

Hammer Circle Reunion 2014 - results

The Hammer Circle Reunion 2014 took place at Hull on 18-19 October. This was the sixty-second reunion, which first took place in 1952. Around a hundred athletes, coaches, parents and friends attended. Peter Aston was appointed the new President of the Hammer Circle after the end of Ian Tempest's three year term. These were the competition results:

HAMMER CIRCLE REUNION RESULTS

18-19 OCTOBER 2014

NB

- Mixed competitions re: gender and implement weights.
- Age appropriate implement weights unless otherwise stated.
- Under the HC rules of competition for this event age-bands at 31 August continue, so some U15 and U17 athletes will be "overage" by Power of 10 definitions.

Summary of the first threes:

MEN

A U15 NB Throwing 4kg as under HC rules.

- 1 Jamie Jackson 45.35
- 2 Ben Schofield 43.08
- 3 Jacob Roberts 42.60

U17(5K) 1 Jake Norris 66.80
2 George Marvell 63.05
3 Edward Jeans 58.99

U20 (6K) 1 Thomas Head 61.67
2 Anthony Gillatt 55.23
3 Shaun Livett 45.88

A SM 1 Alex Smith 65.01
2 James Bedford 62.73
3 Osian Jones 61.39

Masters – Men

- 1 Rob Earle V50 55.78
- 2 Darren Gibson V50 42.56
- 3 Malcolm Fenton V55 42.53

WEIGHT (all age groups)

- 1 Jake Norris U17M 23.26 (20lb)
- 2 Thomas Head U20M 22.04 (25lb)
- 3 Rob Earle V50M 18.74 (25lb)

WOMEN

U15 (3K) 1 Ollie Stevenson 52.79
2 Katie Head 50.72
3 Leah Runnicles 48.80

U17 (3K) 1 Amy Herrington 51.23

	2	Ellie Chandler	50.15
	3	Maggie Okul	48.79
U20 (4K)	1	Kayleigh Presswell	50.58
	2	Rebecca Keating	48.99
	3	Holly Rodgers	44.38
A SW	1	Rachel Hunter	59.75
	2	Annabelle Palmer	50.99
	3	Emma Beardmore	44.20

Masters – women

1	Barbara Norris	V45W	40.20
2	Diane Smith	V50W	38.46
3	Tracey Gould	V35W	35.87

WEIGHT (all age groups)

1	Ollie Stevenson	U15W (12lb)	18.28
2	Katie Head	U15W (12lb)	18.02
3	Rachel Hunter	SW (20lb)	17.86

DETAILED RESULTS – ALL MIXED AGE GROUPS AND GENDERS

Saturday 18 October

Comp 1

45.35	Jamie Jackson	U15
42.56	Darren Gibson	V50M
40.30	Ben Schofield	U15
40.20	Barbara Norris	V45W
39.05	John Twiddle	V45M
38.84	Leah Runnicles	U15W
33.90	Chris Melliush	V65M
33.23	Tracey Gould	V35W
30.09	Grace Sanders	U15W

Comp 2

50.15	Ellie Chandler	U17W
47.61	Caitlyn Price	U17W
46.98	Lauren Presswell	U17W
46.19	Alice Barnsdale	U17W
45.88	Shaun Livett	45.88 U20M
44.61	Paige Barnes	U17W
44.38	Holly Rodgers	U20W
44.20	Emma Beardmore	SW
44.17	Amy Herrington	U17W with 4K
42.26	Laeken Impey	U20W

Comp 3

55.78	Rob Earle V50M
55.23	Anthony Gillatt U20M
52.59	Ollie Stevenson U15W
49.70	Richard Martin SM
49.37	Kayleigh Presswell U20W
47.07	Maggie Okul U17W
46.55	Stephanie Howe U17W
45.70	Richard Bell SM
43.18	Jacob Roberts U15 with 5K

Comp 4

66.03	Jake Norris U17
63.05	George Marvell U17M
62.73	James Bedford SM
61.67	Thomas Head U20M
61.39	Osian Jones SM
59.75	Rachel Hunter SW
55.54	Edward Jeans U17M
50.72	Katie Head U15W

Weight

18.74	Rob Earle V50M (25lb) – and 14.41 (35lb)
18.28	Ollie Stevenson U15W 12lb
18.02	Katie Head U15W 12lb
17.86	Rachel Hunter SW 20lb
17.24	Anthony Gillatt U20M 25lb
14.22	Stephanie Howe U17W 16lb
13.70	Emma Beardmore SW 20lb
13.08	Kayleigh Presswell U20W 20lb
12.99	Lauren Presswell U17W 16lb
12.09	Laeken Impey U20W 20lb
11.58	Paige Barnes U17W 16lb
11.33	John Twiddle V45M 35lb
9.69	Tracey Gould V35W 20lb

