

Carmunnock Highland Games

Saturday 14th August 1982 at 1pm

**International Athletes World Class Dancers
Pipe Band Tug o' War**

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Local Events

Admission by Programme

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PARTICIPANTS

Douglas Edmunds Scotland — Carmunnock's own Former World Caber Tossing Champ, Scottish Shot Putt champion.

Geoff Capes England — Former European Shot Putt record holder and winner of European strongest man contest.

Grant Anderson Scotland — Current World Caber Tossing Champion.

Bill Anderson M.B.E. Scotland — World Heavy Events Champion in Australia, April '81; holds World Record for throwing Scots Hammer (see Guinness Book of Records).

Fred Vaughan U.S.A. — American Heavy Events Champion.

Hamish Davidson Scotland — 28lb. distance record holder, Scottish shot putt record holder.

Bob Dale Scotland — British International Shot Putter.

Dancers: Jean Swanston (Former World Champion).
Marie Imlar (Winner of Cowal Games Gold Medal).

Chieftain: Gordon Shaw.

Commentator: David Webster.

Referee: Iain McPherson.

Organiser: Gus Scotson.

Organisation Group: Gavin Lessells
Colin Henley

Douglas Edmunds
Willie Wilson.

SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES

Welcome to Carmunnock Highland Games, and may we introduce you to the "whirl" of the kilt and the "skirl" of the pipes in a festival of traditional Scottish athletics, dancing and music.

Each summer, about 80 Highland gatherings or games take place in Scotland. These are not merely contests of strength and grace, but meeting places for old friends, and in many cases the main social event for many little towns throughout the Highlands.

Because of the variety of attractions offered, the games have grown in popularity, and have spread worldwide, not only among the Scots but also with other nationalities. They are popular throughout the USA, Canada, Australia, and have also taken place in Indonesia, Sweden, Japan, the Bahamas, Zambia and elsewhere.

The history of the Highland Games can be traced over a thousand years to Scotland's ancient clans. These clans or families were mainly independent, being isolated from each other by steep mountain ranges dividing glens or valleys. They would meet only for war or trade. The original Games emanated from these gatherings of the clans, in contests to find the strongest and most agile for leadership on the battlefield, or to settle disputes, or to celebrate the "toasting" of friends during market days.

The events themselves reflect the origin and culture of the Scots. For example, the Sword Dance is the victory dance performed over a slain enemy; the Highland Fling represents a Scottish deer, the hands held over the head to represent the antlers; and the Seann Triubhas represents a mockery of the "Trews" forced on the Scottish regiments in place of the kilt, after the Scottish defeat by the English following the 1745 Rebellion.

The implements used in the Heavy events are related to old Scottish rural activities. Farm produce was measured in hundredweights, and the same measures are now used in throwing the 56lb weight over the bar (1/2 cwt) and in throwing the 28lb weight for distance (1/4 cwt).

Throwing the Hammer can easily be identified with the sledge hammer

used for knocking in fence posts. Putting the Shot originated from throwing the rounded stones out of fast flowing Scottish burns. Tossing the Caber started in hilly pine forests, with woodsmen tossing the tree trunks down to the rivers below.

We have invited some of the world's best heavy-weight athletes to Carmunnock, with the sponsorship of Scottish Farm Dairy Foods Ltd., and hope to make the first games a truly memorable occasion.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

1.00pm	PIPE BAND		
1.15pm	Opening ceremony		<i>Dances</i>
1.30pm	Shot Putt	Tug O' War (Heats)	Hullachan Oer the Water to Charlie
2.00pm	28lb weight for distance	Local Race	S/Triubhas
		PIPE BAND	
2.50pm	Mini Caber (open)	Tug O' War (semi-final)	Swords Blue Bonnets Over the Border
3.20pm	Caber		Wilt though go to the Barracks, Johnnie
3.50pm	Carmunnock Challenge Caber		Scottish Lilt
4.10pm	Throwing Hammer for distance	Tug O' War Final	Highland Fling Sailors Hornpipe
4.50pm	56lb weight (Height)		
5.30pm	Presentations		Jig Various local dancers

GEOFF WINS WORLD TITLE

"A day to remember" was the verdict following the Carmunnock Highland Games on Saturday which this year included the first official world heavy events championship to be held in Scotland.

Thousands of people turned out in the sunshine to watch top heavy weight athletes including Bill Kazmaier, the holder of the World's Strongest Man title, Chris Okonkwo of Nigeria, the Nigerian shot-putting and weight lifting champion and Geoff Capes of England, holder of the Europe's Strongest Man title, bid for the World Heavy Events title.

