

SCOTTISH GAMES

Figure 1. Scottish Games are held all over America. On 17 May 2008 I attended the ones at Fair Hill, Maryland.



Figure 2. The pipers practice prior to competition.

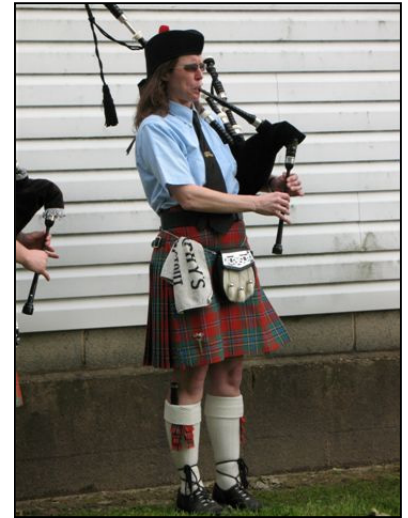


Figure 3. The women are as strong as the men.



Figure 4. Start 'em young.



Figure 5. The piper joins the drummers.

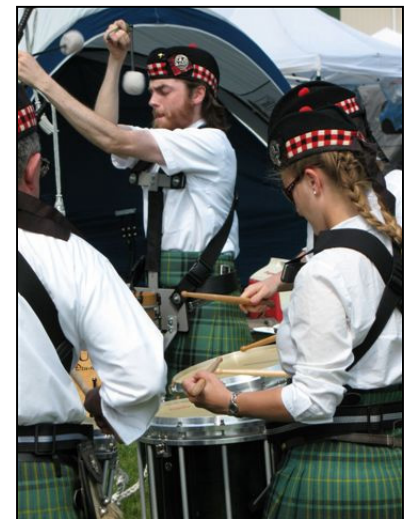


Figure 6. Drummers gotta practice too.



Figure 7. Preferably in a picturesque location.



Figure 8. My favorite drummer.



Figure 9. Practice over, let's head for the field.



Figure 10. Now you know what it was like when they said, "The Campbells are coming" (Haggis available at rear).



Figure 11. Everybody is here.



Figure 12. Marching to do battle on the field of music.



Figure 13. How'd they get that piper inside the drum?



Figure 14. It takes two strong men to carry the 155-lb caber to the start line.



Figure 15. The staff helps the competitor make it vertical.



Figure 16. Then he has to hold it steady...



Figure 17. ... run as fast as he can down field ...



Figure 18. ... try to hoist it into the air ...



Figure 19. ... and rotate it 270 degrees so the tip he was holding points away from him at "12 o'clock."



Figure 20. The best tosses I saw were 11:55 and 12:05.



Figure 21. Time for something more relaxing.



Figure 22. Little girls dancing!



Figure 23. My — they do start young.



Figure 24. These dancers from the McAleer School of Irish Dancing in Delaware announced they had been "invited" since other performers were Scots.



Figure 25. This brother-sister act makes one want to believe in the little people.

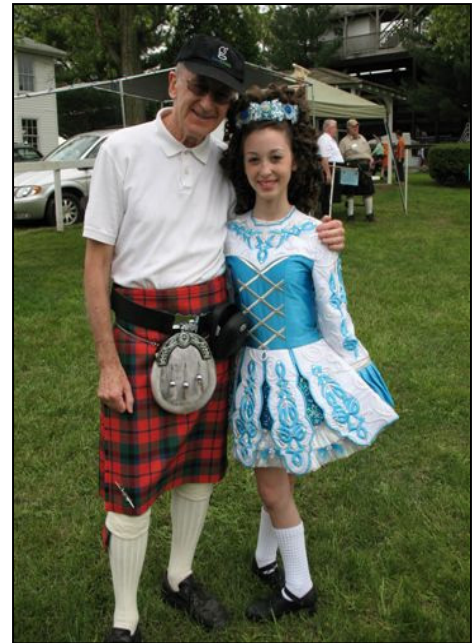


Figure 26. Guess which of these three stole my heart?



Fig. 27. In addition to her Irish dance training, Millie Beichner studied ballet for many years with Victor Wesley, three-time World Champion Scottish Dancer. Millie also danced in the World Championships—for Irish dancing—in Glasgow in 2007.

Figure 28. Millie's mother suggested she photograph the two of us together.



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