the programme included some intriguing events such as:

Sword v sword
Sword v lance
Tent pegging
Lemon cutting
Grand ride and charge (musical)
Wrestling on horseback
Balaclava melee
Fencing (sabres)
Sword exercise at a gallop



The Games were held in Cleekerinn Park, also known as West Park (which is now the location of Lidl and Home Bargains), and the Fair O' Blair was based around the Wellmeadow. On Fair O' Blair Day, thousands of visitors would descend on the town, and for generations both the Highland Games and the Fair O' Blair attracted large crowds. For Dundonians, this was the highlight of the Dundee Holiday Week and special trains ran from Dundee with cheap fares being offered by the railway company. In the 19th century terpsichorean (dancing) competitions were for men. According to tradition, kings and clan chiefs used Highland Games to select their best men at arms, and the discipline to perform the Highland dances allowed men to demonstrate their strength, stamina, and agility. The 1920s was a time of mixed fortunes for both the Fair O' Blair and the Highland Games. By 1925 the Highland Games had lapsed and the Shows at the Fair Blair were no longer allowed on the Wellmeadow. But by 1928 Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games were again held on Fair O' Blair day with advertisements proclaiming 'Grand Cavalry Display by a Detachment of the Royal Scots Greys direct from Olympia Tournaments, London, accompanied by the World Famous Band of the Regiment'. Sadly, by the mid-1930s the Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games Committee, despite fundraising attempts such as whist drives and dances, were finding it hard to meet financial ends, and no games were held in 1936, the games park was sold off to the County Education Committee for use as a playing field by Blairgowrie High School. July 1951 saw an attempt by Blairgowrie Juniors Football Club to revive the games by holding a Fair O' Blair Day sports at Davie Park.

Since 1991 large crowds have been assembling at Bogle's Field, Essendy Road, Blairgowrie, for the Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games each September. Competitors for some of the piping, dancing, and heavy events come from far and wide.

Find out more about Blairgowrie and Rattray's history at <https://ourheritageblairrattray.scot/>

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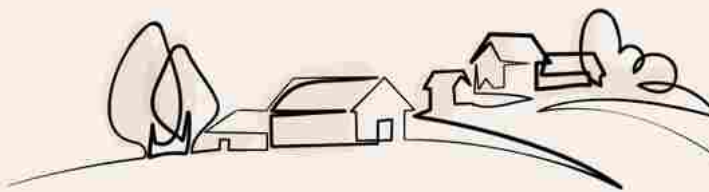
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- a group of related things.

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Chieftain's Welcome

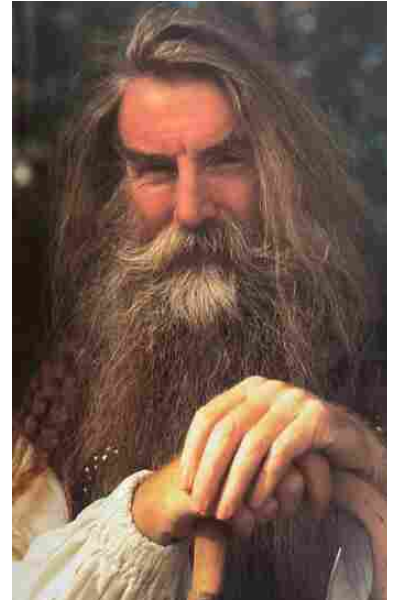
Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen, and a very warm welcome to the Games.

Today you will see the very best of Highland sport, music, and culture, with competitors from near and far gathering to test their strength, skill, and spirit. From the power of the heavy events to the grace of the Highland dancing, from the pipe bands to the track and field, every competitor has come here to give their all - and we are proud to have them take part.

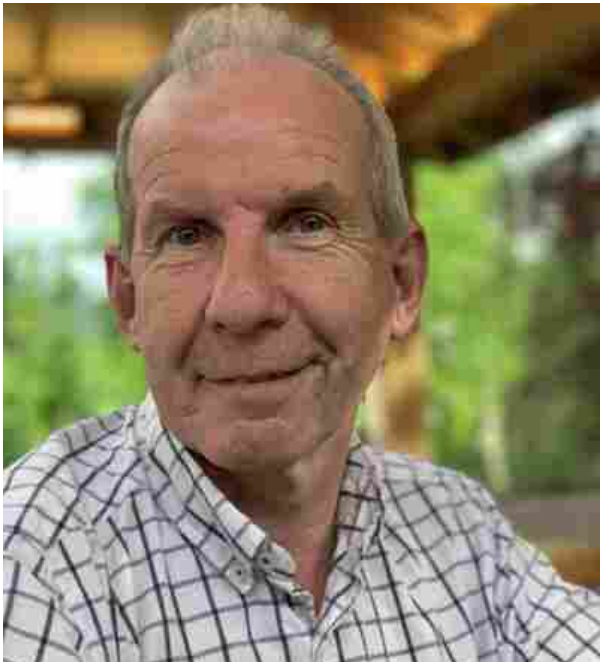
This year, for the first time, we are especially honoured to host exhibits from The Scottish Fire and Rescue and The Heritage Museum, bringing a unique glimpse of history and service to our field.

