

AUTUMN UPDATE 2010

The Caledonian

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waipu caledonian society
comann na h-alba waipu

HIGHLAND HEAVYWEIGHT THE ORIGINAL Extreme Sport

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2010 AGM will be on Monday, June 28, 2010 at the Society's rooms, Caledonian Park, Waipu at 7.00pm with a supper to follow the meeting.

All members are welcome to attend and have their say in the running of the Society and the 140th Highland Games, January 1, 2011. We value your contribution and look forward to anyone who would like to take part in the committee or as a Steward for the Games.

Just about every position is up for grabs, so if you think you have what it takes and you think you have skills that would be of great value for the Games, please take the opportunity to come along.

Flo Ryan, who for many years has been Athletics Steward, has notified us of her retirement, which means she will be able to enjoy the Games as a spectator. We thank Flo for her fantastic support and wish her all the best. Mary Esterling has indicated that she is keen to take over from Flo and be the Athletic Steward for the 2011 Games. Many thank Mary and welcome on board.

VOLUNTEERS

PIPING & DRUMMING

It is the many volunteers who turn up to help run the Games that make the day so successful and it is these men and women that are the unsung heroes of the Waipu Games. Many have been doing it for years, as Flo Ryan has done. However, we need more to help during the months before the Games, especially to help the Solo Piping and Drumming competitions. We are hoping to

have a small team formed to assist the Steward; so if you would like to know more about this, contact our Chief, Pipe Major Bain McGregor.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLAND GAMES FEDERATION WORLD HEAVY EVENTS CHAMPIONSHIPS VICTORIA BRITISH COLUMBIA CANADA

Our Chairman, Don Ewen along with Don Fraser and Terry Dent will be attending the 147th Victoria Highland Games and Celtic Festival which will be hosting **the 2010 IHGF LIGHTHOUSE BREWING COMPANY WORLD HEAVY EVENTS CHAMPIONSHIPS on May 22-23, 2010!** They will be supporting our NZ Champion, Pat Hellier who will be competing in the Championship. All the best Pat!

www.victoriahighlandgames.com

www.2010worldheavyevents.com

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They will see the 2009 IHGF World Heavy Events Champion, Aaron Neighbours of Australia, as he defends his title against eleven top ranked professional Heavy Events athletes from the United States, England, Scotland, Poland, The Netherlands, New Zealand and Canada!

As you know we have been offered the IHGF World Teams Heavyweight Championship to be held in conjunction with the 140th Games 2011. The subcommittee looking after that event are sourcing sponsorship to enable the Championship to go ahead.

Chairman Don Ewen says "We are struggling to secure sponsorship to help with costs and will make a decision re whether we are able to host the worlds after our trip to the world games at Victoria". If you are able to help, please contact us.

SPONSORSHIP

All of the competitions are in need of sponsors of course to provide prize monies for the dancers, pipers, drummers, athletes etc. Please consider about sponsoring an event or two; you can be specific or allow us to allocate the sponsorship. You can do it as a family in honour of a

relative as the McGregor family did for their beloved Helen; of who in years past competed at the Games; or a business in the form of cash or vouchers as the Waipu Butchery and Pizza Barn graciously did for the 2010 Games. Many sponsor a specific event like the re-introduced Fiddling Competition; and for that we thank Clan Donald Auckland and Districts Society. Their patronage made a world of difference to the success of this event that had not been seen at the Games for over 90 years.

The Clan MacLean Association is a classic example of a Clan Society taking the initiative and starting the 'Tartan In The Park' fashion event, which has been very successful and has also made a presence at our sister Games at Paeroa.

The list is long, but we need it longer and would encourage all our members, supporters, Societies, Families, Companies and individuals to seriously consider being a sponsor. Please contact us for more information about how you can support this iconic event and promote our culture down under.

PLANNING

We are now preparing for the organising for the 140th Games in 2011 and look forward to the many Clan Societies, Genealogy/Family History Groups, two excellent Highland Dancing platforms, of which we are one of the very few Games in NZ that give a venue for the Scottish Official Board Highland Dancing and the Piping & Dancing Association, Scottish Country Dancing, Piping and Drumming, Fiddling, Athletics etc – Are you able to help?

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Greg Wilson for winning the Gold Clasp and Scott Kennedy for winning the Gold Medal at the 2010 Comunn na Piobaireachd (NZ) Championships.

Greg Wilson is the Secretary of the Comunn na Piobaireachd NZ (CNP) Music Committee and with Pat Hellier has been a fine ambassador for the Waipu Games and New Zealand Piping.

EVENTS NOTICE BOARD

Waipu Ceilidh Monday 31 May 7.30 pm Coronation Hall
47 The Centre Waipu Elaine Goldthorpe Ph: 09 432 0532

Waipu Concert Tuesday 01 June Waipu Museum Details to be confirmed Elaine Goldthorpe Ph: 09 432 0532

TARTAN WEEK

As you know the Waipu Caledonian Society and Clan MacLean Association will again be co-hosting the annual Clan Dinner at the RSA / Citizens Club, Saturday, July 3, starting at 4.45pm for drinks and socialising awe will finish at 7.30pm for folk to have plenty of time to get to the Wearable Arts Award which starts at 8.00pm at the Coronation Hall, Waipu. The ticket price for the dinner will be \$30 per head and there will be a mystery spot prize drawn on the night. For tickets contact Delia Walker Ph: 432 1514

On Sunday the 4th at 10.00am there will be the Kirkin O' The Tartan at the Waipu Kirk. This is open to all Clans and individuals to celebrate the anniversary of the lifting of the Act of Proscription against the wearing of the Tartan. The law was finally repealed on 1 July 1782. Feel free to dress in anything Tartan for this special day; kindly arranged by Rev Peter Dunn and the folk of the Kirk.

The full programme for Tartan Week can be viewed on:
www.waipumuseum.com/html/TartanWeekProgramme.htm
www.breambay.co.nz/blog/
or at the Waipu Museum

MASTERCARD ROADSHOW

At present the MasterCard Road Show, which is promoting the rugby union world cup event in 2011, will happen on Sunday 11 July in the Caledonian Park commencing at 11 am will run for 4 ½ hours and will be a fun day for all ages.

This is part of the wind up for Tartan Week and the Waipu Caledonian Society along with the Waipu Rugby Union Club will be supporting it. NZ Champion, Pat Hellier, will be there and we have got Richie Guy to act as the all blacks caber tossing coach which considering his involvement with both organizations is very appropriate.

**Compliments from The Patron, Chairman, Chief and Committee of
THE WAIPU CALEDONIAN SOCIETY INC.
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