



MORNING		Start Time	Event
7:30 a.m.			Gates open
8:00 a.m.			Solo Amateur & Professional Piping and Drumming Competitions
8:00 a.m.			Piobaireachd Competitions
9:00 a.m.			Heavy Events Competitions
9:00 a.m.			Clan Avenue opens
9:00 a.m.			Wee Highlander Area opens
9:00 a.m.			Farley Mowat Market with Merchandise and Food Vendors opens
11:00 a.m.	Refreshment Area opens.		
11:45 a.m.	Official Opening Ceremony		
11:45 a.m.			First parade of Massed Pipes and Drums
11:45 a.m.			Parade of Clans
11:45 a.m.			Mass Highland Fling
AFTERNOON			
1:00 p.m.			Grades 1 – 5 Pipe Band Competitions
1:00 p.m.			Highland Dance Competitions resume
1:00 p.m.			Heavy Event Competitions resume
5:00 p.m.			Closing Ceremonies
5:00 p.m.			Final Parade of Massed Pipes and Drums
5:00 p.m.			Presentation of Trophies and Medals for Pipe Bands and Heavy Events
5:00 p.m.			Northumberland Highland Games Raffle draw
EVENING			
6:00 p.m.			Celliadh starts
6:00 p.m.			The Devil's Brigade performs
10:00 p.m.			Celliadh ends

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

PIPE & DRUM BAND COMPETITIONS

Grade 1 [Medley]
78th Fraser Highlanders Pipe Band [Gr.1]
Home Town: Milton, ON
Tartan: 78th Fraser Highlanders
Pipe-Major: Michael Wm Grey
Lead-Drummer: Drew Duthart

Grade 2 [Set]
Ottawa Highlanders Pipes and Drums [Gr.2]
Home Town: Ottawa, ON
Tartan: Ottawa Valley
Pipe-Major: Scott Andrew McIntosh
Lead-Drummer: Mark Passmore

Grade 3 [Medley]
Peel Regional Police Pipe Band [Gr.3]
Home Town: Brampton, ON
Tartan: Ancient McPherson
Pipe-Major: Andrew Cairns
Lead-Drummer: Kayla Anderson

Grade 4 [Mini Set]
Ottawa Caledonian Pipes & Drums [Gr.4]
Home Town: Ottawa, ON
Tartan: Isle of Skye
Pipe-Major: Robert McCarthy
Lead-Drummer: Allan McCarthy

Grade 5 [March Medley]
St. Andrew's College Pipes & Drums [Gr.5]
Home Town: Aurora, ON
Tartan: Modern Gordon
Pipe-Major: Andy Yang
Lead-Drummer: Christian Moretto

Rob Roy Pipe Band [Gr.4]
Home Town: Kingston, ON
Tartan: MacGregor
Pipe-Major: MacGregor van de Ven
Lead-Drummer: Chris Bell

Glengarry Pipe Band [Gr.4]
Home Town: Maxville, ON
Tartan: Glengarry Highland Games
Pipe-Major: Erin Bell
Lead-Drummer: Walter W. M. Gammeter

Paris/Port Dover Pipe Band [Gr.4]
Home Town: St. George, ON
Tartan: Lamont
Pipe-Major: George Michael Taylor
Lead-Drummer: Zara Hannah Malik

MacEoin-Ramsay Pipe Band [Gr.4]
Home Town: Ottawa & The Valley
Tartan: David Clyde Family Tartan
Pipe-Major: Kris Bawden
Lead-Drummer: James Bush

Peel Regional Police Pipe Band [Gr.4]
Home Town: Brampton, ON
Tartan: Ancient McPherson
Pipe-Major: Jeremy Federico
Lead-Drummer: Cameron Hart

Niagara Regional Police Pipe Band [Gr.4]
Home Town: Niagara Falls, ON
Tartan: Niagara Region
Pipe-Major: Alick Feller
Lead-Drummer: Victoria Hingley

Georgetown Pipe Band [Gr.4]
Home Town: Georgetown, ON
Tartan: MacGregor
Pipe-Major: David F. Stewart
Lead-Drummer: Craig Stewart

Pipes and Drums of Lindsay [Gr.5]
Home Town: Lindsay, ON
Tartan: Ancient Lindsay
Pipe-Major: Glenn McDonald
Lead-Drummer: Lillian Scott

Peel Regional Police Pipe Band [Gr.5]
Home Town: Mississauga, ON
Tartan: Ancient McPherson
Pipe-Major: George Boast
Lead-Drummer: Madison Taggart

Smiths Falls Gordon Pipe Band [Gr.5]
Home Town: Smiths Falls, ON
Tartan: Ancient Gordon
Pipe-Major: Steve Brooke
Lead-Drummer: Troy Hamstra

Rob Roy Pipe Band [Gr.5]
Home Town: Kingston, ON
Tartan: MacGregor Modern
Pipe-Major: Tristan Perry
Lead-Drummer: Peter Birnie-Wortley

Glengarry Pipe Band [Gr.5]
Home Town: Maxville, ON
Tartan: Glengarry Highland Games
Pipe-Major: Taylor Young
Lead-Drummer: Alan Parks

Baile-Mor Dealanach Pipe Band [Gr.5]
Home Town: Peterborough
Tartan: MacBeth Modern
Pipe-Major: Jeffrey Hamilton
Lead-Drummer: William MacCurdy

Henderson Highlanders [Gr.5]
Home Town: Brighton, ON
Tartan: Weathered Henderson
Pipe-Major: Sean Cleaton
Lead-Drummer: Mark Diminie

Durham Regional Police Pipes & Drums [Gr.5]
Home Town: Whitby, ON
Tartan: McAlpine
Pipe-Major: Kelly Crowe
Lead-Drummer: Todd Diminie

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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cead Mile Failte (100,000 welcomes) to the Northumberland Scottish Festival and Highland Games.

