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EVENTS EXPLANATION:

5. **THE 56 LB WT FOR HEIGHT:** Also known as the weight over the bar. The event is thrown usually with one hand only (either hand) by grasping a metal block or ball weight to which a ring or rectangular handle has been attached by chain link and whose total weight does not exceed 56 pounds. The weight is swung between the legs or in any manner desired and thrown so that it will clear a bar over the head of the thrower which is arranged in pole vault fashion. Three attempts are allowed at each height. Each competitor may commence at any height he desires, but having begun, he must continue. All measurements should be made from the ground to the top of the bar at the point midway between the uprights.

6. **SHEAF TOSS:** A burlap sack of straw or hay (etc.) weighing sixteen pounds is thrown by pitchfork over a bar similar to a pole vault standard. Each competitor is allowed three throws at each height. Generally if the bar is touched the throw is considered a miss (however some Games allow any throw that clears the bar to count thus negating the need for a skillful judge to declare misses).

EXTRA THROWS: Many of the Games in Scotland allow the winner of each event to take up to three extra throws if he feels he has a chance to break the field record (an extra cash prize is awarded for all records set at a Games). Up to three throws are allowed and only the winner of that particular event is afforded the opportunity. This is an added treat for spectators as they are able to see some extra fine throwing and it gives the athlete a chance to reach his best possible effort.

RECORDS: Commencing with this issue, world records will be the best known records, usually those listed in the Scottish Games Association Handbook, Dalkieth, Scotland. American records will be the best known official (reported) efforts of Americans (U.S. & Canada), thrown in the U.S. or abroad. All-comer records are best efforts thrown in the U.S., regardless of the nationality of the athlete.

JACKSONVILLE SCOTTISH GAMES: June 11, 1977 Jacksonville, Florida

Mandarin Episcopal Church, Mandarin, FL Attendance: 2,000

Results submitted by Peter Hoyt

The Jacksonville St. Andrews Society, organized in February, staged an exhibition Scottish Games with the intent of making it an annual event. All concerned did an outstanding job with the limited time available.

Pete Hoyt (Altamonte Springs, FL) demonstrated the Caber, Sheaf, 56 Wt for Ht and the 22 lb Hammer. Many of the attendees tried their hand at the events and only the extreme heat prevented the inclusion of the other three heavy events. Of the novice athletes, Wayne Holtzclaw (Jacksonville, FL) was particularly outstanding in the Sheaf and 22# Hammer.

22# HAMMER:

Hoyt..... 76'
Holtzclaw.. 72' 4"

SHEAF (20#):

Hoyt..... 18' 6"
Holtzclaw.. 17' 6"

56# WT FOR HT:

Hoyt..... 12'

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP: July 31, 1977 Collins Polo Field

Pebble Beach, CA Submitted by John Ross

16# HAMMER:

Dick Shelton.. 106'
Keith Tice.... 105' 7 1/4"
John Ross..... 96' 2 1/4"

17# STONE:

Brett Mannon.. 46' 9"
Guy Gida..... 44' 1 1/2'
John Ross..... 41' 9"
Tom Galbos.... 41' 9"

28# WT:

John Ross..... 65' 11"
Keith Tice.... 64' 6"
Dick Shelton.. 55' 5"

56# WT FOR HT:

Ross..... 13' 8 1/2"
Tice..... 12' 9"
Mannon..... 11'

CABER:

J. Ross..... 12:00
Dan Hargan..... 10:30
Gordon Varnedoe.. N.T.

CHAMPIONSHIP (5-3-1):

John Ross..... 17 Pts.
Keith Tice.... 9 Pts.
Dick Shelton.. 6 Pts.
Brett Mannon.. 6 Pts.

SAN DIEGO SCOTTISH GAMES: August 7, 1977 San Diego, CA

Results submitted by Dick Shelton.

17# STONE:

K. Tice..... 44' 7 1/2"
J. Ross..... 44' 5"
D. Shelton... 38' 3 1/2"

28# WT:

K. Tice..... 67' 1"
J. Ross..... 64' 8 1/2"
D. Shelton.... 56' 1 1/2"

56# WT FOR HT:

J. Ross..... 13' 6"
K. Tice..... 13'
D. Shelton.... 12' 6"

<u>16# HAMMER:</u>	<u>56# WT:</u>	<u>CABER</u>	<u>OVERALL</u>
Tice..... 102' 3"	K. Tice..... 28' 6"	Ross	Tice
Shelton.. 100' 1/2"	J. Ross..... 25' 10"	Shelton	Ross
Ross..... 90' 10 1/2"	D. Shelton.. 23' 5"	Tice	Shelton

ATHOLL AND BREADALBANE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY HIGHLAND GATHERING: August 13, 1977
Victoria Park, Aberfeldy, Scotland

Following the morning Agricultural Show and the Parade of Competitors, the heavy events got underway. All throwing was done on an extremely well manicured cricket green. Bill Anderson, M.B.E. of Aberdeen won the championship as usual and set five field and one world record in the process. He broke his own world best in the 28 lb wt set in 1966 (87' 2") with a sixth effort of 87' 7" (the winner of an event is often allowed three extra throws to break the record). Bill also tied Grant Anderson of Dundee with a world record equalling throw of 16 feet in the weight over the bar.