My thanks go to the committee, volunteers, and community whose hard work makes these Games possible, and to you, the spectators, whose continuing support keeps our traditions alive. On a personal note, it has been an absolute delight to have been the Chieftain of the Blairgowrie & Rattray Highland Games for the last 34 years.

I wish you all a day filled with friendship, competition, and pride in our Highland heritage.



Laurence Blair Oliphant of Ardblair and Gask Chieftain of the Games



A delegation came over to Scotland and looked at several locations to select a suitable 'Sister City,' Laurence was involved with meeting the delegation and Blairgowrie was chosen as the 'Sister City' or Twinning as we know it. Laurence went over to Pleasanton to represent Blairgowrie at their Scottish Games as Visiting Chieftain in 1997. This year Pleasanton are hosting 159th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games takes place over Labor Day Weekend August 30th & 31st – We hope they have had a fantastic event!

We would all wish to thank Laurence for all the support he has given over the years to the Blairgowrie & Rattray Highland Games as he retires in his 80th year – 'Happy Retirement'

I hope you have a wonderful day today!

Chair's Welcome

As Chair of the Blairgowrie & Rattray Highland Games I would like to offer a warm welcome to you all. We hope you have a wonderful day with us today.

The Highland Games committee have been working hard behind the scenes to a wide range of interesting family activities to get involved with for all age ranges to enjoy.

We are extremely grateful to The Proctor Group as our main sponsor, who, over the generations have been so supportive and play a vital role so we can put the Games on. Thanks also go to Castlewater for supporting the Heavy Events and Forthroad for the Junior Heavies.

Thank you to all the local charities, community groups and volunteers who are helping with the day. Without you – it would not be possible.

This year, our Chieftain, Laurence Blair Oliphant is standing down after 34 years – It has been an absolute delight to have Laurence as our Chieftain for so long. So many stories of how the Games have developed and grown over the years. He was recently mentioning his involvement when Pleasanton, California was looking for a 'Sister City.'

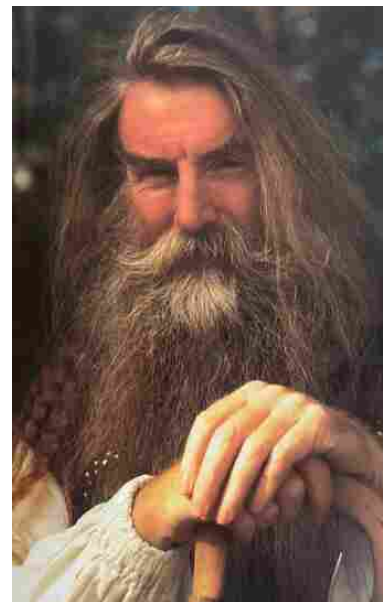
Pete Richardson, Chairman

A Tribute to Our Chieftain

34 Years of Steadfast Dedication

It is with immense respect and profound gratitude that we pay tribute to our esteemed Chieftain, who has guided the spirit of the Blairgowrie Highland Games with unwavering dedication for thirty-four remarkable years.

His deep-rooted connection to Blairgowrie is the very bedrock of his role. With a family lineage stretching back over six centuries in these lands, his stewardship feels both destined and deeply personal. He accepted the mantle of Chieftain with humility and honour when the Games found their permanent home at Blair Park – land then under his care – recognising the profound historical significance his family name holds for this community.



Far more than a ceremonial figurehead, our Chieftain embodies the living tradition of the Games. While presiding over the grand opening and the stirring pipe band parade are his most visible duties, his commitment extends far beyond the one day. For decades, he has taken a genuine, active interest in every facet of the event – quietly visiting during setup, offering support to organisers and stallholders, ensuring the smooth running of cherished elements like the mighty tug-of-war (whose rope he once faithfully stored!), and graciously engaging with visitors from across the globe. His presence, always clad in traditional Highland dress, is a reassuring constant, a symbol of continuity and pride.

He recalls with particular fondness the 2019 Games, standing shoulder-to-shoulder with the Stoltman brothers and Donna Moore, witnessing world-class strength on our field. He takes quiet pride in the unique Ardblair Stones, a thrilling spectacle conceived and crafted by his son, Charlie, which has become a defining, hugely popular feature of our Games. His admiration for the hard work of the organising committee, especially in recent years, is heartfelt; he recognises the tremendous uplift and professionalisation that has elevated the event we know today.

A man of tradition, both here and through his involvement with historical reenactments of the Scots Guard in France as part of the "Ardblair Highlanders," he understands the power of heritage. Yet, he has warmly embraced the Games' evolution, celebrating the blend of timeless competition and modern vitality that draws locals and international visitors alike.



As he presides over his 34th Games, we honour not just his title, but his profound service, humility, and enduring passion. He is the guardian of our Games' spirit, a vital link between our rich past and vibrant present. Blairgowrie owes him an immense debt of gratitude for his decades of steadfast leadership, quiet encouragement, and unwavering belief in this cherished community event.



Thank you, Laurence, for your extraordinary legacy.