We're excited to return to Port Hope again this year for the 61st anniversary of our event. After months of planning and organizing we're ready to celebrate all things Scottish!

- Today you can expect to:
- Hear 23 Pipe Bands play stirring music as they compete in Grades 1 through 5, while individual Drummers and Pipers compete in solo competitions.
 - Cheer on our young dancers who have come from near and far, to win a coveted prize for their skills at Highland Dancing.
 - Watch in awe as the Heavy Event lads and lassies perform amazing feats of strength.
 - Visit Clan Avenue where you can learn about your Clan and Scottish heritage.
 - Check out the many food and merchandise vendors on hand for all your Celtic needs.

We haven't forgotten the children! They can have lots of fun with their own Wee Highland Games in the Wee Highlanders supervised play area which includes a bouncy castle, face painting, classes in sword fighting and much more to amuse kids of all ages.

New this year is our Scavenger Hunt where you can follow clues to find "ewes, coos and heids" generously donated by local craftsman, Bill Manson.

Our Ceilidh tonight features The Devil's Brigade who have performed all over the world and are excited to be making their inaugural appearance here. I guarantee you'll be dancing in the aisles!

An event like this cannot be made possible without the input of many people. I'd like to thank our committee members, volunteers, sponsors, donors, competitors, the Town of Port Hope staff but most of all you, the visitors to our Games.

On behalf of the Cobourg Highland Games Society, I wish everyone a fun-filled and enjoyable day. Thank you for supporting our Games and the historic Town of Port Hope.

"Will ye no' come back again"

Sincerely
Pauline Davidson
President, Cobourg Highland Games Society

HEAVY EVENTS COMPETITION

Dating as far back as the year 1829 BC, to the ancient Tailteann Games, young men could be found testing their strength and skill. A tradition that has stood the test of time.

Growing into a method of training for battle, the Heavy Events have evolved into the competitive sport as we know it today.

Heavy Events Competition Schedule	
Time	Event
9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	• Braemar Stone Throw – 24 lbs • Open Stone Throw – 16 lbs • Weight for Distance – 56 lbs • Weight for Distance – 28 lbs
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	• Break for Opening Ceremonies
1:00p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	• Hammer Throw – 22 lbs • Hammer Throw – 16 lbs • Caber Toss • Weight for Height – 56 lbs



HIGHLAND DANCE COMPETITION

History
Dating back to the 11th century, the Highland Dances of Scotland tended to be highly athletic dances of triumph, joy, or some other reflection of everyday life. Competitive Highland dancing, for men only, started during the Highland Revival of Victorian Britain. Ladies began competing at the turn of the 1900's. No matter who dances them, Highland Dances require both athletic and artistic skill. Dancers belong to one of five levels: primary, beginner, novice, intermediate and the big leagues - premier.

The Andy Wallace Memorial Irish Jig
Is sponsored by Lorraine Symington, his daughter. He was extremely involved and supportive of his daughter's dance studio and was considered everyone's "Dance Grandpa". His favourite dance was the Scottish version of the Irish jig, which he loved to point out, was much better than the Irish version. This award is in memory of our favourite Studio MC.

Martha Searles Awards
Each year the Martha Searles Awards are presented to the most promising dancers in the Beginner, Novice, and Intermediate categories.

This year, the awards are donated in memory of Martha and Robert Searles by their granddaughter, Nadiene Gibney.



RAFFLE

DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR \$5 RAFFLE TICKETS

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IN GRAFTON (spa voucher value \$508)

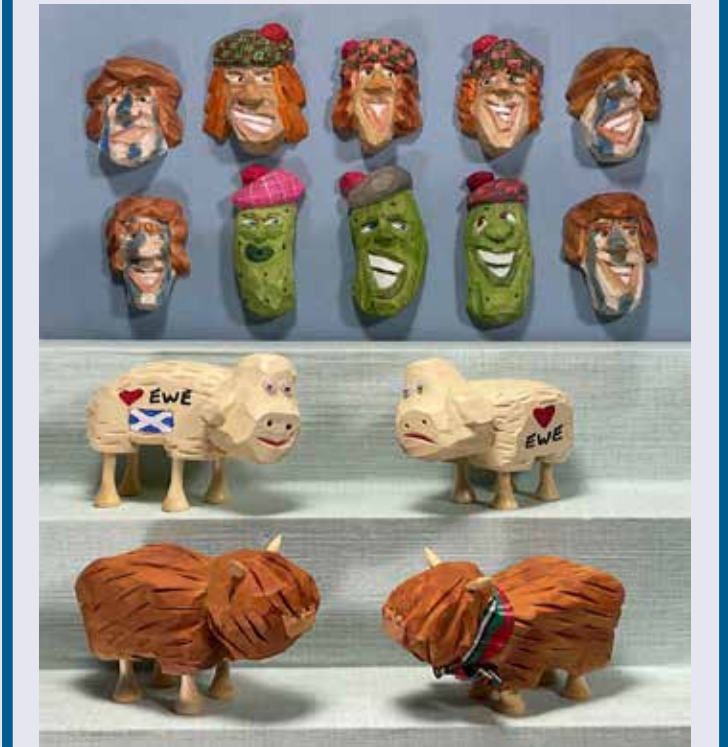
OR

~ \$500 CASH! ~

SCAVENGER HUNT

EWES AND COOS ARE ON THE LOOSE AND HEIDS ARE HIDDEN. HELP US ROUND THEM UP!

Check out the clues on our Instagram or FaceBook posts this afternoon.
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Thanks to Bill Manson for donating his unique wood carvings!

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