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**WELCOME FROM THE GMSA**

Failte a'h-uile duine! Welcome everyone! Pjila'si et bienvenue!

**W**e're delighted you're joining us for the 20th annual Greater Moncton Highland Games & Scottish Festival - and the 2026 Men's Masters Championships for the Canadian Scottish Athletic Federation!

The Greater Moncton Scottish Association strives to shine a light on what Scottish culture and its people have brought to our province in terms of music, literature, innovation, and our pioneering spirit. We work to uphold our connections to the past and to create new traditions and relationships that reflect our role in Greater Moncton's increasingly diverse cultural landscape.

In addition to our annual Highland Games & Scottish Festival, we host a Robert Burns Day celebration, a Christmas Highland Dance Competition, various concerts and community events, and contribute to a bursary fund for those members wishing to explore and expand their Scottish studies.

We thank you for joining us and encourage you to stop by the GMSA tent in Clan Alley to learn more about our organization. Enjoy the Games!



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## FULL SCHEDULE

# 20th annual Greater Moncton Highland Games & Scottish Festival

**ALL EVENTS ARE FREE TO THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND!**

### TUESDAY, JUNE 9

- Flag Raising at Moncton City Hall 11am
- Free Concert with Dunnett School of Highland Dance and lupin at Riverview's Gazebo 6:30pm

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

- Flag Raising at Riverview Town Hall 11am
- Free Concert with lupin in Riverview 7pm

### THURSDAY, JUNE 11

- Heavy Events 'giv'er a try' workshop 6pm
- Free Concert with RCMP Pipes & Drums and Sons of Gael in Salisbury's Highland Park 7pm

### FRIDAY, JUNE 12

- Comedian Bruce Fummey's Scotland Made the World at Empress Theatre 7pm

### SATURDAY, JUNE 13

- Highland Dance: Primary, Beginner, Novice, & Demonstration 8am-Noon
- Individual Piping & Drumming Competitions 9am-Noon
- Heavy Athletics & CSAF Championships 9am-5pm
- 5KM Tartan Run 10am
- Demonstrations, Wagon Rides, HEMA competition, & more 10am-5pm
- Highland Dance: Intermediate & Premier 12-4pm
- Ceilidh Tent entertainment begins 12:30pm
- Pipe Band Competitions 1-4pm
- Massed Bands & Closing Ceremonies 5:30pm
- Ceilidh Tent: Farragie / Corsa 6-9pm



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On behalf of the Government of Canada, I wish everyone a fabulous weekend of entertainment, friendly competition, food and fun at the 2026 Greater Moncton Highland Games and Scottish Festival!

*Au nom du gouvernement du Canada, je souhaite à tous un fabuleux week-end de divertissement, de compétition amicale, de nourriture et de plaisir aux Jeux des Highlands et Festival écossais de 2026!*



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# Demonstrations, Displays, & More!

**T**hroughout the Highland Games site you'll find nearly two dozen displays and demonstrations taking place alongside our competitions and entertainment. Here's a sampling of what you'll find!

- Clan Alley
- Horse & Wagon rides
- Blacksmithing
- Fly tying & casting
- Sheep dog herding
- Weaving
- Maritime Sword School
- Resurgo Place
- Musée acadien de l'Université de Moncton
- Face painting
- Bouncy castles
- Dairy Farmers of New Brunswick and Moonique
- Calum Lykan, Scottish Storyteller



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# Highland Dance Competition & Demonstration

**H**ighland Dancing has been part of Scottish culture for centuries, evolving from traditional folk dances into its modern competition form. We're honoured to have had many provincial, national, and international champion dancers join us over the years. Encouraging new dancers to grow their confidence is important, so we offer a demonstration opportunity for those ages three and older who don't yet compete to perform.

