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SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES IN NEWPORT

Newport, OR - The 3rd annual Newport Celtic Festival & Highland Games will kick off with “Fringe Friday” events on June 7th, at various Newport locations with the festival and games taking place at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds on June 8th and 9th.

A highlight of the festival is the Scottish Highland games which consist of several awe inspiring events. The first involves the Kilted Kilometer Fun Run at Nye Beach as a part of the “Fringe Friday” events where runners don their kilts and trek northward on Nye Beach while raising money and food donations for the local animal shelter.

On Saturday and Sunday, the “heavy” events begin where, traditionally, athletes used farm implements, blacksmith tools and stones to test their metal to see who was the strongest in the glen. When the men of Scotland were forbidden to bear or train with arms, they began training with items from their natural surroundings to stay in shape in the event of war.

On June 8th & 9th, male and female athletes from all over the Pacific Northwest will each run a gauntlet of nine events which demonstrate feats of strength including the Scottish Hammer (both light and heavy), the Sheaf Toss, Weight Over the Bar, Weight for Distance (both light and heavy), Braemar and Open Stone Put, the Caber Toss and, for those who successfully turn the standard caber, the “Clan MacLaren Challenge Caber” awaits them at a staggering 18’6” in length and 140 lbs for a cash prize of \$100.00.

“We have athletes ranging in age from 15 to 62. For some, Newport is their debut which includes our youngest competitor, Hailey Mowell. Another novice is a former Olympian from nearby Toledo, Oregon, who is trying his hand for the first time ever. Experienced throwers range from being World’s Strongest Man competitors to national Highland Games Champions to a World Highland Games Lightweight Champion from Tacoma, WA.” said Mabey.

The non-profit *Celtic Heritage Alliance* is proud to organize this event for its third year, and for the sponsors who make it all possible; Oregon Coast Magazine, Newport Signs, Chinook Winds Casino, Hallmark, CelticLife.com, Oregon Coast TODAY, Ultrasonic Events, NewsLincolnCount.com, Best Western Plus, Nana’s Irish Pub, Bridie’s Irish Faire, Bayview Construction, JefferyShirley.com, OregonCoastProductions.com and many more.

For tickets and additional information about the 2013 Newport Celtic Festival & Highland Games, please visit www.newportcelticfestival.com or call 541-574-9366.

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Caption: Weight for Distance

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Caption: Turning the Clan MacLaren Challenge Caber (2012)

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Caption: Caber Toss (Miguel Delgado)

Courtesy: Sonya Delgado



Caption: Weight for Distance

Courtesy: Sam Ayers



Caption: Stone Put

Courtesy: James Gorley



Caption: Scottish Hammer

Courtesy: Raymond Mabey



Caption: Sheaf Toss