As the competitions got underway, Geoff Capes took an early lead, taking the maximum points from the first three events and at the end it was Geoff who carried off the title with a points total of 72½.

The athletes who competed provided great entertainment for the crowds, as they worked their way through the tough traditional programme of Highland Games events.

CONTENDERS

Others competing in the World championship event were Grant Anderson of Scotland, the last holder of the title, Dr Doug Edmunds of Carmunnock, the winner of the world caber tossing championship in 1976 and 1978, Bill Anderson of Scotland, current world record holder for the 16 lb and 22 lb hammer, Hamish Davidson of Scotland, world record holder for throwing the 28 lb weight, Dave Harrington of Canada, the Canadian heavy events champion, Fred Vaughan of America, holder of the American record for throwing the 28 lb weight, Colin Mathieson of Australia, a major prizewinner in Indonesia and Hawaii, and the "mystery" late entry, Tom Carmichael.

And even after the world title had been won the excitement continued when Bill Kazmaier who, despite being the World's Strongest Man three times,



Just some of the beautiful Highland dancers who entertained the crowds at the Carmunnock Highland Games. (Z30)

only finished eight out of the 11 contestants, attempted to break the world record for throwing the 56 lb weight over the bar for height.

RECORD

The current stands at 16 feet 9½ inches to Geoff Capes and he keeps the title as Bill Kazmaier just missed breaking the world record.

Three times, he sent the half-hundredweight stone soaring high above the bar, but each time it failed to cross the bar so the record stills stands, and the \$1,000 prize for breaking the record was not collected. Bill did however, win the event when he cleared 16 feet six inches and beat Geoff Capes into second place.

PIPERS

The crowd gathered closer and packed the stands as Bill attempted his record breaking throw and everyone was delighted when he requested that a piper come into the arena and play for him.

Local pipers Charlie Sim and John McAlpine kindly obliged and played a medley of Scottish songs to encourage Bill.

Other events at the games, included an open tug-of-war tournament, a solo piping competition and Scottish Highland dancing from Christine Lacy, current world champion, and Jean Swanson, former world champion. Musical entertainment was provided during the day by the Rutherglen and Helensburgh Pipe Band and the 278th Netherlee Boys' Brigade pipe band.

CHIEFTAIN

Chieftain of the Games was Glasgow's Lord Provost, Dr Michael Kelly, who officially opened the event.

To keep everyone up to date with what was happening in the arena, David Webster, Director of Leisure and Recreation with Cunninghame District Council provided an entertaining commentary all day.

The Games were sponsored by the Scottish

Milk Marketing Board and West of Scotland Dairies and promoted by the Carmunnock Village Recreation Club in conjunction with the Scottish Games Association and Glasgow Sports Promotion Council.

The success of the Games was summed up by Mr Gus Scotsion, organiser of the event, who said: "We couldn't have had a better day for Carmunnock Highland Games and I must thank everyone involved in making the Games such a success".

In addition to the world title competitions and the attempt at a world record, there was plenty of sideshows and other attractions to keep the whole family entertained.

PRIZES

Many of the stalls offered prizes and local winners in the prize draw organised by Carmunnock Village Club were Barry Hood of 154 Hillend Crescent, Clarkston who won a Raleigh Spider bike and Graham McQuaker of Carmunnock who won a portable television.



As the competitions got under way the crowds gathered round the arena for the Carmunnock Highland Games.

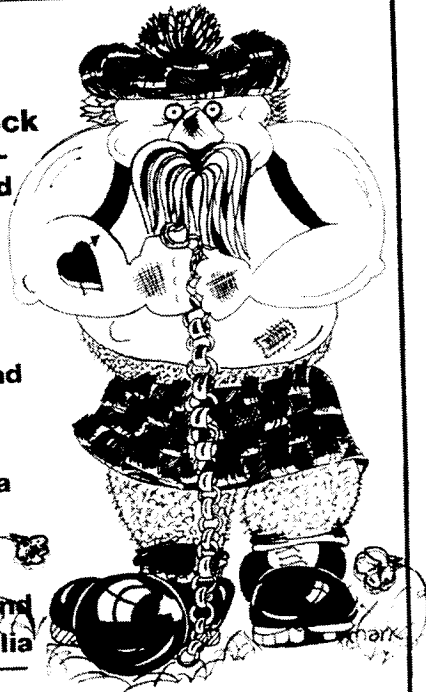
The Mercury ran a "Lucky Mercury" competition and the winners were: Angela and Charmaine Pollok of Wellknowe Avenue, Thortonhall; Barry Pollok, West Avenue, Carluke; Fraser Sim, Bankhead Road, Carmunnock; Mrs P. Chambers, Friarton Road, Glasgow; Mr A. Martin, Mill Street, Paisley; Mrs A. McCulloch, Syndham Court, Hyndland; Helen and Donna Clark, Bankhead Road, Carmunnock; Lesley Sneddon, East Kilbride Road, East Kilbride; Mrs Little, Bankhead Road, Glasgow; James Murray, Busby Road, Clarkston; Mrs L. Rudden, Glencroft Road, Croftfoot; G. Twaddle, Waterbank Farm, Carmunnock; David McCarthy, Kilvaxter Drive, Arden; Morag Ross, Clydeford Road, Cambuslang and Jane Small, Dunmure Drive, Newton Mearns.