Our Compere



It's hard to believe that it's been a year since the last Blairgowrie & Rattray Highland Games here at Bogles Field. Last year was such a great day and I have no doubt this year will be just as good if not better. This is my third year of having the honour of commentating for you here at Blairgowrie & Rattray Highland Games and I hope to keep you all up to speed with all the happenings within and outwith the arena. With all the events going on it's sure to be a busy day for me.

If you're joining us for the first time, welcome and have a great day, if you've been before, welcome back, you already know you're going to have a great day!!

Ian Stewart, Compere

2519 Strathmore Squadron Cadets

Are you looking to embark on an exhilarating journey of self-discovery, leadership development, and aviation excitement? Look no further than the prestigious 2519 Strathmore Squadron RAF Air Cadets (RAFAC)! If you're between the ages of 12 and 17, this is your golden opportunity to join an esteemed organisation that has been shaping young minds and nurturing future leaders for years. At 2519 Strathmore Squadron, you'll be welcomed into a close-knit community where you can spread your wings, challenge yourself, and unlock your full potential.

With a diverse range of activities on offer, there's something for everyone at 2519 Strathmore Squadron. Dream of flying high above the clouds? Our squadron provides unique opportunities for powered flying and gliding experiences, allowing you to take control of the cockpit and soar through the skies. If you're a thrill-seeker, brace yourself for adventurous training exercises that will push your limits and build your resilience. From fieldcraft and survival skills to teamwork challenges, these activities will leave you with lasting memories and newfound confidence.



Beyond the excitement, 2519 Strathmore Squadron is dedicated to shaping well-rounded individuals with a strong sense of responsibility and community spirit. Through community engagements, parades, and ceremonies, you'll learn the value of service and develop a profound understanding of citizenship. Our experienced staff officers are committed to guiding you every step of the way, nurturing your talents, and helping you achieve personal and professional success. Don't miss out on this life-changing opportunity – join 2519 Strathmore Squadron RAFAC today and embark on a journey that will propel you toward a brighter future!

Events for Everyone!

Dog Show



Once again this years Highland Games will feature a paws-itively perfect Dog Show! This event is a true highlight for dog lovers, proud owners and the furry stars themselves. From cutest puppy to golden oldie, the crowd will be all smiles (and sniffs)! Other categories include: most fabulous fella, loveliest lady, most beautiful eyes, waggiest tail, small and sassy, big and beautiful, best rescue and best in show! This years event is generously sponsored by Blairgowrie Vets and our dedicated judge will be vet Amy Lickley. Entries can be submitted from 11am on the day and the furry fun begins at 1pm.

Janine McCullough

Tug 'O' War

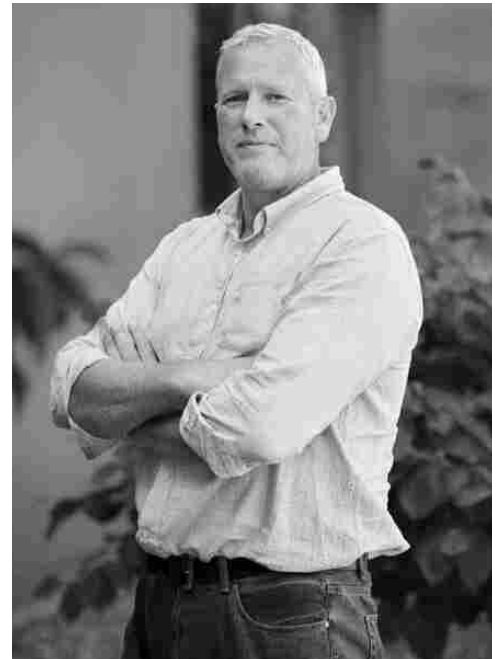
I have been involved in tug of war since a young lad of 15 years old and pulled competitively for over 25 years.

I started off my Tug of War journey with Blairgowrie young farmers, that team then morphed into Mountblair who competed all over Scotland through various highland games and shows.

During that time, I was lucky enough to represent my country through competition and coaching, taking me as far a field as Sweden, Switzerland, Italy, Ireland, Wales and England.

Although retired from the sport physically now, I still have a keen interest, and currently coach the "Angus Tayside" Young Farmers and female teams competing in young farmers and open competitions in the Scottish Highland Games circuit.

Scott Cameron





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Alyth & Blairgowrie Camera Club



The Alyth and Blairgowrie Camera Club was established in 2010 and we are proud to provide official photographic services to Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games. Originally known as Alyth Photographic Club, members came from various districts surrounding Alyth and Blairgowrie. Meetings over the past 15 years have been held in various venues, from pubs to Scout Huts, Bowling Clubs to local hotels.

The Club renamed itself in 2021 to better reflect where it historically draws its membership. From this year, the Club will be holding weekly evening meetings between September and May at St Catharines Centre on George Street in Blairgowrie. The meetings are held every Tuesday from 7.00 to 9.00pm in an upstairs meeting room, with a lift being available for those with mobility issues. Membership of the Club is not restricted to only those with expensive cameras, we welcome anyone whether you have the latest mirrorless DSLR or just the camera on your smartphone, as long as you have an interest in photography, come along on any Tuesday evening from September. Everyone irrespective of age or experience will receive a warm welcome.

