

THE ROYAL HIGHLAND AND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF SCOTLAND



# SHEEP SHEARING COMPETITIONS

To be held at the MacRobert Theatre, Royal Highland Showground  
on 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June

## ENTRIES CLOSE 12th MAY

*Competitions to be held under British Isles Shearing Competition Association*

The Society acknowledges with thanks  
the sponsorship of equipment and services by  
**LISTER SHEARING EQUIPMENT LTD**

**To be Judged as follows:**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Competition</u>	<u>Heats</u>	<u>Semi-Finals</u>	<u>Final</u>
Friday 24th June	Junior .....	1.00 p.m. ....		2.00 p.m.
Friday 24th June	Young Farmers .....	2.30 p.m. ....	as necessary	
Saturday 25th June	Intermediate .....	8.30 a.m. ....	2.00 p.m. ....	3.45 p.m.
Saturday 25th June	Senior .....	9.30 a.m. ....	2.30 p.m. ....	4.15 p.m.
Saturday 25th June	Wool Handling.....	11.00 a.m. ....		3.15 p.m.
Saturday 25th June	*Novice Wool Handling	11.00 a.m. ....	as necessary	
Sunday 26th June	National .....	8.30 a.m. ....	10.00 a.m. ....	11.00 a.m.
Sunday 26th June	Blade .....	9.30 a.m. ....		10.15a.m.
Sunday 26th June	<b>Six Nations Team Championship</b> .....			<b>11.15am (approx)</b>
Sunday 26th June	Open .....	1 p.m. ....	2.45 p.m. ....	3.30 p.m.
Sunday 26th June	The Scottish Challenge (Test) ..			4 p.m.

\* Please note: If insufficient entries are received for this class we will only hold an open competition.

<b>Chief Steward:</b>	Mr. R Maitland
<b>Deputy Chief Steward:</b>	Mr K Campbell
<b>Stewards:</b>	
<b>Scoring Stewards</b>	Miss E Meikle, Miss K Ralston, Miss M Whiteford
<b>Time Keepers</b>	Mrs S Munro, Mr I Munro, Mrs J Turner

### JUDGES

Referee: Mr D. Turner

Judges:

### ENTRY FEES

*Class*

1	John Wight & Sons Junior	£11.00
2	Intermediate	£15.00
3	John Wight & Sons Senior	£17.00
4	Wool Handling	£15.00
5	Novice Wool Handling	£11.00
6	Lister National Machine Competition	£17.00
7	Blade Shearing	£13.00
8	Highland Shears Open Competition	£21.00

**\* All Entry Fees include a £2 levy to go to the Scottish Shearing Circuit Funds.**

**Cheques in respect of Entry Fees should be made payable to "RHASS".** ENTRIES MADE ON THE DAY WILL BE 50% MORE EXPENSIVE.

## PRIZE MONEY

### Class

<b>No.</b>	<b>Competition</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>6th</b>
1	John Wight & Sons Junior	£100	£65	£35	£25	£15	£10
2	The Worshipful Company Intermediate	£225	£150	£100	£65	£45	£15
3	John Wight & Sons Senior	£300	£200	£125	£95	£60	£30
4	Wool Handling	£100	£65	£35	£25	£15	£10
5	Novice Wool Handling	£30	£20	£10			
6*	Lister Shearing Equipment Ltd National Machine	£350	£200	£130	£100	£75	£35
7	Blade Shearing	£100	£65	£35	£25	£15	£10
8**	Highland Shears Open	£400	£260	£200	£150	£120	£70

\*\* each losing Semi-finalist will receive £15

### IMPORTANT

SEMI-FINALS WILL ONLY BE HELD WHERE JUSTIFIED BY THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES.

ENTRIES WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED ON OFFICIAL SOCIETY ENTRY FORMS.

NEWSCLIP ENTRY FORMS WILL **NOT** BE ACCEPTED.

### CLASS

- 1 JOHN WIGHT & SONS JUNIOR COMPETITION**  
Open to junior status shearers only
- 2 INTERMEDIATE COMPETITION – Sponsored by The Worshipful Company of Woolmen**  
Open to junior or intermediate status shearers only
- 3 JOHN WIGHT & SONS SENIOR COMPETITION**  
Open to intermediate or senior status shearers only
- 4 WOOL HANDLING COMPETITION**
- 5 NOVICE WOOL HANDLING**
- 6 LISTER SHEARING EQUIPMENT LTD NATIONAL MACHINE COMPETITION**  
Open only to competitors of Scottish nationality resident in Scotland
- 7 BLADE SHEARING COMPETITION**
- 8 HIGHLAND SHEARS OPEN COMPETITION**  
Open to senior or open status shearers only