Our judge for 2026 is Loren Macklin Kitchen from Cobourg, Ontario. She's been involved with Highland dance for more than 40 years, as well as being an accomplished musical theatre performer/director/choreographer, teacher, and faculty at Trent University. Loren was a World Finalist in both the Junior and Adult World Championships, represented Ontario and British Columbia at the Canadian Championships, was part of Team Canada performing for the Queen in her Jubilee year at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, and danced in the Brisbane Energex Tattoo in Australia.

- Primary, Beginner, and Novice Registration at 8:30am.
- Primary dancing starts at 9am; Primary dancers will complete their dances before Beginner and Novice start. Awards for Primary are presented immediately following the Beginner and Novice Fling.
- Beginner and Novice dancing starts immediately following Primary dances.
- Demonstration event follows the completion of the morning dancing, prior to awards.
- Intermediate and Premier registration starts at 11:30am. Dancing will start at approximately 12:30 pm (after completion of the morning awards).

The Greater Moncton Scottish Association presents two perpetual trophies for dance. The Ferris Leanne Tweedie Memorial Trophy is presented to the top pre-Premier Dancer of the Day and The Wallace and Corena Tweedie Memorial Trophy to the top Premier Dancer of the Day.

Full dance programs available at the Dance Tent; \$5 cash, while supplies last.



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Primary	16 Pas de Basques	Pas de Basques & High Cuts	Fling (4)	Sword (2+1)
Beginner / Novice	Fling (4)	Sword (2+1)	Seann Triubhas (3+1)	Half Hullachan (4)
Intermediate	Fling (4)	Half Hullachan (4)	Barracks (4)	Scottish Lilt (4)
Premier (under 12)	Fling (4)	Strathspey & Reel of Tulloch	Earl of Erroll (4)	Scottish Lilt (4)
Premier (12 & over)	Fling (6)	Strathspey & Reel of Tulloch	Earl of Erroll (4)	Scottish Lilt (4)

# Pipe Band Competition

**T**he music of the Great Highland bagpipes dates to at least the 1400s in Scotland, with today's military pipe band roots found in the 19th century. The Greater Moncton Highland Games is pleased to host solo drum and bagpipe competitions, as well as pipe band competitions. There are opportunities for beginner to advanced competition, with categories from practice chanter and drum pad up to Grade One Piobaireachd.

The Greater Moncton Scottish Association awards the Merrill Henderson Trophy to the Pipe Band of the Day.

Don't miss the Games' closing ceremonies, including the Massed Bands performance, on the Parade Square at the conclusion of Saturday's competitions (approximately 5:30pm).



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## ENTERTAINMENT

Join us under the Ceilidh Tent for a toe tappin' good time! Throughout the afternoon you'll enjoy some of New Brunswick's finest traditional Scottish entertainers – and be sure to plan on staying after the closing ceremonies for more tunes under the tent!

### OUR 2026 CEILIDH TENT LINE UP:

- 12:30pm - Fingal's Rant
- 1:30pm - Sara & James Nelson
- 2:30pm - Patricia Murray
- 3:30pm - Lupin
- 4:30pm - Dahliah Ave.
- 6:30pm - Farragie
- 7:30pm - Corsa



Thanks to those who performed in our community concerts throughout the week, including Prosser Brook, the New Brunswick RCMP Pipes & Drums, Dunnet School of Highland Dance, and Sons of Gael.



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# THE HEAVY EVENTS

**T**hese events are considered to be one of the oldest, continuing athletic traditions in the world, second only to Japanese Sumo wrestling. Scottish heavy athletics date

back centuries in Scotland, derived from both everyday farm life and military training. The heavy events at any Highland Games generally include several throws and tosses of varying objects and weights.

**STONES:** Two styles: The "Open Stone" (where competitors are allowed to move their feet), and the "Braemar Stone" where the competitor must throw from a standing position.