The Camera Club aims to develop its member's photographic skills through its varied programme of weekly evening meetings. Topics covered at these meetings include: practical sessions, guest expert speakers, slideshows, competitions and internal photographic projects. For more information contact Peter, the Club secretary at petermesser47@gmail.com Alternatively look up our website: abccameraclub.com where you can find our 2025-26 programme, more information about the Club and a series of images taken by Club members. The website also has a direct link to our Facebook page and yet more images by followers of the Club.



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The Great Highland Bagpipe

Scotland's Iconic Instrument

The Great Highland Bagpipe is arguably Scotland's most recognised musical instrument and serves as a global ambassador for Scottish culture. Evidence of bagpipes can be traced back centuries, with the earliest clear references in Scotland appearing in a 1547 French battle report. It is likely that bagpipes first replaced trumpets in military settings during this time. Many traditional battle tunes, marches, gatherings, salutes, and laments also date back to this era.



A Cultural Revival

While the military tradition of the pipes remains strong, particularly in formal settings, there has been a resurgence of interest in popular Scottish culture. Young musicians and bands are now blending traditional tunes and techniques with modern styles, giving new life to this cherished instrument.

Piping Competitions

The tradition of Great Highland bagpipe competitions is rich, with the first recorded event taking place at The Falkirk Tryst in 1781. These competitions focus on three primary disciplines: Piobaireachd, March, Strathspey, and Reel, all of which are showcased today.

The Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games proudly hosts a solo piping competition supported and recognised by The Competing Pipers Association. This draws numerous pipers, ensuring a competitive field of international, national, and local talent each year.

Judges in solo piping competitions look for essential elements in every performance, including:

- **Musical expression and phrasing**
- **Technique appropriate to the competitor's grade**
- **A well-tuned instrument**

Awards and Recognition

Trophies awarded at the Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games include:

- **The Angus Hotel Challenge Shield** (most points in Open Senior)
- **Region Centre France Cup** (Open U18)
- **Piob Mhor Cup** (best Open Local Senior Piper)
- **Jimmie McGregor Memorial Quaich** (C Grade Aggregate)

The unique sound of the pipes resonates deeply with the spirit of Scots everywhere. We take immense pride in featuring this incredible instrument at the Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games.

Stuart Samson MBE Piping Convenor, Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games



Highland Dancing

A Highlight of the Highland Games

Highland Dancing stands out as a hallmark of any Highland Games, drawing competitors from Scotland, the UK, and around the globe. This lively and colourful display enchants audiences while showcasing a tradition that dates back centuries; early forms of sword dancing have been recorded as early as 1285.

Over the years, Highland Dancing has evolved into a highly technical competitive sport, officially recognised by SportScotland. The Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing, the international governing body, has played a key role in shaping the intricate steps required. This attention to detail is evident in dances such as the Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Seann Triubhas, and Reels. Additionally, the repertoire includes delightful Scottish National Dances like the Scottish Lilt and Flora MacDonald's Fancy, along with dances such as the Sailors' Hornpipe and the Scottish Irish Jig.

Judges evaluate performances based on timing, deportment, technique, buoyancy, and rhythm. Highland Dancing is not only a competitive pursuit but also a fantastic form of exercise suitable for all ages. Classes offered throughout the UK and internationally encourage fitness, foster social skills, and help preserve this vibrant Scottish heritage.

As a passionate Highland Dance instructor in Blairgowrie for over 30 years, I am consistently inspired by the enthusiasm of younger dancers. It is a joy to witness and contribute to this living tradition.

Classes are held every Monday at Blairgowrie Community Campus, starting at 5:30 PM. We also offer a special Nursery Class for children ages 2 and a half and up, with Highland Dance instruction beginning at age 5.

For more information, please email lindatoshdancers@outlook.com or call 07889 301915. Join us in celebrating this lively historical tradition!

Linda Tosh, Highland Dancing Convenor



Heavyweights

One of the most anticipated attractions at the Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games remains the heavyweight competitions, drawing significant attention. Throughout the event, participants engage in a variety of strength-focused disciplines, such as the Shot Putt, the Hammer Throw, the Weight Over the Bar, and the iconic Tossing the Caber. The origin of these heavyweight contests dates back centuries when clan leaders selected their most robust and agile warriors for combat by testing their mettle in various strength challenges.

The Shot Putt, a straightforward competition where athletes hurl large stones, has evolved to standardised weights of 16lbs and 22lbs, utilising regulation steel balls for consistency. In the **Weight for Distance** event, competitors use a handled steel ball on a chain, spinning thrice to generate momentum before releasing the weight. The games feature competitions for both the 28lb and 56lb categories.

Hammer competitions feature light and heavy variants, with participants swinging the hammer above their heads before launching it backward.

The **Weight Over the Bar** contest maintains its traditional format, involving participants throwing weights over an escalating bar height. The victor is determined by successfully clearing the bar without causing it to fall.