<u>16 LB SHOT:</u>	<u>28# WT:</u>	<u>CABER</u>
B. Anderson... 51" (Record)	B. Anderson... 87' 7" (World Record)	B. Anderson
	G. Forbes..... 78'	G. Anderson
	F. Vaughan.... 76' 4 1/2"	G. Forbes

<u>22# HAMMER:</u>	<u>16# HAMMER:</u>	<u>56# WT FOR HT:</u>
B. Anderson.. 114" (Record)	B. Anderson.. 137' 7" (Record)	B. Anderson 16' (Record)
G. Forbes.... 100'	G. Forbes.... 124'	G. Anderson
G. Donaldson. 92'		F. Vaughan 14'
G. Anderson.. 88'		

BALLATER HIGHLAND GAMES: Thursday, August 18, 1977 Ballater, Scotland

Ballater Games is one of the oldest of the famous Deeside Games. A crowd of about half the size of the previous year turned out to watch the heavies on an overcast and cold afternoon. No one seemed to be bothered by the weather except Fred Vaughan who had recently arrived in Scotland from the upper 90° of South Carolina and possibly Douglas Edwards, the second best Scottish athlete and Braemar champion of 1976, who had returned to Scotland the day before after spending a week at an International Highland Games in Jakarta, Indonesia. Nevertheless, it was a good competition as there was a three way tie for second place going into the final event. Bill Anderson was champion with Grant Anderson second and Gordon Forbes third.

<u>22# STONE:</u>	<u>16# STONE:</u>	<u>23# HAMMER:</u>	<u>16# HAMMER:</u>
B. Anderson ... 42' 11"	... 49' 10"	B. Anderson ... 112' 4"	... 129'
F. Vaughan 40' 3"	... 45' 6"	G. Forbes 96' 2"	... 114'
D. Edmunds 38'	... 44 +	G. Anderson ... 83' 9"	... 102'
G. Anderson ... 38' 9"		D. Edmunds 82' 9"	... 102'

<u>28# WT: (31 Pounds)</u>	<u>56# WT FOR HT.:</u>	<u>CABER:</u>	
B. Anderson ... 75' 4" (RECORD)	B. Anderson ... 15' 8" (RECORD)	B. Anderson	} Tie
G. Forbes 68' 4"	G. Anderson ... 15'	G. Anderson	
F. Vaughan 67' 11"	D. Edmunds 13'	D. Edmunds	
	F. Vaughan 13'		

THE 32ND FERGUS HIGHLAND GAMES: August 13, 1977 Fergus, Ontario

By R. Short

The weather was beautiful, with the temperature in the middle seventies. About 22,000 spectators ringed the spacious oval field as a high quality competition began among about ten pipe bands and some very good dancers. The first athletic event was a Caber competition among the local media corps. They used a 12 foot X 20 lb. cardboard which was tossed for distance.

A tough tug-of-war competition took place among two police teams and three teams of farmers. The Toronto Police won. The open Caber competition included: Dave Theriault, Canadian Champion, Ron Short, North Carolinian, two tossers from Texas, and some walk-ons. Short scored one twelve o'clock among his three turns of the 20 ft. Caber to win the event. Theriault turned it once out of three tries at 11:00.

The 32 pound Stone which weighed closer to 26 lbs. was won by Short with a throw of 31' 1/2". Second went to Theriault with 27'. The last Highland event was the 56 lb. Weight over the Bar. Short won at 12' 6" with the preferred one hand style, while Theriault again came in second with a two handed toss.

The last event was the famed Fergus Walk, in which the competitor lifts a 185 lb. weight (made from railroad ties) in each hand and walks as far as possible. The winning distance was 211 feet, far short of the 320 foot record but quite good for carrying 370 lbs. The winner, a local farmer, struggled with the burden as his wife ran beside him screaming encouragement. This seemed to annoy the stalwart lad but the crowd loved it and gave her a round of applause.

THIRD ANNUAL U.S. SCOTTISH HEAVY EVENTS AND CABER TOSS CHAMPIONSHIPS held
at the CALEDONIAN CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO'S 112TH ANNUAL GATHERING AND GAMES
Santa Rosa, California, September 4, 5, 1977

Athletes from around the world were brought to Santa Rosa at the expense of the Caledonian Club and Ballantine Scotch Whiskey to compete for over \$3,000 in prize money, in one of the best publicized and most smoothly administered of all Scottish Games. The major attractions were Bill Anderson, Aberdeen, Scotland, who has been the Premier Scottish Athlete for the past ten years and holds world best marks in all events except the Stone and Shot Puts; Brian Oldfield, San Jose, California, holder of all Scottish and world best Stone Puts and world Shot Put record holder; Colin Mathieson, Boorowa, Australia, Australian Champion, British and Scottish Caber Champion; Fred Vaughan, N. Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, holder of three U.S. bests in the Heavy Events; Keith Tice, Clovis, California, best American Hammer Thrower; John Ross, Santa Rosa, California, Northern California Champion; Dave Theriault, Fergus, Ontario, Canadian Caber Champion and Gordon Vernadoe, Grandfather Mountain Caber Champion. The Amateur Division was partially composed of Dick Shelton, Santa Clara, California, and Dave McKenzie, Sacramento, California, both A.A.U. Hammer Throwers.

An outstanding crowd of some 26,000 people enjoyed the sometimes very hot weather over the two days of competition (five events including 56 For Ht and Caber each day). As usual, Bill Anderson was in control of the competition winning seven events and setting four field records. Brian Oldfield edged out Keith Tice for second while winning three events and setting three records; one, the 56 For Ht - a U.S best. Tice placed consistently both days to achieve his third place finish.

In the Amateur Division, Shelton and McKenzie had a very close competition with Shelton emerging on top.