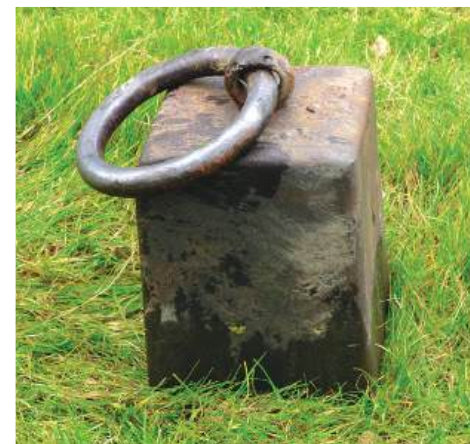
**HAMMERS:** The hammer is a lead ball attached to a handle. Starting out slow, building speed as they go, the competitor swings the hammer around their head releasing it "blind" over the shoulder. Watch for some unique "foot-wear" in this event.

**CABER TOSS:** There is nothing more awe inspiring than to watch a person pick up a twenty-foot log, settle it into their hands, then run and flip it end for end. Cabers all vary in size, generally from 17 to 21 feet in length and weighing from 100-180lbs.

**WEIGHTS FOR DISTANCE:** The weight is held in one hand as the athlete spins around. The weight will build tremendous energy leading up to its release.

**WEIGHT OVER BAR (WOB):** The weight is swung with one hand between the legs and then thrown up and over a bar landing just behind the athlete.

**SHEAF TOSS:** The athlete must "pitch" a stuffed burlap bag up and over a horizontal bar using a pitchfork.



## Heavy Athletics & 2026 CSAF Men's Masters Chamionships

**T**he Greater Moncton Scottish Association is thrilled to have been chosen to host the Canadian Scottish Athletic Federation 2026 Men's Masters Championships - making us the first Highland Games in Canada to have

hosted every heavy athletic championship! Participation in the championships is based on invitations issued by the CSAF. These divisions will be competing throughout the day, alongside our annual competition.



**Wishing  
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Wishing participants and visitors to the 2026 Greater Moncton Highland Games & Scottish Festival a fun filled and successful event!

Nous souhaitons aux participants et aux visiteurs des Jeux et festival écossais du Grand Moncton 2026 un événement rempli de plaisir et de succès!



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Good luck to all participants of the Highland Games & Scottish Festival of Greater Moncton 2026!

Bonne chance à tous les participants du Festival et les jeux écossais du Grand Moncton 2026 !

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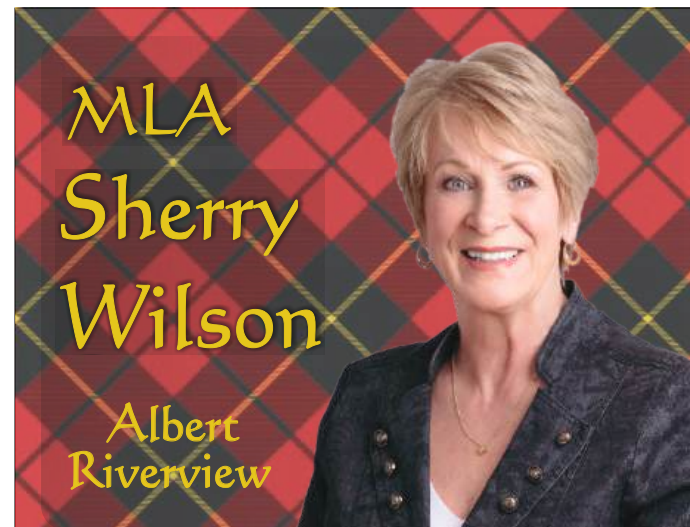


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Wishing all athletes the best of luck!



Best wishes to all who gather to celebrate the Greater Moncton Highland Games and Scottish festival this year.

Thank you for sharing your heritage of music, games, and competitions with our community. I wish you all good fortune!

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## Organizing Committee & Executive

**W**e thank the membership and community who step up to help organize this event, including ScotDance New Brunswick, the Atlantic Canada Pipe Band Association, the New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association, the Canadian Scottish Athletic Federation, Riverview Kegs & Legs, and our municipal, provincial, and federal partners. A special thanks to those who volunteer during the festival and throughout its planning.

Steve Tweedie, outgoing GMSA President

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