Tossing The Caber, a quintessential Highland Games event, is rooted in historical tasks like constructing makeshift bridges and moving logs. Contestants aim to fling the pole straight ahead, with judges scoring based on accuracy. The cabers at Blairgowrie and Rattray Games typically measure around 22 feet long and weigh approximately 80 kilograms.

Noteworthy is the introduction of a women's heavyweight competition at the Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games in 2018, along with a thriving junior division. Dedicated efforts have been invested in training a group of nearly a dozen young athletes, focusing on technique, core fitness, and nutrition. The unwavering commitment displayed by local junior participants, even amid the challenges posed by the pandemic, shows a promising future for the sport.

Pete Hart, Heavyweights Convenor

HEAVYWEIGHT RECORDS FOR OUR HIGHLAND GAMES

Male

Event	Open	Local
Shot putt to 16 lbs	Hamish Davidson, 1980 58 feet 9 inches	Pete Hart, 2008 41 feet 9 inches
Shot putt to 22 lbs	Hamish Davidson, 1980 49 feet 5 inches	Pete Hart, 2009 35 feet 1 inch
Weight for Distance 28 lbs	Hamish Davidson, 1979 88 feet 9 inches	Pete Hart, 2011 67 feet 9 inches
Weight for Distance 56 lbs	Lorne Colthart, 2016 44 feet 10 inches	Pete Hart, 2011 36 feet 4 inches
Hammer 16 lbs	Bruce Aitken, 2000 150 feet 3 inches	Pete Hart, 2008 119 feet
Hammer 22 lbs	Stephen King, 1998 124 feet 8 inches	Pete Hart, 2008 100 feet 2 inches
Weight over the bar	Bruce Robb, 2009 16 feet 6 inches	Pete Hart, 2010 14 feet

Female

Event	Open	Local
Shot Putt (Light)	Julie Ramsay, 2024 36 feet 2 inch	Juliet Ramsay, 2024 36 Feet, 2 Inches
Shot Putt (Heavy)	Juliet Ramsay, 2024 31 Feet, 2 Inches	Juliet Ramsay, 2024 31 Feet, 2 Inches
Weight for Distance (Light)	Juliet Ramsay, 2024 71 Feet, 6 Inches	Juliet Ramsay, 2024 71 Feet, 6 Inches
Weight for Distance (Heavy)	Juliet Ramsay, 2024 40 Feet, 2 Inches	Juliet Ramsay, 2024 40 Feet, 2 Inches
Hammer (Light)	Juliet Ramsay, 2024 84 Feet, 4 Inches	Juliet Ramsay, 2024 84 Feet, 4 Inches
Hammer (Heavy)	Juliet Ramsay, 2024 75 Feet, 4 Inches	Juliet Ramsay, 2024 75 Feet, 4 Inches
Weight Over Bar	Juliet Ramsay, 2024 13 Feet, 6 Inches	Juliet Ramsay, 2024 13 Feet, 6 Inches



The Ardblair Stones Challenge

The Ardblair Stones, named after Ardblair Castle (home of the Blair Oliphant family), are a unique challenge at the Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games, held on the historic Ardblair Estate.

Participants must load nine stones, weighing between 18-152 kg (40-335 lbs), sequentially onto whisky butts. This demanding test of strength, endurance, and technique is judged based on speed and successful completion.

The event not only adds excitement but celebrates local heritage.

Reigning World's Strongest Man Tom Stoltman holds the world record: loading all nine stones in 21.81 seconds at the 2019 Games.



The women's World Record currently stands at seven stones, loaded in a remarkable time of 37.14 seconds, also obtained at the 2019 Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games is held by three-time World's Strongest Woman Donna Moore from North Yorkshire.



Ready for the challenge?

Here are our top nine tips for lifting the Ardblair Stones:

1. Stand directly over the stone with your feet on either side
2. Use your legs, not your back, to squat down; don't bend over the stone
3. Put your arms around each side of the stone as far as they will go.
4. You can rock the stone to get your fingers as far beneath it as possible
5. Squeeze your arms into the stone, as though you are trying to crush it using your hands, arms, shoulders and chest
6. Using your legs, pushing down through your heels and keeping your back straight, pull yourself and the stone up
7. For heavier stones, you can lift them into your lap for a moment while in the squatting position to adjust your grip or to catch your breath
8. Try rolling the stone up your chest rather than pushing it up the barrel
9. Don't rush, concentrate on the stone you are lifting and ensuring your technique is the best it can be.

And if you fancy training for the Ardblair Stones challenge, all you need is a smooth stone to practice with.

