

Turakina Caledonian Highland Games Results

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A fine piping recital from 'Gold Medalist' Richard Hawke of Christchurch followed by the exciting band 'Ben the Hoose' concluded a great day's events at the 145th Turakina Highland Games on Saturday. The Evan and Joy McLean Memorial Scholarship recipient was in the Scottish Official Board dancing, Elysha-Rose Grant of Onga Onga. In the Piping and Dancing Association dancing the recipients were Aleisha Cotton of Feilding and Brighid Blackman of Tauranga. In the solo piping the overall champion and North Island Championship Open Strathspey and Reel winner was Stuart Easton of Palmerston North. In the Piping and Dancing Association events, the Champion dancer and North Island Sean Truibhas winner was Shelley Reid of Palmerston North. Morgan Bamford of New Plymouth the current World Juvenile champion won the Scottish Official Board dancing. The field events saw Tara Samuel of Wanganui the women's champion while Danny Wilton of Masterton was the men's champion. In the Pipe bands Competition the Manawatu Scottish Society Pipe Band was the Champion Band.

In the solo piping, the Wellington Centre Championship winners were Stuart Easton in the A grade Piobaireachd, Neil Marriott of Hastings won the B grade Jig and Hornpipe and also the under 21 2/4 March. The Wellington Centre C grade Strathspey and Reel and D grade slow march winner was Kristopher Neilsen of Masterton. The chanter class winner was Carley Wackildene of Palmerston North. Stafford Horman of Palmerston North won the Novice March. Kris Nielsen won the D grade, Jeremy Katterns of Motueka won the C grade, while Donella May of Paraparaumu Beach won the B grade and Stuart Easton of Palmerston North won all the Open events. The solo drumming winners were Finlay Benton of Turakina who won the emerging drummers class, the Novice March winner was Gus Polter of Wellington. Marianne Kirby of Wanganui won the C grade, Cameron Hurn of Palmerston North the B grade, while Josh Dean of Wellington was overall Champion drummer and Henry Hillind won the open Bass and Tenor event.

In the Scottish Official Board dancing the beginners section was won by Charlotte Mayo of Waipukurau. The Novice section was won by Libby Taylor of Waipukurau, the intermediate by Elysha-Jane Grant of Onga Onga. In the Premier 10 years and under events were won by Holly Keir of Central Hawke's Bay, the Premier was Abbey-Jane Taylor of Waipukurau, while the best local dancer was Rebekah Gribbon of Marton. The premier over 15 and Champion dancer was Morgan Bamford of New Plymouth.

The Wellington Centre of the Piping and Dancing Association Championships saw Lara Hornby of Napier win the Under 16 Reel o Tulloch, while Niamh Blackman of Tauranga won the Irish Hornpipe under 15. The under 12 Reel was won by Nicole Harvey of Takapau, the under 11 fling winner was Christina Cotton of Feilding. The under 8 points winner was Emily Mourie of Otaki, the under 10 winner was Briar Langerveld of Palmerston North. Nicole Harvey of Takapau won the under 12 and under 14 and Leana Atkenson of Havelock North won the under 16 most points. The Hilary Glasgow cup for the Open most points was won by Shelley Reid of Palmerston North.

In the Field events, the children's 9 and under events saw Sheamus Hurley-Langdon win the boys events, while Brylie Bagwell won the girls events. The 13 and under boys champion was Grant Harvey of Hawke's Bay, while Stephanie Oliver of Feilding was the girls champion. The Women's champion was Tara Samuel of Wanganui, while father and son Danny and Stuart Wilton of Masterton won the senior and novice men's championships. Team Native won the reinstated Tug o War.

In the Pipe band competition Scots College of Wellington won the Grade 4 and youth band competition. The Manawatu Scottish Development band won the grade 3 events while the Manawatu Scottish number 1 were the grade 1 and champion band.