

Turakina Caledonian Games Results of the 144th Games, 26th Jan 2008.

Saturday saw a warm and breezy 144th Annual Turakina Caledonian Society Highland Games. The Manawatu Scottish beat the New Zealand Police in the Grade 1 in the Jock McKenzie Memorial Pipe Band Contest. Stuart Easton of Palmerston North was the overall solo piping Champion, Glenn Miller of Lower Hutt was the Solo Drumming Champion. Jayden Withington of Hastings was the Piping and Dancing Association Dancing Champion. The Woman's Athletic Field Events champion was field Tara Samuel of Marton with Darryl Higgs the Men's Champion. The inaugural winners of the Evan and Joy McLean Memorial Youth Scholarship were Wynton Moore of Dunedin in the Solo Piping and Marianne Kirby from Wanganui in the Solo Drumming. Jamie Hawke from Christchurch entertained the crowd with a fine piping recital to end the day's events.

In the Solo Piping the chanter class was won by Christopher Poppe of Wellington. The Novice March was won by Tom Whittle of Moawhango. The D Grade Champion was Callum Cameron of Waikanae with Jeremy Katterns of Motueka the C grade champion. Wynton Moore of Dunedin had a highly successful day winning the B grade and under 21 events. The A grade solo piping events were shared around with Struan Murgatroyd of Paeroa winning the A grade Piobaireachd, Marion Horsburgh the Wellington Centennial Award A Grade March and Stuart Easton the North Island Championship Jig and Hornpipe.

In the solo drumming Sam Marsh from Wellington won the novice drumming. Cory Argyle of Palmerston North won the C and B grade drumming. Henry Hillind won the inaugural novice and open tenor drumming. The open drumming champion was Glenn Millar from Lower Hutt.

In the Piping and Dancing Association dancing, the 6 years and under overall winner was Niamh Robertson of Palmerston North. Under 10 years most points were won by Mikayla Cadman of Normanby. Nicole Harvey of Takapau won the under 12 most points with Niamh Blackman winning the under 14. Leana Atkenson of Havelock North was the under 16 overall winner. The Open Highland Events point's winner was Shelly Reid of Palmerston North. The Champion dancer was Jayden Withington.

Scots College had a most successful day winning the Youth Band and Grade 4 Medley and sharing the Set with the Taranaki Competing Band. Manawatu Scottish Development Band won both the grade 3 Medley and Set and Pipes and Drums of Horowhenua won both grade events. In the grade 1, the New Zealand Police won the Set, the overall drumming and the tenor and bass section. Manawatu Scottish won the Medley and were overall Champion band.

In the primary School field athletic events Melissa Graham and C Scott shared the girl's championship, while Grant Harvey of Takapau was the boy's champion. Pascal Kunzel of Germany was the Novice Men's Champion. The Women's was Tara Samuel of Marton, while Darryl Higgs was the Men's Champion.

27k Turakina Road Race

Results

Individual Run – Handicap - Ben Nevis Trophy – (11 starters)

1. Gail Daniel – 2 hrs 48 min 15 sec.
2. Tony Fraei – 2 hrs 51 min 05 sec + 2 min 50 sec
3. Neil Mayo – 1 hr 53 min 03 sec + 6 min 12 sec

Individual Run – Fastest Time – St Andrews Shield.

1. Neil Mayo – 1 hr 53 min 03 sec.
2. Kelvin Read – 1 hr 53 min 14 sec
3. Tim Cooke – 2 hr 3 min 15 sec

Individual Walk – Handicap (18 starters)

1. Evan Davies – 3 hrs 25 min 28 sec
2. Delwyn Sinclair – 4 hrs 13 min 19 sec +2 min 51 sec
3. Tim Eaton – 3 hrs 39 min 47 sec + 4 min 19 sec

Individual Walk – Fastest Time

1. Gai Marie Smart – 3 hrs 12 min 11 sec
2. Denise Brunskill – 3 hrs 18 min 19 sec
3. Paul Webster – 3 hrs 22 min 37sec

Teams Run – Handicap (2 Teams)

1. Karen Le Lievre/Jules Le Lievre – 2 hrs 12 min 44sec (Fastest Time)
2. Philip Paterson/Simon Peterson/Meredith Paterson – 2 hrs 20 min 54 sec - +8 min 10 sec

Teams Walk – Handicap (7 Teams)

1. Darol Pointon/Barry Ross/Gail Bernard – 3 hrs 18 min 24 sec
2. Darryl James/Merrin Taratoa – 3 hrs 3 min 34 sec (Fastest Time) - + 4 min 10 sec
3. Shirley Wallis/Robyn Weston/Helen Henwood /Val Scarr – 4 hrs 12 min 36 sec - + 8 min 12 sec