Charlie Blair Oliphant, Ardblair Stones







REGISTRATION TIMES FOR ENTERING EVENTS

11.00	Highland Dancing	Register at Highland Dancing Area
11.00	Dog Show	Register at Dog Show Area
12.30	The Hill Race	Register at Secretary's Tent

MAIN COMPETITIONS & EVENTS (Located at Centre of Running Track)

10.00	OPEN EVENT - Junior Heavyweights Sponsored by Forthroad 	Light Shot Scots Hammer Throw Weights for Distance Tossing the Caber
11.00	LOCAL EVENT - Heavyweights PHGA League Sponsored by Castle Water 	16lb Shot 16lb Hammer Throw 28lb Weight for Distance Tossing the Caber Light Shot Light Hammer Throw Weights for Distance Tossing the Caber
12.00	<u>GRAND PARADE & OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE HIGHLAND GAMES</u>	
12.30	Chieftain of the Games - Laurence Blair Oliphant of Ardblair & Gask Blairgowrie & Rattray Pipe Band & Ardblair Highlanders Community Tug O War (OPEN TO EVERYONE)	
13:00	Dog Show	
13.00 - 13.15	Blairgowrie & Rattray Pipe Band - Display	
13.10	OPEN EVENT - Hill Race	
13.15	OPEN EVENT - Heavyweights	16lb Shot 16lb Hammer Throw 22lb Shot 22lb Hammer Throw 28lb Weight for Distance
14.15	OPEN EVENT - Tug O War - Heats	
15.00	Massed Pipe Bands - Blairgowrie & Rattray Pipe Band, Stratford Schools Pipe Band	
15.15	OPEN EVENT - Tug O War - Ladies Teams	
15.45	OPEN EVENT - Heavyweights 56lb Weight Over Bar Tossing the Caber Team Tug O War	
17.00	<u>CLOSING OF THE HIGHLAND GAMES - LOWERING OF THE FLAGS WITH PIPES & DRUMS</u>	

MAIN AREA RUNNING TRACK

13.15	YOUTHS EVENTS	90m Sprint - Heats & Final 800m Run - Heats & Final Best Junior Heavy of the Games
	OPEN EVENTS	90m Sprint - Heats & Final 800m Run - Heats & Final 1600m Run - Heats & Final 600m Cycle Race
14.15	YOUTHS EVENTS	200m Sprint - Heats 1600m Cycle Race
	OPEN EVENTS	200m Sprint - Heats 3200m Cycle Race
15.15	YOUTHS EVENTS	200m Sprint - Final 1600m Run
	OPEN EVENTS	200m Sprint - Final 400m Run 3200m Run De'il Tak the Hindmost Cycle Race

PIPING - Sponsored by the CPA

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10.00	OPEN EVENT - SOLO PIPING	CPA - Piobaireachd Senior Piobaireachd Senior Light Music Senior Open Piping Junior Under 18 Light Music
11.30	OPEN EVENT - JUNIOR SOLO PIPING	Solo Piping
13.30	LOCAL EVENT - SOLO PIPING	Solo Piping - Junior Solo Piping - Senior

HIGHLAND DANCING

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10.00 N NTS

Beginners
Novice

14.00 N NTS

Intermediate
Premier
Adults

The Ardblair Stones - At the end of the Main Arena

All Day

Open to everyone- a personal challenge of strength in lifting the stones

The Dog Show - at the end of the Main Arena

11:00

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First runner home wearing a kilt- a bottle of Champagne						
HEAVY EVENTS:						
OPEN:						
THROW LIGHT SHOT	£20	£15	£12	£10	£8	£5
THROW HEAVY SHOT	£20	£15	£12	£10	£8	£5
THROW LIGHT WEIGHT FOR DISTANCE	£20	£15	£12	£10	£8	£5
THROW HEAVY WEIGHT FOR DISTANCE	£20	£15	£12	£10	£8	£5
THROW LIGHT HAMMER	£20	£15	£12	£10	£8	£5
THROW HEAVY HAMMER	£20	£15	£12	£10	£8	£5
CABER TOSS	£20	£15	£12	£10	£8	£5
THROW WEIGHT OVER BAR	£20	£15	£12	£10	£8	£5
TUG O' WAR	£100	£80	£60	£30		
SCOTTISH OPEN						
THROW LIGHT SHOT	£20	£15	£12	£10	£8	£5
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THROW HEAVY HAMMER	£20	£15	£12	£10	£8	£5
CABER TOSS	£20	£15	£12	£10	£8	£5
THROW WEIGHT OVER BAR	£20	£15	£12	£10	£8	£5
LOCAL						
THROW SHOT	£18	£12	£10	£8	£5	
THROW HAMMER	£18	£12	£10	£8	£5	
THROW WEIGHT FOR DISTANCE	£18	£12	£10	£8	£5	
CABER TOSS	£18	£12	£10	£8	£5	
TUG OF WAR	£60	£40	£30	£20		
PERTSHIRE LOCAL						
LOCAL CABER	£15	£12	£10	£8	£6	£4
LIGHT HAMMER	£15	£12	£10	£8	£6	£4
LIGHT SHOT	£15	£12	£10	£8	£6	£4
WEIGHT FOR DISTANCE	£15	£12	£10	£8	£6	£4
JUNIOR HEAVY EVENTS						
LIGHT SHOT	£12	£10	£7	£5	£3	
WEIGHT FOR DISTANCE	£12	£10	£7	£5	£3	
SCOTS HAMMER	£12	£10	£7	£5	£3	
CABER	£12	£10	£7	£5	£3	
RUNNING OPEN						
90M SPRINT	£100	£50	£30	£20	£10	
200M SPRINT	£28	£23	£18	£12	£8	
400M SPRINT	£28	£23	£18	£12	£8	
800M SPRINT	£28	£23	£18	£12	£8	
1600M SPRINT	£28	£23	£18	£12	£8	
3200M SPRINT	£28	£23	£18	£12	£8	
90M YOUTH	£28	£23	£18	£12	£8	
200M YOUTH	£28	£23	£18	£12	£8	
800M YOUTH	£28	£23	£18	£12	£8	
1600M YOUTH	£28	£23	£18	£12	£8	