OVERALL SCORING: 10-7-5-3-2-1

OPEN CLASS

- 1. Anderson, Aberdeen, Scotland.. 91 Pts.
- 2. Oldfield, San Jose, CA..... 43 Pts.
- 3. Tice, Clovis, CA..... 42 Pts.
- 4. Mathieson, Boorowa, Aust..... 36 Pts
Vaughan, N. Myrtle Beach, SC.. 36 Pts.
- 6. Ross, Santa Rosa, CA..... 26 Pts.
- 7. Varnedoe, Oakland, CA..... 6 Pts.
- 8. Theriault, Fergus, Ont, Canada -----

AMATEUR CLASS

- 1. Shelton, Santa Clara, CA... 88 Pts.
- 2. McKenzie, Sacramento, CA... 74 Pts.
- 3. McClain, Semi Valley, CA... 50 Pts.
- 4. Bologna, San Francisco, CA. 34 Pts.
- 5. Henley, Red Wood City, CA.. 13 Pts

OPEN

AMATEUR

17# STONE (Standing Put) (17# 6oz)

RECORD: 53' 2 1/2", B. Oldfield 1976

- Oldfield..... 52' 10 1/2"
- Anderson..... 44' 7"
- Tice..... 43' 8"
- Vaughan..... 43' 3 1/2"
- Ross..... 40' 11"
- Mathieson..... 38' 2"
- Theriault..... 36' 11 1/2"

RECORD: 46' 1/4", B. Mannon 1976

- McKenzie..... 44' 6"
- Shelton..... 37' 8"
- Bologna..... 34' 10 1/2"
- McLain..... 33' 8"
- Henley..... 26' 6 1/2"

56# WT FOR DISTANCE (56# 4oz)

RECORD: 34' 7" B. Anderson, 1976

- Anderson..... 37' 2 1/2" (RECORD)
- Vaughan..... 34' 1"
- Mathieson..... 33' 1/2"
- Tice..... 32' 1/2"
- Oldfield..... 30' 9 1/2"
- Ross..... 28' 8"
- Theriault..... 21' 3 1/2"

RECORD: 25' 0 1/2", D. Shelton, 1976

- Shelton..... 24' 10 1/2"
- McLain..... 18' 11"
- McKenzie..... 17' 7 1/2"
- Henley..... 17'
- Bologna..... 13' 10"

16# HAMMER (16#)

RECORD: 132' 3 1/2" B. Anderson, 1976

Anderson.....	133' 4" (RECORD)
Mathieson.....	115' 4"
Tice.....	111' 5"
Ross.....	103' 2"
Oldfield.....	98' 5 1/2"
Vaughan.....	97' 9"
Theriault.....	88' 5"

RECORD: 110' 51/2" D. Shelton

McKenzie.....	108' 9"
Shelton.....	106' 3"
McLain.....	85' 3"
Bologna.....	68' 11 1/2"
Henley.....	59' 8 1/2"

56 LB WT FOR HT (56lb 8oz)

RECORD: 15 0" B. Oldfield, 1975

Oldfield.....	15' 6" (RECORD)
Anderson.....	15'
Vaughan.....	13' 6"
Tice.....	13' 6"
Ross.....	13' 2"
Mathieson.....	13'
Theriault.....	12'

RECORD: 13' J. Ross, 1975

McKenzie.....	13'
Shelton.....	11'
McLain.....	11'
Bologna.....	10'

MCCLURE CABER (18' 120 lbs)

1. Anderson	5. Tice
2. Mathieson	6. Oldfield
3. Varnedoe	7. Theriault
4. Ross	

CABER (17' 100 lb)

1. Shelton
2. McClain
3. McKenzie

17LB STONE (17 lb 6oz)

RECORD: 57' 9 1/2" B. Oldfield, 1976

Oldfield.....	57' 10" (RECORD)
Anderson.....	46' 10 1/2"
Tice.....	42' 4"
Vaughan.....	42' 2 1/2"
Ross.....	41' 7"
Mathieson.....	39' 4"
Theriault.....	36' 10"

RECORD: 42' 5" Tice, 1975

McKenzie.....	47' 10 1/2" (RECORD)
Shelton.....	37' 1"
Bologna.....	35' 1/2"
McClain.....	31' 2"
Henley.....	28' 1 1/2"

28# WT FOR DISTANCE

RECORD: 77' 3" B. Oldfield, 1975

Anderson..... 80' 1/2" (RECORD)
Vaughan..... 71' 8"
Tice..... 68' 3"
Ross..... 66' 8"
Oldfield..... 64' 9"
Mathieson..... 63' 7"
Therriault..... 46' 1/2"

RECORD: 54' 1 1/4" B. Mannon, 1976

Shelton..... 61' 4" (RECORD)
McKenzie..... 48' 3 1/2"
Bologna..... 40' 9"
McClain..... 39' 4 1/2"
Henley..... 33' 11"

22LB HAMMER (22# 8 oz)

RECORD: 103' 4", B. Anderson, 1976

Anderson..... 108' 8" (RECORD)
Tice..... 92' 5"
Mathieson..... 90' 9 1/2"
Vaughan..... 78' 9 1/2"
Ross..... 75' 5"
Oldfield..... 72' 4"
Therriault..... 65' 2 1/2"

RECORD: 75' 4 1/2" Shelton, 1976

Shelton..... 84' 3 1/2" (RECORD)
McKenzie..... 82' 11"
McClain..... 66' 7"
Bologna..... 49' 8"
Henley..... 45' 9 1/2"

56 LB WT FOR HT, ONE HAND ONLY

RECORD: 15' 6", Oldfield, 1977

Anderson..... 15'
Vaughan..... 13' 6"

RECORD: 11' Shelton, 1976

Shelton..... 12' 6" (RECORD)
McKenzie..... 12'

BALLANTINE CABER TOSS : U.S. CABER CHAMPIONSHIPS

OPEN (18' X 130lbs)

1. Anderson
2. Mathieson
3. Ross
4. Oldfield
5. Tice
6. Varnedoe

AMATEUR (17' X 110lbs)

1. Shelton
2. McClain
3. Bologna
4. McKenzie

LIGONIER HIGHLAND GAMES: September 10, 1977 Ligonier, PA

Attendance: 7,000 Athletic Chairman: John Severance, assisted by Betsy Roberts and Caroline Robertson. Results by P. Hoyt. David Peet, Director

Ligonier Games are held annually in the Fall, about fifty miles from Pittsburgh in Western Pennsylvania. A good crowd of about 7,000 was on hand to watch the nine competitors in the heavy events. Ed McComas (Baltimore, MD) broke two meet records, won six Firsts and the Championship. Pete Hoyt (Altamonte Springs, FL) set a meet record in the Sheaf and placed second overall. David Bryson, Albemarle, NC was third overall. In addition, several local competitors fared very well; Jim Pauli, a weightlifter and track athlete placed fourth and Joel Keefer, who has competed here for many years placed fifth.

