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A special thank you to Angela Peter-Paul for allowing the use of some of her images in this program.

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The Greater Moncton Highland Games & Scottish Festival would not be possible without the generous support and partnership of the City of Moncton staff and council.

Les Jeux et du festival écossais du Grand Moncton ne seraient pas possibles sans le généreux soutien et le partenariat du personnel et du conseil de la Ville de Moncton.



We acknowledge the financial support of the Government of Canada.



Nous reconnaissons l'appui financier du gouvernement du Canada.

WELCOME FROM THE GMSA

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

We're delighted you're joining us for the 19th annual Greater Moncton Highland Games & Scottish Festival - and the 2025 Women's 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!



PHOTO BY MATTHEW BLOOM 2024



We are grateful to have many partners helping make this event possible, including the Province of New Brunswick, the Town of Riverview, the Town of Salisbury, and Downtown Moncton Centreville Inc.



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FULL SCHEDULE

19th annual Greater Moncton Highland Games & Scottish Festival

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE TO THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND!

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

- Flag Raising at Moncton City Hall 11am
- Opening Concert at Victoria Park 7pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

- Flag Raising at Riverview Town Hall 11am
- Community Concert at Riverview Gazebo 7pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

- Community Concert at Salisbury Amphitheatre 7pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

- Heavy Events ‘giv’er a try’ workshop 6pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

- Gates open 7:45am
- Highland Dance: Primary, Beginner, Novice, & Demonstration 8am-Noon
- Individual Piping & Drumming Competitions 9am-Noon
- Heavy Athletics & CSAF Championships 9am-5pm
- 5KM Tartan Run 10:30am
- Highland Dance: Intermediate & Premier 12-4pm
- Ceilidh Tent opens 12:30pm
- Pipe Band Competition 1-4pm
- Massed Bands & Closing Ceremonies 5:30pm
- Ceilidh Tent: Dram & A Draw / Morgan Toney 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 2025 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 2025!



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Demonstrations, Displays, & More!

Throughout 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
- Archery
- Fly tying & casting
- Sheep dog herding
- Sheep shearing
- Weaving
- Maritime Sword School
- Resurgo Place
- Musée acadien de l'Université de Moncton
- Petting Zoo with Highland Cows
- Face painting
- Bouncy castles



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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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Wishing participants and visitors to the 2025 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 2025 un événement rempli de plaisir et de succès!

Highland Dance Competition & Demonstration

Highland 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 this year is Cheryl Rafter of Vancouver, BC. Cheryl's first competition was at the age of four in Edmonton; since then she has competed and won regional, national, and international championships and taught dancers who've done the same. She's a Life Member of the SDTA and a member of the RSOBHD Judges' Panel since 1980. Cheryl has served as President of ScotDance Canada since 2017, and is one of the core committee members bringing SDCCS 2026 to Moncton in July 2026, the 50th anniversary of the Canadian Championships. We are thrilled to have her with us and to watch the continued growth of this cultural sport.

- Primary, Beginner, and Novice Registration at 8am.
- Primary dancing starts at 8:30am; 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 12pm. 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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Hon/L'hon. Claire Johnson



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**Good luck to all participants of the
Highland Games & Scottish Festival of Greater Moncton 2025!**

**Bonne chance à tous les participants du
Festival et les jeux écossais du Grand Moncton 2025 !**

Pipe Band Competition

The 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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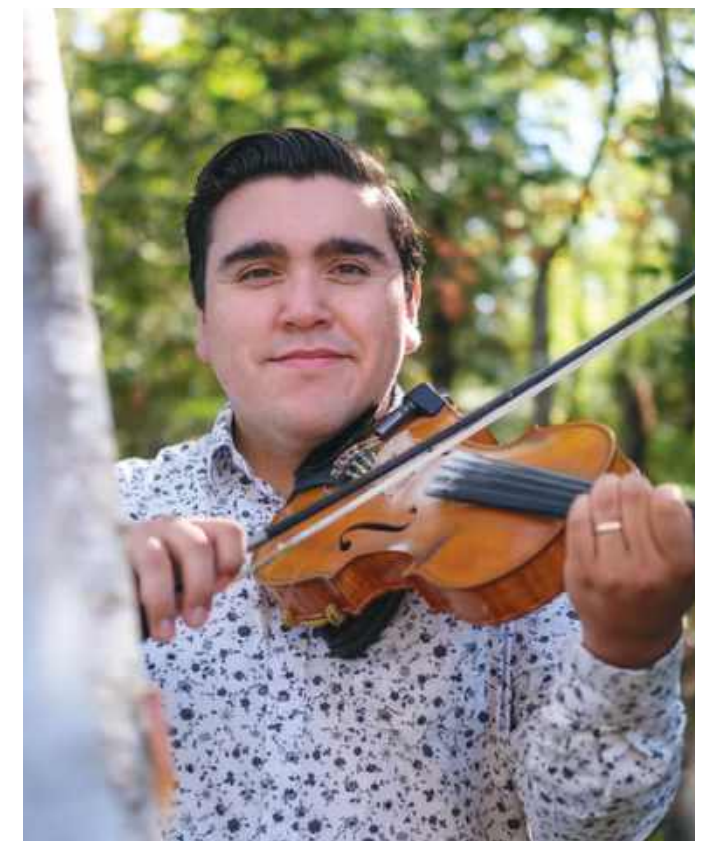