PIPING	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
OPEN					
CPA-B GRADE	£70	£50	£40	£30	£20
CPA-C GRADE	£40	£30	£25	£20	£15
SENIOR PIOBAIREACHD	£100	£60	£40	£30	
SENIOR MARCH	£40	£30	£25	£20	
SENIOR STRATHSPEY AND REEL	£40	£30	£25	£20	
JUNIOR MARCH (Under 18's)	£20	£15	£10	£5	
JUNIOR STRATHSPEY AND REEL (Under 18's)	£20	£15	£10	£5	
C GRADE OPEN MARCH	£30	£25	£20	£10	
C GRADE OPEN STRATHSPEY AND REEL	£30	£25	£20	£10	
LOCAL					
SENIOR MARCH	£25	£15	£10	£5	
SENIOR STRATHSPEY AND REEL	£25	£15	£10	£5	
JUNIOR MARCH (Under 18's)	£15	£10	£5		
JUNIOR STRATHSPEY AND REEL (Under 18's)	£15	£10	£5		
CYCLING					
800m Open	£28	£23	£18	£12	£8
1600m Open	£28	£23	£18	£12	£8
3200m Open	£28	£23	£18	£12	£8
De'il tak the hindmost	£28	£23	£18	£12	£8
800m Youth Cycle	£18	£14	£10		
1600m Youth Cycle	£18	£14	£10		

HIGHLAND DANCING	
PRIMARY (Age according to entry)	Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Pas de Basques & High Cut Medals
Beginners (Age according to entry)	Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Seann Tribhas, Hullchan, Flora, Lilt Medals
Novices (Age according to entry)	Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Seann Tribhas, Hullchan, Flora, Lilt Medals
Intermediate (9 years and under)	Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Seann Tribhas, Hullchan, Irish Jig, Sailors Hornpipe Medals
Intermediate (12 years and under)	Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Seann Tribhas, Hullchan, Irish Jig, Sailors Hornpipe Medals
Intermediate (15 years and under)	Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Seann Tribhas, Hullchan, Irish Jig, Sailors Hornpipe Medals
Premier (9 years and under)	Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Seann Tribhas, Hullchan, Irish Jig, Sailors Hornpipe
Premier (12 years and under)	Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Seann Tribhas, Hullchan, Irish Jig, Sailors Hornpipe
Premier (15 years and under)	Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Seann Tribhas, Hullchan, Irish Jig, Sailors Hornpipe
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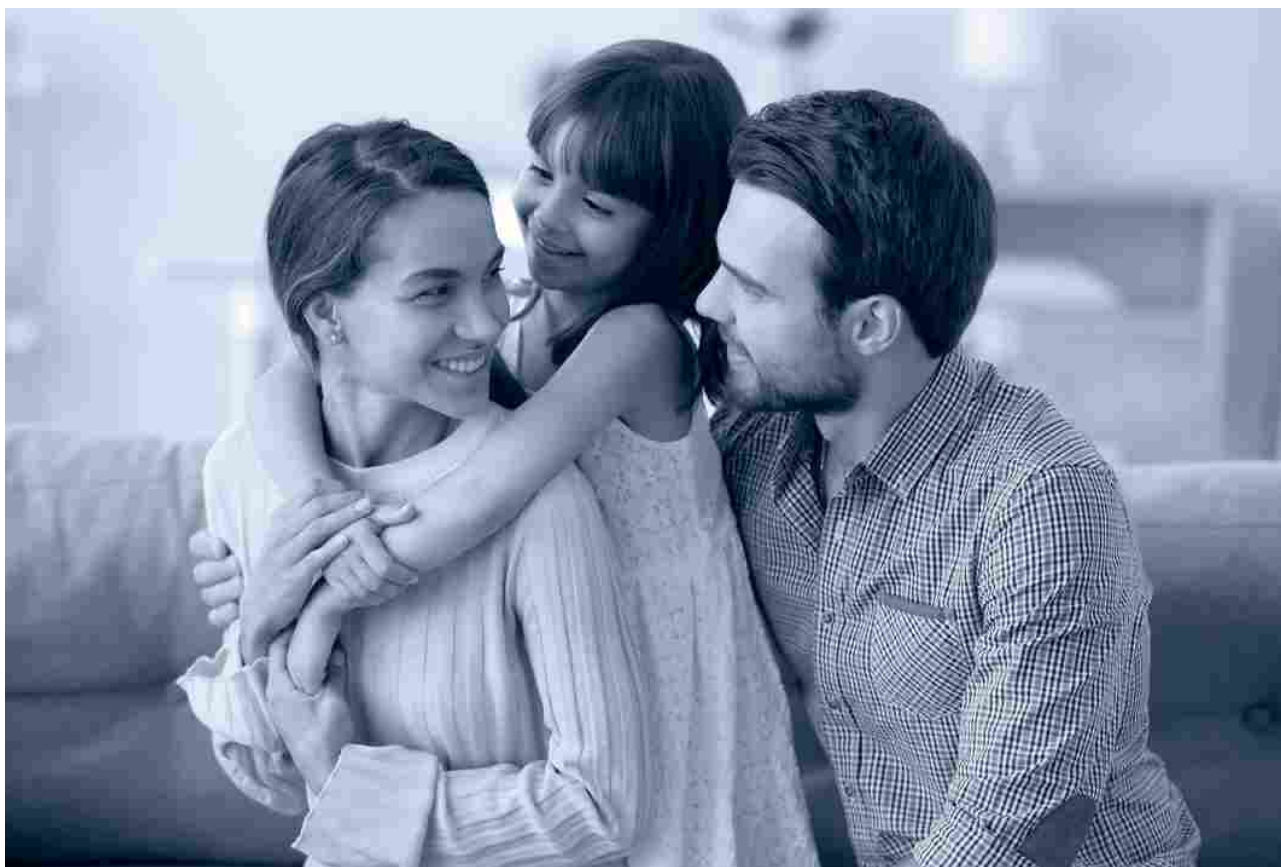
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Young Citizen of the Year