22# STONE:

McComas... 43' 1 1/2"
Allardice. 38' 5"
Pauli..... 36'
Hoyt..... 34' 2"

56# WEIGHT:

McComas... 34' 4" (RECORD)
Bryson.... 27' 9 1/2"
Hoyt..... 25' 11"
Pauli..... 24' 4"

22# HAMMER:

McComas... 77' 3 1/2"
Hoyt..... 69' 9 1/2"
Pauli..... 68' 4 1/2"
Bryson.... 67' 8"

28# WT:

McComas... 60' 10 1/2"
Hoyt..... 49' 10"
Bryson.... 44' 8"
Keefer.... 43' 7"

CABER:

McComas
Bryson
Hoyt
Keefer

SHEAF:

Hoyt..... 21" 8" (RECORD)
Keefer.... 21' 2 "
McComas... 20' 2"
Pauli..... 19' 6"

56# WT FOR HT:

McComas... 15' 2" (RECORD)
Bryson.... 13' 2"
Pauli..... 12' 8"
Hoyt..... 12' 8"

CHAMPIONSHIP:

1. McComas... 39 Pts.
2. Hoyt..... 24 Pts.
3. Bryson.... 18 Pts.
4. Pauli..... 13 Pts.
5. Keefer.... 10 Pts.

CHARLESTON SCOTTISH GAMES: September 23, 1977 Charleston, SC

Attendance: 3,500 Sponsored by the Scottish Society of Charleston, Edwin F. Holcombe, President. Athletics judged and officiated by Ross Morrison, Jr. (Harrisburg, NC); Guy V. Soule, Charlotte, NC and Barbara Pope, Fayetteville, NC.

These Games are held at Middleton Place Plantation each year and are one of the most popular among the athletes. This year was no exception as all the regulars showed up, some for their first Games since July. It was very hot (100°F) but the competition was close all day and as usual the final event determined the winner. In addition to the regulars, Richard Borden and Tom Johnson of Mt. Pleasant, SC and the Medical School of SC, did very well in their annual attempt at the Games.

Fred Vaughan edged Ed McComas by one point for the Championship while setting two field records and tying a third. Ron Short placed third overall while setting a record in the Sheaf. Fourth place went to Tom Johnson, fifth to Richard Borden and sixth to Arnold Pope.

<u>20# STONE: (43' McComas, 1975)</u>	<u>56# WT: (32' 1 3/4" Vaughan, 1975)</u>	<u>CABER:</u>
Johnson... 42' 3 1/4"	Vaughan... 33' 9 1/4" (RECORD)	Short
McComas... 41' 8 3/4"	McComas... 30' 8"	McComas
Vaughan... 41' 1/4"	Short..... 29' 4"	Pope
Short..... 35' 10 1/4"	Pope..... 25' 5"	Bryson

<u>28# WT: (70' 9" Vaughan, 1976)</u>	<u>22# HAMMER: (80' 5" Vaughan, 1976)</u>
Vaughan... 72' 4" (RECORD)	McComas... 79' 9"
McComas... 68' 6 3/4"	Short..... 77' 7 3/4"
Short..... 65'	Vaughan... 76' 4 1/2"
Borden.... 54' 11"	Borden.... 69' 9 1/2"

<u>SHEAF: (21' Short, 1974)</u>	<u>56# WT FOR HEIGHT: (14' McComas, 1975 Vaughan, 1976)</u>	<u>CHAMPIONSHIP:</u>
Short..... 22' 2" (RECORD)	Vaughan... 14'	F. Vaughan.. 42Pts.
Vaughan... 22'	McComas... 13' 6"	E. McComas.. 41 Pts.
Johnson... 22'	Short..... 12'	R. Short.... 36 Pts.
McComas... 21'	Johnson... 12'	R. Johnson.. 11 Pts.
		R. Borden... 2 Pts.
		A. Pope..... 1 Pt.

FLORA MACDONALD HIGHLAND GAMES: October 1,2, 1977 Red Springs, NC

Officials: Jimmy McKellar, Brenda Horne. Sponsored by the Red Springs Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, Inc. Gates Harris, Athletic Chairman.

In addition to the reenactment of the Revolutionary War battle which took place near here, for the first time since its inception, three years ago, heavy events were included in the program. The field was composed of Fred Vaughan, Peter Hoyt and Ron Short on Saturday and a further exhibition was provided by Arnold Pope on Sunday. Due to a pulled muscle, Short was unable to enter all events.

The grounds at which these Games are held are extensive and the location (30 miles south of Fayetteville) in the center of some of the earliest Scottish settlements in America should provide for one of the best Games in the South in the future.

All winning throws are field records and the weights were the Charleston implements.

	<u>PTS.</u>	<u>17# STONE</u>	<u>56# WT</u>	<u>28#WT</u>	<u>22# HAM</u>	<u>16#HAM</u>	<u>CABER</u>
Vaughan:	34	44' 1 1/2"	33' 10 1/2"	72' 5"	80' 7 1/2"	100' 4"	2ND
Hoyt :	22	37' 3 1/4"	24' 2"	53' 7"	73' 9"	94' 4"	3RD
Short :	10	38' 1 1/2"	-----	-----	-----	-----	1ST

STONE MOUNTAIN SCOTTISH FESTIVAL: October 15-16, 1977 Stone Mountain, GA

Officials and Judges: George Swanson, Jr., Dolly Swanson, Ross Morrison, Guy Soule, Ed Holcombe, Mrs. Ross Morrison. Attendance: 7,000.