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Spotlight on the Carmunnock Games

Sunny success

Champion Capes sets a throwing record

The organisers of the Carmunnock Highland Games promised the biggest and best Games yet but the events on Saturday surpassed even their expectations!

An estimated crowd of 15,000 packed into Carmunnock village in the scorching sunshine in the battle of the giants for the Caledonian Astraseal World Heavy Events Championship title.

The heavy events athletes taking part had come from places as far apart as the Netherlands, Iceland and America to compete in the Games, whose reputation grows each year.

There was more than four hours of gruelling competition and a ground record was broken in the 28lb weight distance event when Geoff Capes threw an unbelievable 89 feet, 4 inches.

For the first time in the history of the Carmunnock Games, there was a three way tie for first place in the 56lb weight over the bar when Icelander Sigmarsson and Americans Brady and McGoldrick all finished at 16 feet. Capes and Anderson tied on 15 feet 6 inches.

By the end of the competition, Geoff Capes was the winner, clearly delighted

that he had beaten the man who had robbed him of his World's Strongest Man title, Jon Pall Sigmarsson.

Jon Fall, the darling of the crowds, finished the competition in a disappointing eighth place but the following day, he beat Capes and the rest of the field in the World Muscle Power Championships in East Kilbride.

Finishing the day at Carmunnock in second place was Jim McGoldrick from America, followed by fellow American Kevin Brady, relegated to fourth place was last year's winner Grant Anderson of Scotland.

The unanimous view of the athletes was that Carmunnock Games were the most competitive they had been to. The field was very strong, with any athlete capable of winning on the day.

Chieftain for the Games was Brigadier Jock Balharrie, Chairman of the International Gathering Trust, who took over the job only a week previous when the chosen Chieftain, Sean Connery, sent a telex saying that filming commitments meant he would

be unable to make the Games.

Brigadier Balharrie commented that, despite the poor response to the International Gathering of the Clans, the Carmunnock Highland Games made the trip worthwhile and really had done the City proud.



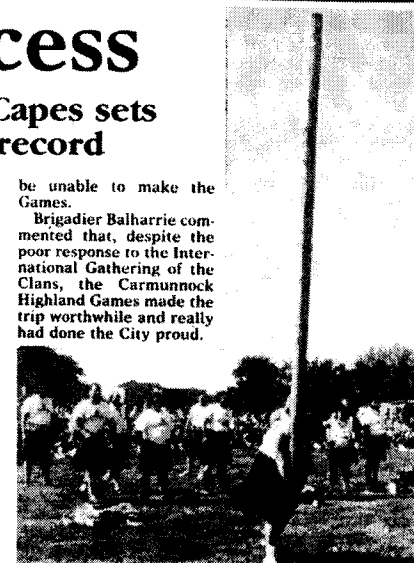
ABOVE — Mercury staff with their promotional caravan at the Games. The competitions attracted a lot of interest. (P4)



RIGHT — Some of the heavyweight competitors have a bit of fun before the games fitting a double-glazed window — courtesy of Astraseal. They are (l to r) Rudi Kuster, Jim McGoldrick, Huub Van Eck, Simon Wulfse, Dr Doug Edmonds, sports promoter whose house the athletes visited — Jon Pall Sigmarsson, Bill Dunn and Kevin Brady. (P5)



RIGHT — Carmunnock Primary School had a stall, ably attended by these ladies. (P6)



TOP — It's tough enough competing in the heavy events on a scorching hot day without having the added 'weighty' problem of tossing a caber. The anxious looks on the faces of the competitors tells its own story, with only four out of the field of 12 managing to correctly toss the caber. (P3)

ABOVE — Call them the happy Games... as this group of people at the Carmunnock Playgroup Tom-bola stall show. (P8)



Competition may have been hot for the competitors... but it was just as hot for the spectators, who thoroughly enjoyed both the Games and the scorching sunshine. (P7)