### LATE ENTRANTS

- WOOL HANDLING:** A LIMITED NUMBER OF LATE ENTRANTS WILL BE PERMITTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHIEF STEWARD. THE LATE ENTRANT WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY FULL ENTRY FEE PLUS A SURCHARGE OF 50%.
- SHEARING:** SHOULD NUMBERS ALLOW, LATE ENTRIES ON THE DAY MAY BE PERMITTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHIEF STEWARD, LATE ENTRANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY FULL ENTRY FEE PLUS A SURCHARGE OF 50%. *JUNIOR LATE ENTRANTS ARE EXEMPT FROM THE SURCHARGE.*

## SPECIAL PRIZES

- S.1. The Coopers Perpetual Challenge Cup**  
for best individual shearer in the Intermediate Competition.
- S.1. The Carmichael Motor Group Perpetual Challenge Trophy**  
for best individual shearer in the Intermediate Competition.
- S.2. Barclays' Bank Challenge Cup**  
for best individual shearer in the Senior Competition.
- S.3. The MacTaggart Silver Salver**  
for best individual shearer in the National Machine Competition. Presented by Mr John MacTaggart, Muirhouses, Duntocher.
- S.4. The Kirkwood Medal**  
for winner of the National Machine Competition. A hallmarked sterling silver medal will be presented by Alexander Kirkwood & Son, Medallists and Engravers, 13 Albany Street, Edinburgh. Medals will also be given to the Runner-up (S5) and the third placed competitor (S6)
- S.7. The Lawson Silver Salver**  
for best individual shearer in the Highland Shears Open Competition. Presented by Mr W. Lawson, St. Ninian's, Wigtown.

### THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF WOOLMEN JUNIOR COMPETITION

**Participating Societies in order of dates of events:**

The Royal Ulster, The Royal Bath and West, The Royal Highland, The Great Yorkshire, The Royal Welsh.

**Eligibility:**

To be eligible to qualify, competitors must be 26 years of age or under on 1st May 2009, hold a Blue or Bronze seal only (Wool Board Qualification) on 1st May 2008, and be classified as a Junior in the year concerned

**Qualifiers:**

The two top competitors that meet the above criteria and are from the same nation as the Society itself in their Junior Competition, with the exception of the Great Yorkshire where the two top competitors from any U.K. Nation will qualify. In the event of a duplicate qualifier the next eligible competitor will qualify. Competitors from Southern Ireland are not eligible.

The top ten qualifiers (two from each Society) will take part in the finals at the Royal Welsh which will consist of two semi finals with the top five qualifying for the final.

The sheep in the final will be full woolled, i.e. will have a growth of ten months wool. Three sheep each to be shorn in the semi finals with five each in the final.

**Prizes:**

The first qualifier at each show will receive a cheque for £50 plus a voucher valued at £50 for further shearing training. The second will receive a similar voucher for further training.

In the finals 1st £350, 2nd £250, 3rd £200, 4th £150 and 5th £100. Each of the 5 losing semi finalists to receive £50 each.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



**Lister Shearing Equipment Ltd National Machine Competition**

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**John Wight and Sons Junior and Senior Competitions**

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**The Intermediate Class has been generously sponsored by  
The Worshipful Company of Woolmen**

**The Worshipful Company of Woolmen will gift Medals to the winning Six Nations Team**

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Disclaimer of Liability - The term Exhibitor shall include persons taking part in any competition, exhibition or display arranged by the Society and the owner of any animal, plant, machinery or other thing involved in any such competition or display or otherwise exhibited on the Showground. Save for death or personal injury caused by breach of its duty the Society will not be responsible for death, injury, disease, damage or loss caused to any Exhibitor or to his or her servant or agent or to any animal, article, plant, machinery or thing of whatever nature brought on to the Showground by the said Exhibitor from whatever cause death, injury, disease, damage or loss arises.  
Save as aforesaid the Exhibitor shall indemnify the Society against all claims, damages and expenses whatsoever in any way arising out of the presence of the Exhibitor, his servants, agents, exhibits, vehicles or equipment on the Showground and shall assume full responsibility therefor.  
Acceptance of the foregoing provisions shall be a condition of entry.  
Exhibitors are advised to insure against fire and other appropriate risk not only as regards their own property but also against any third party claims.
2. Competitors must agree to abide by the Rules of the British Isles Shearing Competition Association, the Rules of the Competition and the Society's Regulations. Competitors participate at their own risk.
3. The Society reserves the right to restrict the numbers of entries in the event of more being received than can be accommodated.
4. All Competitors must attend at the Shearing Centre one half hour before the competition is due to commence.
5. Machines will be provided by **Lister Shearing Equipment Ltd**. Competitors will have the choice of either flexible or steel tube droppers.  
Pin Drives and worm drives will be available. Please note that worm drives are recommended. Any Competitor wishing to use a worm drive must request this through the Chief Steward who will arrange fitting by the Lister technician.  
A re-grinding service will be available. Blades should be cleansed and disinfected **before** re-grinding.
6. The minimum qualification for entrance to the Junior Shearing Competition will be a Blue Seal.