Stone Mountain Park once more was the setting for a close competition and although only two field records were broken, several personal bests for the year were achieved by the competitors. Some of the athletes in attendance were Brian Oldfield, San Jose, CA, 1972 Olympian and 2nd to Bill Anderson in the U.S. Heavy Events Championship (Santa Rosa, CA, 1977); Ed McComas, Baltimore, MD, U.S. Heptathlon Champion 1977 (Alexandria, VA); Fred Vaughan, N. Myrtle Beach, SC, Grandfather Mountain Games Champion, 1977; Ron Short, Winston-Salem, NC and Bob Porterfield, Charlotte NC, champions of Stone Mountain and Grandfather

Mountain Games; Gordon Varnedoe, Oakland, CA, 1977 winner of G.F.M.G. Caber Toss, Errol Linden, Atlanta, GA coach and former Atlanta Falcon and Michael Reid of Monkton, MD.

Brian Oldfield threw the 25# Stone 39' 0" to break Ed McComas' record of 36' 7" set last year and Ron Short broke Bob Porterfield's 1976 Sheaf Toss of 22' with a throw of 23'.

25# STONE: (36' 7" McComas, 1976)

B. Oldfield..... 39' (RECORD)
E. McComas..... 35' 3 1/4"
F. Vaughan..... 35' 1 1/4"
R. Short..... 33' 9 1/2"
M. Reid..... 27' 4 3/4"

56#WT: (36' 2" Vaughan, 1976)

F. Vaughan..... 35' 11 3/4"
R. Short..... 34' 7 1/2"
E. McComas..... 33' 9"
B. Porterfield. 27' 5"
B. Oldfield.... 27' 2"

22# HAMMER: (92' 5 3/4" McComas, 1976)

F. Vaughan..... 86' 6"
E. McComas..... 81' 11 1/2"
R. Short..... 79' 11"
B. Oldfield..... 76' 8 1/2"
B. Porterfield.. 75' 4"

28# WT: (80' 7" Vaughan, 1976)

F. Vaughan..... 78' 4 1/2"
E. McComas..... 69' 10"
R. Short..... 68' 9 1/4"
B. Oldfield.... 65' 9"
B. Porterfield. 57' 4"

SHEAF: (22' Porterfield, 1976)

R. Short..... 23' (RECORD)
B. Porterfield.. 22'
M. Reid..... 20'
B. Oldfield..... 19' (TIE)
F. Vaughan.....

CABER:

R. Short..... 1ST
E. McComas..... 2ND
G. Varnedoe.... 3RD
B. Porterfield. 4TH

56# WT OVER THE BAR: (14' 3" Porterfield, 1975)

F. Vaughan..... 14'
B. Porterfield.. 13' 6"
B. Oldfield..... 13'
R. Short..... 13'

OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP:

F. Vaughan..... 43 1/2 Pts.
R. Short..... 34 Pts.
E. McComas..... 27 Pts.
B. Oldfield..... 15 1/2 Pts.
B. Porterfield.. 14 Pts.

DAVID BRYSON: One of our rising young athletes was seriously injured in a car accident in September. We deeply regret this unfortunate accident and hope that David will get well soon and be competing again next year.

BEST THROWS AND RANKINGS IN U.S. HIGHLAND GAMES: 1977

PUTTING THE STONE: Thrown with one hand from behind a four foot six inch trig or toeboard with a seven foot six inch approach. The Stone varies in size from 16 to 32 pounds.

SIXTEEN POUND STONE

WORLD RECORD: 63' 2", B. Oldfield, U.S.A. at Braemar, 1973
U. S. RECORD: 63' 2", B. Oldfield, Braemar, Scotland, 1973
ALL-COMER RECORD: 57' 10", B. Oldfield, Santa Rosa, CA, 1977

- 3/26 Dunedin, FL... E. McComas, 50' 6 1/2" (Shot)
- 4/23 Ellerbe Springs, NC... E. McComas, 37' 7" (22#)
- 5/14 Webster Groves, MO... E. McComas, 50' (Shot)
- 6/18 Devon, PA... E. McComas, 44' 7 1/4" (22#)
- 6/25 Bath, NY... E. McComas, 47' 7" (17#)
- 7/18 Grandfather Mountain, NC... E. McComas, 49' 1" (17#)
- 7/23 Alexandria, VA... E. McComas, 43' 8 1/4" (22#)
- 7/31 Pebble Beach, CA... B. Mannon, 46' 9" (Shot)
- 8/7 San Diego, CA... K. Tice, 44' 7 1/2" (17#)
- 9/4 Santa Rosa, CA... B. Oldfield, 57' 10" (17#)
- 9/18 Ligonier, PA... E. McComas, 43' 1 1/2" (22#)
- 9/25 Charleston, SC... T. Johnson, 42' 3 1/4" (22#)
- 10/1 Red Springs, NC... F. Vaughan, 44' 1 1/2" (17#)
- 10/15 Stone Mountain, GA... B. Oldfield, 39' (25#)

17# STONE

- 1. B. Oldfield, San Jose, CA..... 57' 10", Santa Rosa, CA
- 2. E. McComas, Baltimore, MD..... 49' 1", Grandfather Mountain, NC
- *3. B. Anderson, Aberdeen, Scotland... 46' 10 1/2", Santa Rosa, CA
- 4. F. Vaughan, N. Myrtle Beach, SC... 46' 6 1/2", Bath, NY
- 5. K. Tice, Clovis, CA..... 44' 7 1/2", San Diego, CA
- 6. J. Ross, Santa Rosa, CA..... 44' 5", San Diego, CA
- 7. R. Short, Winston-Salem, NC..... 41' 2", Bath, NY
- *8. C. Mathieson, Boorowa, Australia.. 39' 4", Santa Rosa, CA
- 9. P. Hoyt, Altamonte Springs, FL.... 37' 10", Bath, NY

* Indicates Foreign Athlete

22# STONE

1. E. McComas... 44' 7 1/4", Devon, PA
2. F. Vaughan... 43' 6", Devon, PA
3. T. Johnson... 42' 3 1/4", Charleston, SC
4. R. Short... 39' 7 1/2", Devon, PA
5. J. Allardice, Pittsburgh, PA... 38' 5", Ligonier, PA
6. J. Pauli, Pittsburgh, PA... 36', Ligonier, PA
7. P. Hoyt... 35' 10", Alexandria, VA
8. D. Bryson... 33' 11 1/2", Ligonier, PA
9. A. Pope... 33' 5" Alexandria, VA

THROWING THE 28LB WEIGHT FOR DISTANCE: With one hand only, from a nine foot approach to be delivered behind a four foot six inch trig or toeboard; a metal weight to which a chain and ring are attached and overall length not to exceed eighteen inches.

