



2009 Northeast Florida Scottish Games & Festival

Winners of 4th Annual Scottish Fiddle Competition: Judged by S.F.I.R.E certified Ed Pearlman from Portland, Maine

Open Division

1st Place: Aisha Ivey, Apalachicola, Florida
2nd Place: Fred Gosbee, Round Pond, Maine
3rd Place: Chelsea Dix, Sopchoppy, Florida

Novice Division

1st Place: Marcia Winnard, Jacksonville, Florida

Best Reel: Aisha Ivey, Apalachicola, Florida
Best Strathspey: Aisha Ivey, Apalachicola, Florida
Best Air: Fred Gosbee, Round Pond Maine

The workshop, also conducted By Mr. Pearlman was well attended by 15 fiddlers. Four tunes were taught by ear in the two hour workshop. An Aire: Lord Lovat's Lament; A March: The Lovat Scouts; A Strathspey: Sherriff Muir; and a Reel: The Highlanders Revenge.

In the OPEN competition, The contestant must play an Air, and then play a March, Strathspey and Reel set without stopping. The judging criteria are set by Scottish F.I.R.E, the sanctioning organization and points are awarded in four categories: TIME: up to 30 points for tempo, rhythm, and continuity of music. EXECUTION, up to 30 points for command of the instrument, bowing, fingering and technical skill. EXPRESSION/INTERPRETATION, up to forty points. TRANSITIONS. the movement between tunes, and OVERALL coherence as to how the tunes stand together as a set..

Following the competition, there was an open jam, hosted the the LANARK SCOTTISH FIDDLE ORCHESTRA joined by additional musicians with guitars, Bass, Bodhran, flute, tin whistles, more fiddlers and Harpist, Ginny Lovett. The group totaled, 20 in number and played the workshop set, along with many other traditional Scottish tunes for almost two hours to an enthusiastic standing room only audience.

Please accept our thanks to the NEFL highland games for your support and encouragement of traditional Scottish Fiddling in the Southeast, the awards sponsors and your representative Carol Taylor, who took care of our every need.

For the Lanark Scottish Fiddle Orchestra,
Cal Allen, Musical director.