

The spirit of Scotland lives

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The 52nd annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games may have concluded on Sunday, but the spirit of Scotland still lives here in the High Country.

Many people from around the world gathered at MacRae Meadows on Grandfather Mountain to watch and participate in the Scottish Highland Games. The High Country was well represented in the endurance races that took place at the games as well.

Athletes from the High Country won gold in all but three of the races with others taking no lower than silver. A representative of the High Country won the triathlon, a combination of times from all three races, also.

The games was a “huge success” this year, not because of the high number of attendance by clans and patrons, said Franklin Wyatt III of Clan MacLeod, but because those who came to the games were there to learn about Scottish culture, and their own heritages as well.

“The support and volume of people that come to support the heritage and the culture,” said Jamesie (pronounced JamesE) Johnston, member of Albannach a Celtic pipe and drum band from Glasgow, Scotland, when asked what they appreciate about the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. “You’ve got a hell of a lot of people that come here just to support being Scottish,” he said.