WORLD RECORD: 87' 7", B. Anderson, Aberfeldy, Scotland, 1977
U. S. RECORD: 83', B. Oldfield, Meadowbank, Scotland, 1975
ALL-COMER RECORD: 80' 7", F. Vaughan, Stone Mountain, GA, 1976

- 3/26 Dunedin, FL... F. Vaughan, 75' 6"
- 4/23 Ellerbe Springs, NC... F. Vaughan, 67' 1"
- 5/14 Webster Groves, MO... F. Vaughan, 76' 2"
- 6/11 Jacksonville, FL... Not Thrown
- 6/18 Devon, PA... F. Vaughan, 64' 10"
- 6/25 Bath, NY... F. Vaughan, 70' 5"
- 6/25 Long Beach, CA... Not Available
- 7/19 Grandfather Mountain, NC... F. Vaughan, 68' 3/4"
- 7/23 Alexandria, VA... F. Vaughan, 72' 4 1/2"
- 7/31 Pebble Beach, CA... J. Ross, 65' 11"
- 8/7 San Diego, CA... K. Tice, 67' 1"
- 9/4 Santa Rosa, CA... B. Anderson, 80' 1/2"
- 9/10 Ligonier, PA... E. McComas, 60' 10 1/2"
- 9/17 Charleston, SC... F. Vaughan, 72' 4"
- 10/1 Red Springs, NC... F. Vaughan, 72' 5"
- 10/15 Stone Mountain, GA... F. Vaughan, 78' 4 1/2"

- *1. Bill Anderson, Aberdeen, Scotland..... 80' 1/2", Santa Rosa, CA 9/4
2. Fred Vaughan, N. Myrtle Beach, SC..... 78' 4 1/2", StoneMountain, GA 10/15
3. Ed McComas, Baltimore, MD..... 69' 10", StoneMountain, GA 10/15
4. Ron Short, Winston-Salem, NC..... 68' 9 1/4", StoneMountain, GA 10/15
5. Keith Tice, Clovis, CA..... 68' 3", Santa Rosa, CA 9/4
6. John Ross, Santa Rosa, CA..... 66' 8", Santa Rosa, CA 9/4
7. Brian Oldfield, San Jose, CA..... 65' 9", Stone Mountain, GA 10/15
- *8. Colin Mathieson, Boorowa, Australia..... 63' 7", Santa Rosa, CA 9/4
9. Dick Shelton, Santa Clara, CA..... 61' 4", Santa Rosa, CA 9/4
10. Arnold Pope, Fayetteville, NC..... 58' 2", Webster Groves, MO 5/14

* Indicates Foreign Athlete

THROWING THE 56LB WT FOR DISTANCE: With the same regulations as the 28LB WT.

WORLD RECORD: 41' 11", B. Anderson, Aboyne, Scotland, 1968

U. S. RECORD: 36' 8", F. Vaughan, Dunedin, FL, 1977

ALL-COMER RECORD: 37' 2 1/2", B. Anderson, Santa Rosa, CA, 1977

- 3/26 Dunedin, FL... F. Vaughan, 36' 8"
- 4/23 Ellerbe Springs, NC... V. Vaughan, 36' 1 1/2"
- 5/14 Webster Groves, MO... F. Vaughan, 40' 2" (50#)
- 6/18 Devon, PA... E. McComas, 35' 11"
- 6/25 Bath, NY... F. Vaughan, 35' 1"
- 7/19 Grandfather Mountain, NC... F. Vaughan, 31' 7 1/2"
- 7/23 Alexandria, VA... F. Vaughan, 33' 8"
- 8/7 San Diego, CA... K. Tice, 28' 6"
- 9/4 Santa Rosa, CA... B. Anderson, 37' 2 1/2"
- 9/10 Ligonier, PA... E. McComas, 34' 4"
- 9/17 Charleston, SC... F. Vaughan, 33' 9"
- 10/1 Red Springs, NC... F. Vaughan, 33' 10"
- 10/15 Stone Mountain, GA... F. Vaughan, 35' 11 3/4"

*1.	Bill Anderson, Aberdeen, Scotland.....	37' 2 1/2", Santa Rosa, CA	9/3
2.	Fred Vaughan, N. Myrtle Beach, SC.....	36' 8", Dunedin, FL	3/26
3.	Ed McComas, Baltimore, MD.....	35' 11", Devon, PA	6/18
4.	Ron Short, Winston-Salem, NC.....	34' 7 1/2", StoneMountain, GA	10/15
*5.	Colin Mathieson, Boorowa, Australia.....	33' 1/2", Santa Rosa, CA	9/3
6.	Keith Tice, Clovis, CA.....	32' 1/2", Santa Rosa, CA	9/3
7.	Brian Oldfield, San Jose, CA.....	30' 9 1/2", Santa Rosa, CA	9/3
8.	Arnold Pope, Fayetteville, NC.....	29' 7", Charleston, W VA	6/24
9.	John Ross, Santa Rosa, CA.....	28' 8", Santa Rosa, CA	9/3
10.	Dave Bryson, Albemarle, NC.....	27' 9 1/2", Ligonier, PA	9/10

TOSSING THE 56LB WT FOR HEIGHT: (The Weight Over the Bar) A block or ball weight to which a ring or rectangular handle is attached by chain link and weighing a total of 56 lbs is thrown with one hand (usually and unless otherwise declared) over a bar similar to that used in the pole vault. Competitors are allowed three throws at each height and may commence throwing at any height so desired but once having done so must continue. All measurements shall be made from the ground to the top of the bar at a point midway between the uprights.