ENTERTAINMENT

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 featured acts for 2025 include Sons of Gael, Fundy Ceilidh, lupin, Dram and a Draw, and Morgan Toney.

Thanks to those who performed in our community concerts through the week, including Sara & James Nelson, the RCMP Pipes & Drums New Brunswick, Ivan & Vivian Hicks, the Dunnett School of Highland Dance, and Allan Laity.



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THE HEAVY EVENTS

These 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.

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.

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.

WEIGHT OVER BAR (WOB):

The weight is swung with one hand between legs and then thrown up and over a bar landing just behind the athlete.

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.

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



Heavy Athletics & 2025 CSAF Women's Championships

The Greater Moncton Scottish Association is thrilled to have been chosen to host the Canadian Scottish Athletic Federation 2025 Women's Championships - for Youth (ages 13-16), Juniors (ages 17-19), Women (ages 20-39),

Masters (ages 40-59), and Masters (ages 60+). Participation in these championships is based on invitations issued by the CSAF. These divisions will be competing throughout the day, alongside our annual competition.

2025 CSAF WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Meet your Youth (ages 13-16) & Juniors (ages 17-19) competitors!

WOMEN'S YOUTH	
NAME	PROVINCE
Bella MacLean	New Brunswick
Kit MacLean	New Brunswick
Arihanna Rouse	Nova Scotia
Carlie Chute	Nova Scotia
Isabella Duncan	Nova Scotia
Jemyha Leigh Pelton	Nova Scotia
Jesse Thompson	Nova Scotia



WOMEN'S JUNIOR	
NAME	PROVINCE
Abby Wells	Ontario
Vanessa Meisner	Nova Scotia



2025 CSAF WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Meet your competitors (ages 20-39)!

NAME	PROVINCE
Alexis Johnson	Alberta
Alisha Thompson	Alberta
Jamie Clarke	Alberta
Banyan Lehman	Ontario
Celine Freeman-Gibb	Ontario
Kaitlyn Murphy	New Brunswick
Erinn Doyle	Prince Edward Island
Elizabeth King	Nova Scotia
Jen Bishop	Nova Scotia



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2025 CSAF WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Meet your Masters (ages 40-59) competitors!

NAME	PROVINCE
Alison Gaul	British Columbia
Christie Hall	British Columbia
Connie Larose	British Columbia
Estelle Matheson	British Columbia
Amanda Farrell Walsh	Ontario
Becky Innes	Ontario
Lisa MacDonald	Ontario
Wendy McCrea	New Brunswick
Patty Charlton	Nova Scotia



2025 CSAF WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Meet your Masters (ages 60+) competitors!

NAME	PROVINCE
Pamela Turnbull	British Columbia





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- Steve Tweedie, GMSA President
- Bruce Stewart, GMSA Treasurer
- Parker Elliott, Sponsorships & Volunteers/GMSA Past President
- Bryan MacLean, Athletic Director/GMSA Director
- Sarah Lesperance, Highland Dance Coordinator
- Alex Morton, day-of Piping & Drumming Coordinator
- Tosh Taylor, 5K Run Coordinator
- Murray MacLean, Clans Coordinator/GMSA Director
- Betty MacLean, GMSA Vice-President
- Susan Atkinson, GMSA Secretary
- Mary Catherine Dunnet, GMSA Director
- Jenna Morton, GMSA Executive Director/Games Manager



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GREATER MONCTON SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

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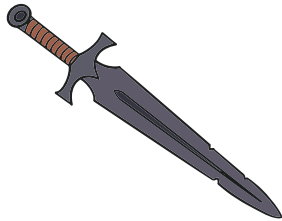









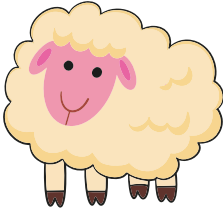


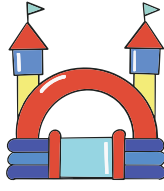

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Membership Type:

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