

# The 2012 Exceptional Zulu Kingdom Fort Nottingham Highland & Traditional Games

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The community of Fort Nottingham came head to head with the KZN Provincial Reserve Force units members at the 6<sup>th</sup> instalment of the “Exceptional Zulu Kingdom Fort Nottingham Highland & Traditional Games”. The lively event took place on Saturday 11 August in a very sunny weather after some heavy snow showers a few days before and the Drakensburg mountains peaks were still snow capped on the day but that did not stop participants from giving their best performances and over 5000 in the audience from cheering their heroes.

These games are designed to enhance the esprit de corps of the Regiments and local civilian teams, all of whom consider their participation as a reflection of their sporting and ancestral heritage and they aim to set a high standard of entertainment for the crowd, with, amongst others, a display of a fleet of vintage MG roadsters, pipe bands, Highland dancing, a Celtic band, as well as the traditional sporting such as tossing the caber, tug of war, and 'carrying the weight' (a 72kg rock!). This year saw the advent of a fully-fledged Highlander Strongman Competition – with the winner going off to compete in the Highlander World champs in Scotland (August 2012).



**The Maclaine of Lochbuie, 26<sup>th</sup> Chief of the Clan Gillean of Lochbuie, Baron Maclaine of MOY addressing the audience during the opening ceremony.**

“I would like to thank Major General Roy Andersen, Chief Defence Reserves for his attendance and military contributions” said The Maclaine of Lochbuie, 26<sup>th</sup> Chief of the Clan Gillean of Lochbuie during the opening ceremony.

Attractions of the 2012 gathering included: Scottish food fare, Beer wagons, craft stalls, tea tents, traditional highlands fields events which included Tossing the Caber, Kilted mile, walking the Weight, Tug of War, Highlander strongman competition, KZN solo piping competition, highland dancing, History talks, entertainers on big stage as well as pipe band displays.



**L to R: Chief Defence Reserves Maj General Roy Andersen, Brig General John Gibbs (Deputy Chief Director Defence Reserves), Brig General Abel Maminze (Director SAMHS Reserves) during the Military salute.**

Chief Defence Reserves Maj General Roy Andersen, Brig General John Gibbs (Deputy Chief Director Defence Reserves), Brig General Abel Maminze (Director SAMHS Reserves) and Colonel Patrick Acutt, (SSO Provincial Office KZN) were spotted amongst the delegates who were there during the official ceremonial opening.



**Military athletes from the KZN Reserve Force Units**



**Haggis Presentation**

The famous Scottish dish called the Haggis was also presented. “The Haggis is a very old Scottish dish, which combines meats, spices and oatmeal to create a very rich, unusual, but none the less delicious feast. The factual and historic description of Haggis is sometimes off-putting to people who have not tried it. Fortunately, modern techniques in the preparation and presentation of Haggis make it an acceptable delicacy to almost everyone's palate. In fact, it's simply delicious. If you haven't tried Haggis - authentic Scottish Haggis - you must! Whilst in Scotland it is not consumed on a daily basis, it does feature regularly on many people's home menus throughout the year. It makes "guest" appearances on a more formal basis throughout the year, whenever Scottish culture is celebrated. If you have ever been to a Highland Games festival, you will know that food is as important as the caber toss!



**Spectators who attended the 2012 Fort Nottingham Highland & Traditional Games.**



**L to R: Brig General Abel Maminze (Director SAMHS Reserves), Colonel Patrick Acutt, (SSO Provincial Office KZN), Brig General John Gibbs (Deputy Chief Director Defence Reserves), Maj General Roy Andersen (Chief Defence Reserves) and The Maclaine of Lochbuie, 26<sup>th</sup> Chief of the Clan Gillean of Lochbuie, Baron Maclaine of MOY having a chat during the games.**



**Army Band Durban, Combined Northwood & Ferrum Cadets Brass Bands, KZN Pipe Bands and Natal Scottish during their performances.**

Army Band Durban, 1<sup>st</sup> Medical Battalion and KZN Pipe Bands, Natal Scottish and combined Northwood & Ferrum Cadets Brass Bands, gave an exceptional performances during the event.







Games activities included putting the stone (Shot Put), Walk the weight, Kilted Mile, Tossing the Caber, Colours Race and Tug of War.



Winners of the strong man-Competition.



The Maclaine of Lochbuie, 26<sup>th</sup> Chief of the Clan Gillean of Lochbuie, Baron Maclaine of MOY awarding prizes to the military athletes.



The Maclaine of Lochbuie, 26<sup>th</sup> Chief of the Clan Gillean of Lochbuie, Baron Maclaine of MOY with the leader of the Freestate brothers, a civilian team which scooped an award as a team which had high spirit of participation.

