

# DONALD DINNIE DAY, THE GATHERING III

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2019 @ Potarch Café & Restaurant

### Running order and lifting schedule

#### **Session 1 – 12 noon – 12.30pm**

Welcome and opening remarks by Event Chieftain, David Webster O.B.E. and Malcolm Nicol, Ballogie Estate Manager. This will be followed by the first group of Dinnie Steen attempts on the main platform:

- 1/ Donna Moore
- 2/ Giles Sharpe
- 3/ Jenny Todd
- 4/ Shaun Thomas

#### **Session 2 – 12.30pm – 1pm**

Event 1 of the Donald Dinnie Games – The Ballogie Stone Challenge – Held in the Goat Penn (Stone provided by Brett Nicol).

The athletes competing (in alphabetical order) are:

1. Andy Cairney - Scotland
2. Neil Elliott - Scotland
3. Jamie Gorrian - Scotland
4. Mark Haydock - England
5. Brian Irwin – Northern Ireland
6. Matt Jones - England
7. Dean Kent - England
8. Lewis McLuckie – Scotland
9. Sean Peatfield, Scotland

This is a strategy event where the athlete will have 75 seconds to amass as many points as possible using the 123kg Ballogie Stone. Points will be awarded as follows:

- Breaking the ground with the stone – 2 points
- Lapping the stone – 4 points
- Standing up with the stone – 6 points
- Shouldering the stone – 8 points
- Pressing the stone overhead – 16 points

Points will be recorded and agreed by the judging panel. The head referee will have final say on any disputes. The lifter must remove his hands from the stone between each attempt. The lifter must set the stone down under control between each lift. No points will be awarded for a dropped stone. The athletes will lift in alphabetical order for Event 1 and in ascending points order for the remaining events. 9 points will be awarded to the winning athlete in each event, 8 points to the second placed athlete and so on down to 1 point for 9<sup>th</sup> place. In the unlikely event of the lifter not picking up the stone or not registering any valid attempts zero points will be awarded.

### **Session 3 – 1pm – 1.30pm**

Group 2 of Dinnie Steen attempts on the main platform

- 1/ David Bagnall
- 2/ Ewan Massie
- 3/ Aled Zachary
- 4/ Kevin Jamieson

### **Session 4 – 1.30pm – 2pm**

There will be a short performance by the Finzean School of Piping followed by Event 2 of the Donald Dinnie Games – The Nicol Stone Carry – Held in the Goat Penn (Stones provided by Brett Nicol).

This event requires the athlete to pick up two ringed stones similar to the Dinnie Stones and walk with them as far as possible. The lifter will be allowed two pickups including the initial pickup. The stones are the same height as the Dinnie Stones and weigh 138kg & 114kg. Once either of the stones touches the ground following the second pick up the attempt is over and the distance will be measured from the starting point of the front of the large stone to the finishing point of the front of the large stone. In the unlikely event of the lifter not picking up both stones zero points will be awarded.

### **Session 5 – 2pm – 2.30pm**

Group 3 of Dinnie Steen attempts on the main platform.

This session will feature two carry attempts and one lift attempt. This will be followed by an Inver Stone display by Martin Jancsics & Jamie Gorrian. Following the Inver Stone display the Inver Stone will be available under supervision for lifters who wish to attempt this historic stone.

- 1/ Josh Brown (Carry)
- 2/ Tim Meadows (Lift)
- 3/ Enzo Donadio (Carry)

### **Session 6 – 2.30pm – 3pm**

Event 3 of the Donald Dinnie Games – Steintossen – Held in the Goat Penn (Rendrag Stone provided by Steve Gardner).

The Rendrag Stone is an ancient Viking Mill Stone acquired over 30 years ago by Head Referee, Steve Gardner from a farm in the Channel Islands. This event requires the athlete to throw an ancient Viking 'Throwin Steen' as far as possible from a stop board on the ground. The athlete may adopt any throwing style (with the exception of a spinning throw to ensure crowd safety) and may use one or two hands. The stone weighs 16.5kg. It is 11" long, 9" wide & 7" deep. Athletes will have 3 attempts each with points being awarded for the longest throw. The distance will be measured from the stop board to the first point of contact that the stone makes with the ground. The athlete may not cross the stop board during or after the throw. In the unlikely event of 3 foul throws zero points will be awarded.

### **Session 7 – 3pm – 3.30pm**

Group 4 of Dinnie Steen attempts on the main platform.

- 1/ Gordon Ingram
- 2/ Stig Parker
- 3/ Mitch Jackson
- 4/ Fraser love

## Session 8 – 3.30pm – 4pm

Event 4 of the Donald Dinnie Games – The Ardblair Stones Challenge (Hosted by Charlie Blair Oliphant and sponsored by Castle Water).

This event will be open to the public all day under supervision and will also be the final event of the games.

### 4.30pm – 5pm prize giving and event close

**Thanks to the Organising Body for their dedication and hard work in helping to set up and run this wonderful event:**

David Webster OBE – Event Chieftain  
Jack Shanks – Cool guest of honour ;)  
Malcolm Nicol – Ballogie Estate Manager and event license holder  
Stevie Shanks – Event Manager  
Jim Splaine - Photography  
Rosemary Splaine - Photography  
James Grahame – Dinnie Games Events Co-ordinator  
Brett Nicol – Dinnie Stones Lift Co-Ordinator  
Charlie Blair-Oliphant – Ardblair Stones  
Steve Gardner – Head Referee  
Martin Jancsics / Jamie Gorrian – Inver Stone Display  
Helen Knowles – Ballogie Estate Team day to day manager  
Christina Nicol - Ballogie Estate Team  
Lydia Nicol - Ballogie Estate Team

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