Milly Muir



Milly Muir is one of the co-founders of 'Curtains Up' Amateur Drama Youth Group affiliated to Blairgowrie Players. With them she has acted, sung and danced for many years. However, Milly went one step further to help establish a youth group, under the Players umbrella. She has now successfully directed one-act Festival plays, winning through to the next round. Her latest achievement, in June this year, was co-directing with another young member of the group, the popular musical, "Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat", which was hailed a great success. She is conscientious, dedicated, kind and considerate. Despite many serious health issues over the years, she has remained a constant source of inspiration. She thoroughly deserves to be "Young Citizen of the Year"



Citizen of the Year

Helen Stewart



Despite her own challenges this year, Helen Stewart ("wee Helen") remains an incredible beacon of positivity. Her infectious smile lights up the room the moment she arrives! Selflessly, she always focuses on others – never complaining, just radiating kindness and bringing thoughtful gifts (even from Blackpool!).

A true community hero, she's shaved her head for charity and tirelessly collects raffle prizes as our "Raffle Queen." This little pocket rocket constantly goes above and beyond for others, always with a cheerful wave and smile that brightens everyone's day.

Helen's unwavering spirit, selflessness, and dedication make her the absolute embodiment of a "Citizen of the Year." She truly deserves this recognition – an inspiration to us all!

Volunteer Community Group of the Year

Blairgowrie & Rattray in Bloom



Blairgowrie and Rattray in Bloom currently has 20 hardworking and enthusiastic volunteers, including a committee of 9, who come out to work on the beds and planters around town for a couple of hours each week. Our aim is to improve the quality of the environment and the appearance of the town for both the inhabitants and visitors, year round. The group has been in existence for 47 years and in 2022 were Gold Medal winners with Beautiful Scotland and winner of the Garden for Life Biodiversity Award.

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If you are interested in learning more about Rotary in general, or Blairgowrie & District Rotary in particular, please contact our Secretary:

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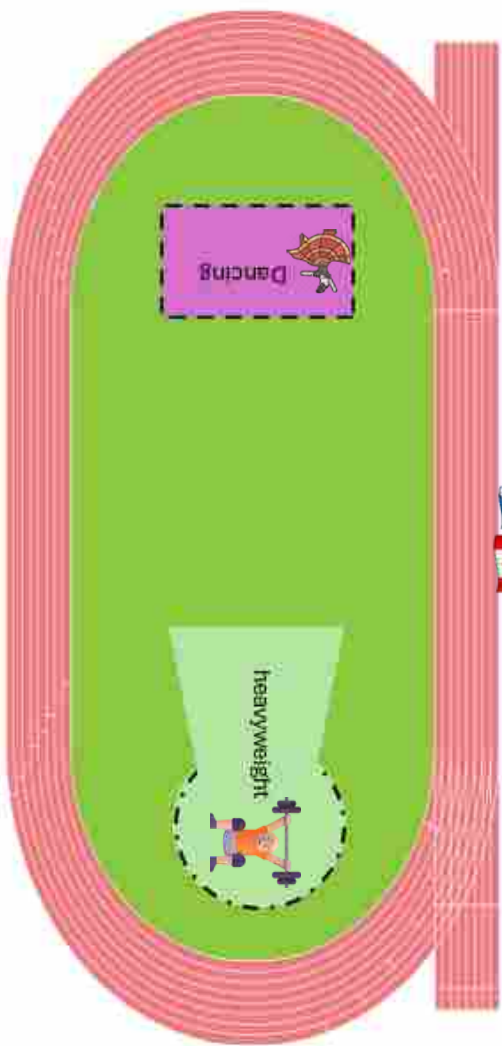
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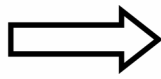
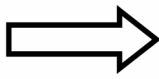
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