WORLD RECORD: 16' Grant Anderson, Aberfeldy, Scotland, 1977

16' Bill Anderson, Aberfeldy, Scotland, 1977

AMERICAN RECORD: 15' 6", Brian Oldfield, Santa Rosa, CA, 1977

15' 6", Fred Vaughan, Alexandria, VA, 1977

3/26	Dunedin, FL... F. Vaughan, 13' 11"
4/23	Ellerbe Springs, NC... F. Vaughan, 14'
5/14	Webster Groves, MO... F. Vaughan, 15' 6" (50#)
6/11	Jacksonville, FL... P. Hoyt, 12'
6/18	Devon, PA... F. Vaughan, 15'
6/25	Bath, NY... F. Vaughan, 13' 8"
	Long Beach... N.A.
7/12	Grandfather Mountain, NC... F. Vaughan, 13' 6"
7/23	<u>Alexandria, VA... F. Vaughan, 15' 6"</u>
7/31	Pebble Beach, CA... J. Ross, 13' 3 1/2"
8/7	San Diego, CA... J. Ross, 13' 6"
9/3	<u>Santa Rosa, CA... B. Oldfield, 15' 6"</u>
9/10	Ligonier, PA... E. McComas, 15' 2"
9/17	Charleston, SC... F. Vaughan, 14'
10/17	Stone Mountain, GA... F. Vaughan, 14'

1.	Fred Vaughan, N. Myrtle Beach, SC.....	15' 6", Alexandria, VA	7/23
	Brian Oldfield, San Jose, CA.....	15' 6", Santa Rosa, CA	9/3
3.	Ed McComas, Baltimore, MD.....	15' 2", Alexandria, VA	7/23
		Ligonier, PA	9/10
*4.	Bill Anderson, Aberdeen, Scotland.....	15', Santa Rosa, CA	9/3, 9/4
5.	Ron Short, Winston-Salem, NC.....	14' 6", Devon, PA	6/18
6.	John Ross, Santa Rosa, CA.....	13' 6", San Diego, CA	8/7
	Keith Tice, Clôvis, CA.....	13' 6", Santa Rosa, CA	9/3
	Bob Porterfield, Charlotte, NC.....	13' 6", Stone Mountain, GA	10/17
9.	David Bryson, Albemarle, NC.....	13' 2", Ligonier, PA	9/10
	Arnold Pope, Fayetteville, NC.....	13' 2", Alexandria, VA	7/23

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22LB SCOTTISH HAMMER: A 22lb metal ball on a hickory or cane shaft, total length not to exceed 50", and thrown from behind a 4'6" toeboard in a standing style (no turns of the feet are allowed until the throw is made). The best of three throws by each competitor shall be recorded. The winner is often allowed up to three extra throws to break the ground record (if he so desires).

WORLD RECORD: 123' 5", W. Anderson, Crieff, 1969

U. S. RECORD: 92' 5 3/4", E. McComas, Stone Mountain, GA, 1976

ALL-COMER RECORD: 108' 8", W. Anderson, Santa Rosa, CA, 1977

Dunedin, FL... F. Vaughan, 80' 5"
 Ellerbe Springs, NC... E. McComas, 86' 11"
 Webster Groves, MO... E. McComas, 84' 10"
 Jacksonville, FL... P. Hoyt, 76'
 Devon, PA... F. Vaughan, 79' 2"
 Bath, NY... E. McComas, 86' 6"
 Long Beach, CA... No Results Available
 Grandfather Mountain, NC... F. Vaughan, 82' 8 3/4"
 Alexandria, VA... E. McComas, 87' 10"
 Pebble Beach, CA... Not Thrown
 San Diego, CA... Not Thrown
Santa Rosa, CA... W. Anderson, 108' 8"
 Ligonier, PA... E. McComas, 77' 3 1/2"
 Charleston, SC... E. McComas, 79' 9"
 Red Springs, NC... F. Vaughan, 80' 7 1/2"
 Stone Mountain, GA... F. Vaughan, 86' 6"

*1.	W. Anderson, Aberdeen, Scotland.....	108' 8", Santa Rosa, CA	9/4
2.	K. Tice, Clovis, CA.....	92' 5", Santa Rosa, CA	9/4
*3.	C. Mathieson, Boorowa, Australia.....	90' 9 1/2", Santa Rosa, CA	9/4
4.	E. McComas, Baltimore, MD.....	87' 10", Alexandria, VA	7/23
5.	F. Vaughan, N. Myrtle Beach, SC.....	86' 9 1/2", Alexandria, VA	7/23
6.	D. Shelton, Santa Clara, CA.....	84' 3 1/2", Santa Rosa, CA	9/4
7.	D. McKenzie, Sacramento, CA.....	82' 11", Santa Rosa, CA	9/4
8.	P. Hoyt, Altamonte Springs, FL.....	81" 1/2", Ellerbe Springs, NC	4/23
9.	R. Short, Winston-Salem, NC.....	80' 8 1/2", Bath, NY	6/25
10.	B. Oldfield, San Jose, CA.....	76' 8 1/2", Stone Mountain, GA	10/15

16LB SCOTTISH HAMMER: A sixteen pound ball attached to a wood or cane shaft, total length not to exceed 50", and thrown from behind a 4'6" trig or toeboard in a standing style in the same manner as the Heavy Hammer.