Over all results of the 2012 Fort Nottingham Highland & Traditional Games

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Medal	Participant	Regiment / Team	Result
<b>PUTTING THE STONE (SHOT PUTT)</b>			
MILITARY			
Gold	V.S. Mkhwanazi	Natal Carbineers	6.10 metres
Silver	C.Sibisi	Umvoti Mounted Rifles	5.95 metres
Bronze	Shezi	Durban Light Infantry	5.90 metres
CIVILIAN			
Gold	Albert Hertzog	Free State Brothers	7.40 metres
Silver	Jacques van Zyl	Free State Brothers	5.97 metres
Bronze	Peter Cahi	Green Bottle Ballies	5.85 metres
<b>WALK THE WEIGHT</b>			
MILITARY			
Gold	A.G. Phori	Natal Carbineers	216 metres
Silver	T.E. Pepeta	Durban Regiment	200 metres
Bronze	A. Sindane	Umvoti Mounted Rifles	186 metres
CIVILIAN			
Gold	Jaco Rademeyer	Free State Brothers	200 metres
Gold	Jan Britz	Free State Brothers	200 metres
Bronze	Reghardt Alberts	IIS Soldiers	175 metres
<b>KILTIED MILE</b>			
MILITARY			
Gold	Nkosi	Durban Light Infantry	7 minutes 31 seconds
Silver	Ntamane Bhokane	Umvoti Mounted Rifles	8 minutes 04 seconds
Bronze	Ngwenya Lisborn	Umvoti Mounted Rifles	8 minutes 27 seconds
CIVILIAN			
Gold	James Klinghart	Clan Munro	9 minutes 19 seconds
Silver	John Wright	Green Bottle Ballies	10 minutes 11 seconds
Bronze	Rowan Morgan	Clan Munro	10 minutes 12 seconds
CIVILIAN INDIVIDUAL			
Gold	James Penberthy	Age 14	12 minutes 34 seconds
Silver	Nathanael Petersen	Age 16	12 minutes 47 seconds
Bronze	Sumuary Roodt	Age 11	14 minutes 02 seconds
<b>TOSS THE CABER</b>			
MILITARY			
Unsuccessful - no result			
CIVILIAN			
Gold	Jaco Rademeyer	Free State Brothers	2 turnovers of the Caber
Silver	Rowan Morgan	Clan Munro	1 turnover of the Caber
<b>COLOURS RACE - TEAM EVENT</b>			
MILITARY			
Gold		Umvoti Mounted Rifles	
Silver		Natal Carbineers	
Bronze		Durban Light Infantry	
CIVILIAN			
Gold		Free State Brothers	
Silver		Green Bottle Ballies	
Bronze		IIS Soldiers	
<b>TUG OF WAR - TEAM EVENT</b>			
MILITARY			
Gold		Umvoti Mounted Rifles	
Silver		Durban Light Infantry	
Bronze		Durban Regiment	
CIVILIAN			
Gold		Free State Brothers	
Silver		Green Bottle Ballies	
Bronze		Clan Munro	

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MAN OF THE GAMES		
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MILITARY		
Shezi	Durban Light infantry	Bronze for Putting the Stone
		9th in Kilted mile
CIVILIAN		
Rowan Morgan	Clan Munro	Silver for Tossing the Caber
		Bronze in Kilted Mile

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TEAM RESULTS							
MILITARY TEAMS							
Team	Putting the Stone	Walk the Weight	Kilted Mile	Toss the Caber	Running the Colours	Tug of War	TOTAL
Umvoti Mounted Rifles	6	4	117	0	3	6	136
Natal Carbineers	9	3	104	0	2	3	121
Durban Light Infantry	4	6	79	0	1	5	95
Durban Regiment	2	5	73	0	0	4	84
Natal Mounted Rifles	0	1	61	0	0	1	63
84th Signals Unit	0	2	33	0	0	1	36
CIVILIAN TEAMS							
Team	Putting the Stone	Walk the Weight	Kilted Mile	Toss the Caber	Running the Colours	Tug of War	TOTAL
Free State Brothers	7	4	54	3	3	4	75
Clan Munro	0	2	63	2	0	2	69
Green Bottle Ballies	3	3	48	0	2	3	59
IIS Soldiers	0	1	45	0	1	1	48

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**HIGHLANDER STRONG-MAN COMPETITION**

<b>Gold</b>	<b>Etiene Smit</b>
<b>Silver</b>	<b>Tristin O' Brian</b>
<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Dean Shelly</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>Andrea Sweeny</b>
<b>5th</b>	<b>Shalto Luiters</b>
<b>6th</b>	<b>Hennie Jordaan</b>
<b>7th</b>	<b>Russel Swanepoel</b>
<b>8th</b>	<b>Keelin Mills</b>
<b>9th</b>	<b>Willie White</b>
<b>10th</b>	<b>Jeff Warddropper</b>

*Some of the information was sourced from the official website of the Fort Nottingham Highland Games-  
[www.fortnottinghamhighlandgames.com](http://www.fortnottinghamhighlandgames.com)*