

# Mallaig and Morar Games b



Top, Morar's Fraser Davis, right, receives the Morar Motors Trophy from Ben MacDonald for winning the men's sprint; above, Robyn MacDonald, right, receives the Ian MacDonald Trophy for her 100m triumph, presented by Margaret Henderson; right, piper Allan MacKenzie played Morar Song to commemorate Donnie MacLellan.



American Scott Hutchison, right, receives his trophy from games chief Colin Buchanan after winning the heavy events.

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The Mallaig and Morar Highland Games basked in rare and glorious sunshine as it entertained the crowds at Morar's Lovat Memorial Field on Sunday August 6.

Enjoying the fine weather by the coast, visitors from near and far enjoyed a wealth of attractions including traditional piping, Highland dancing, heavy events, and a variety of races.

These were complemented by laser clay pigeon shooting, a high jump competition, tug of war, and the chance to try one's hand at tossing the caber.

A bouncy castle and inflatable slide were laid on for children, whilst a selection of local food, drink and stalls was also available.

The games had also hosted a ceilidh the previous night, attracting around 200 people.

Activities on Sunday afternoon were officially opened by games chieftain Tearlach MacFarlane, as well as a performance by the Mallaig, Ardnamurchan and District Pipe Band.

As the afternoon came towards a close, piper Allan MacKenzie played two tribute pieces, including Morar Song in memory of games stalwart Donnie MacLellan.

A new trophy, the Donnie MacLellan Mile Trophy, was also created for this year.

Speaking during the event, Colin Buchanan, chairperson of the Mallaig and Morar Highland Games, said the games



Highland dancers compete on the games stage.

had lived up to its hope of being a friendly games.

He added: "We have a fantastic competition this year with about 32 dancers and 16 pipers. It is nothing without the competitors and the people who come to enjoy it.

"I would like to thank the chieftain, Tearlach

MacFarlane, a fairly legendary figure known for his knowledge of Gaelic culture. I obviously want to thank all the helpers because this doesn't happen without them. I would like to thank the Mallaig, Ardnamurchan and District Pipe Band and the sponsors. And the sun is shining for the first time in a long time, so I don't know who to thank for that!"

Tearlach MacFarlane, the chieftain of the games, said: "It has been a perfect day with, I think, a record turn out and high standards of pipe music and athletic events, and a meeting of many friends."

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There were plenty of treats on offer at the various stalls.

Left, the dance champions at the Mallaig and Morar Highland Games.



Hector Finlayson picked up a trio of piping awards at the Mallaig and Morar Highland Games.



Feeling the strain during tug-o-war, above left; and above right, runners of all ages gave it all they had in the relay race. Photographs: Ian Ferguson, alba photos



Above, Inverlochty heavy athlete David Hart took the local athlete awards; and right, Laura Robertson performs in the junior piping competition. Photographs: Ian Ferguson, alba photos

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The Mallaig, Ardnamurchan and District Pipe Band leads the procession into the games field. Photographs: Ian Ferguson, alba photos



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