WORLD RECORD: 151' 2", W. Anderson, Lochearnhead, Scotland, 1969

U.S. RECORD: 111' 5", K. Tice, Santa Rosa, CA, 1977

ALL-COMER RECORD: 133' 4", W. Anderson, Santa Rosa, CA, 1977

5/14	Webster Groves, MO... E. McComas, 101' 10"
6/25	Bath, NY... E. McComas, 108' 9 1/2"
7/31	Pebble Beach, CA... D. Shelton, 106'
8/7	San Diego, CA... K. Tice, 102' 3"
9/3	<u>Santa Rosa, CA... W. Anderson, 133' 4"</u>
10/1	Red Springs, NC... F. Vaughan, 100' 4"

*1.	W. Anderson, Aberdeen, Scotland.....	133' 4", Santa Rosa, CA	9/3
*2.	C. Mathieson, Boorowa, Australia.....	115' 4", Santa Rosa, CA	9/3
3.	K. Tice, Clovis, CA.....	111' 5", Santa Rosa, CA	9/3
4.	E. McComas, Baltimore, MD.....	108' 9 1/2", Bath, NY	6/25
5.	D. McKenzie, Sacramento, CA.....	108' 9", Santa Rosa, CA	9/3
6.	D. Shelton, Santa Clara, CA.....	106' 3", Santa Rosa, CA	9/3
7.	J. Ross, Santa Rosa, CA.....	103' 2", Santa Rosa, CA	9/3
8.	F. Vaughan, N. Myrtle Beach, SC.....	100' 4", Red Springs, NC	10/1
9.	B. Oldfield, San Jose, CA.....	98" 5 1/2", Santa Rosa, CA	9/3
10.	R. Short, Winston-Salem, NC.....	96' 2 1/2", Bath, NY	6/25

* Indicates Foreign Athlete

SHEAF TOSS: A 16 lb. bag of straw thrown by pitchfork over a cross bar for height by any method possible. Three throws at each height. There are no official records in this event as the Sheaf will be of inconsistent weights at different Games and during different years.

- 3/26 Dunedin, FL... P. Hoyt, 21' 6"
- 4/23 Ellerbe Springs, NC... E. McComas, 21'
- 5/14 Webster Groves, MO... P. Hoyt, 20' 1"
- 6/11 Jacksonville, FL... P. Hoyt, 18' 6" (20 LBS)
- 6/18 Devon, PA... R. Short, 23' 2"
- 6/25 Bath, NY... E. McComas, 23'
- 7/19 Grandfather Mountain, NC... R. Short, 22'
- 7/23 Alexandria, PA... P. Hoyt, 23' 2"
- 9/10 Ligonier, PA... P. Hoyt, 21' 8"
- 9/17 Charleston, SC... R. Short, 22' 2"
- 10/17 Stone Mountain, GA... R. Short, 23'
- Syracuse, NY... J. MacDonald, 22' 6"

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| 1. | P. Hoyt, Altamonte Springs, FL..... | 23' 2", Alexandria, VA | 7/23 |
| | R. Short, Winston-Salem, NC..... | 23' 2", Devon, PA | 6/18 |
| 3. | E. McComas, Baltimore, MD..... | 23', Bath, NY | 6/25 |
| 4. | J. MacDonald, Bridgeport, NY..... | 22' 6", Syracuse, NY | |
| 5. | F. Vaughan, N. Myrtle Beach, SC..... | 22', Charleston, SC | 9/17 |
| | T. Johnson, Mt. Pleasant, SC..... | 22', Charleston, SC | 9/17 |
| | B. Porterfield, Charlotte, NC..... | 22', Stone Mountain, GA | 10/17 |
| 8. | J. Keefer, | 21' 2", Ligonier, PA | 9/10 |
| 9. | D. Bryson, Albemarle, NC..... | 21', Ellerbe Springs, NC | 4/23 |
| 10. | A. Pope, Fayetteville, NC..... | 20' 2", Alexandria, VA | 7/23 |

CABER THROW:

3/26	Dunedin, FL.....	E. McComas
4/23	Ellerbe Springs, NC.....	R. Short
5/14	Webster Groves, MO.....	E. McComas
6/11	Jacksonville, FL.....	P. Hoyt
6/18	Devon, PA.....	R. Short
6/25	Bath, NY.....	R. Short
6/25	Long Beach, CA.....	N.A.
7/19	Grandfather Mountain, NC.....	G. Varnedoe
7/23	Alexandria, VA.....	E. McComas
7/31	Pebble Beach, CA.....	J. Ross
8/7	San Diego, CA.....	J. Ross
9/4	Santa Rosa, CA.....	W. Anderson
9/10	Ligonier, PA.....	E. McComas
9/17	Charleston, SC.....	R. Short
10/1	Red Springs, NC.....	R. Short
10/15	Stone Mountain, GA.....	R. Short

OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Dunedin, FL... F. Vaughan
Ellerbe Springs, NC ... E. McComas
Webster Groves, MO ... E. McComas
Jacksonville, FL ... P. Hoyt
Devon, PA ... F. Vaughan
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Red Springs, NC ... F. Vaughan
Stone Mountain, GA ... F. Vaughan

CORRECTION: Arnold Pope placed fourth in the Caber at Grandfather Mountain, not fifth as reported.

REPORTING: All Canadian, U.S. and Foreign results are welcome and will be reported. It is very much desired that all results contain at least three deep in each Event. Also, only Heavy Events are of interest (except for special strength events).

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PARTIAL LIST OF UPCOMING GAMES AND ADDRESSES: 1978

1. JANUARY 21 - Orlando Scottish Highland Games: The Scottish American Society of Central Florida. P. O. Box 6112 C, Orlando, FL 32803.
2. MARCH 18 - Dunedin Highland Games; P. O. Box 507, Dunedin, FL 33528.
3. APRIL Ellerbe Springs Scottish Fair: Bruce Bartram, Director, P. O. Box 1216, Rockingham, NC 28379.
5. JULY Grandfather Mountain Highland Games; C/O Guy V. Soule, 901 North Church St., P. O. Box 628, Charlotte, NC 28201.
6. SEPT. 9 - Ligonier Highland Games: 1208 24th Ave., Altoona, PA 16601.
7. SEPT. 16 Charleston Scottish Games: Ed Holcombe, 533 Coinbow Dr., Mt. Pleasant, S.C. 29464

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