Sunday 19 October

Comp 5

53.45	Anthony Gillatt U20M
50.58	Kayleigh Presswell U20W
48.80	Leah Runnacles U15W
46.75	Alice Barnsdale U17W
46.75	Lauren Presswell U17W
44.40	Shaun Livett U20M
43.73	Jamie Jackson U15M
43.08	Ellie Chandler U17W
43.08	Ben Schofield U15M

42.69 Charlotte Gould U20W
41.94 Laeken Impey U20W
41.12 Paige Barnes U17W
38.58 Barbara Norris V45W
38.46 Diane Smith V50W
37.98 Emma Beardmore SW
35.87 Tracey Gould V35W
35.19 Holly Rodgers U20W

Comp 6

66.80 Jake Norris U17M
65.01 Alex Smith SM
62.37 George Marvell U17M
59.92 James Bedford SM
58.99 Edward Jeans U17M
55.17 Rachel Hunter SW
51.23 Amy Herrington U17W
50.99 Annabelle Palmer SW
49.94 Ollie Stephenson U15W
49.09 Katie Head U15W
48.99 Rebecca Keating U20W
48.79 Maggie Okul U17W
42.60 Jacob Roberts U15M
42.53 Malcolm Fenton V55
39.40 Barry Hawksworth V65
35.95 Rosie Collins U17W

Weight

23.26 Jake Norris U17M 20lb
22.04 Thomas Head U20M 25lb
18.02 Edward Jeans U17M 20lb
15.44 Rebecca Keating U20W 20lb
14.93 Malcolm Fenton V55 25lb
14.52 Annabelle Palmer SW 20lb
14.14 Maggie Okul U17W 16lb
12.59 Jacob Roberts U15M 20lb
12.59 Richard Martin SM 35lb
12.59 Rosie Collins U17W 16lb

Commonwealth Games - the medals

COMMONWEALTH HAMMER MEDALLISTS

1930

Malcolm Nokes Eng 47.13

Bill Britton IRE 46.89

John Cameron CAN 44.45

1934

Malcolm Nokes ENG 48.25
George Sutherland CAN 46.24
Bill Mackenzie SCO 42.49

1938

George Sutherland CAN 48.71
Keith Pardon AUS 45.11
James Leckie NZL 44.21

1950

Duncan Clark SCO 49.94
Keith Pardon AUS 47.83
Herb Baker AUS 45.62

1954

Muhammad Iqbal PAK 55.37
Jakobus Dreyer SAF 54.75
Ewan Douglas SCO 52.81

1958

Mike Ellis ENG 62.90
Muhammad Iqbal PAK 61.70
Peter Allday ENG 57.58

1962

Howard Payne ENG 61.65
Dick Leffler AUS 59.83
Robert Brown AUS 57.65

1966

Howard Payne ENG 61.98
Praveen Kumar IND 60.12
Muhammad Iqbal PAK 59.55

1970

Howard Payne ENG 67.80
Bruce Fraser ENG 62.90
Barry Williams ENG 61.58

1974

Ian Chipchase ENG 69.56
Howard Payne ENG 68.02
Peter Farmer AUS 67.48

1978

Peter Farmer AUS 71.10

Scott

Neilson CAN 69.92

Chris Black SCO 68.14

1982

Robert Weir ENG 75.08

Martin Girvan NIR 73.62

Chris Black SCO 69.84

1986

Dave Smith ENG 74.06

Martin Girvan NIR 70.48

Phil Spivey AUS 70.30

1990

Sean Carlin AUS 75.66

Dave Smith ENG 73.52

Angus Cooper NZL 71.26

1994

Sean Carlin AUS 73.48

Paul Head ENG 70.18

Peter Vivian ENG 69.80

1998

Stuart Rendell AUS 74.71

Mick Jones ENG 74.02

Chris Harmse RSA 72.83

2002

Mick Jones ENG 72.55

Phil Jensen NZL 69.48

Paul Head ENG 68.60

2006

Stuart Rendell AUS 77.53

Jim Steacy CAN 74.75

Chris Harmse RSA 73.81

2010

Chris Harmse RSA 73.15

Alex Smith ENG 72.95

Mike Floyd ENG 69.34

WOMEN

1998

Debbie Sosimenko AUS 66.56

Lorraine Shaw ENG 62.66

Caroline Wittren CAN 61.67

2002

Lorraine Shaw ENG 66.83

Bronwen Eagles AUS 65.24

Karyne Di Marco AUS 63.40

2006

Brooke Krueger-Billett AUS 67.90

Jennifer Joyce CAN 67.29

Lorraine Shaw ENG 66.00

2010

Sultana Frizell CAN 68.57

Carys Parry WAL 64.93

Zoe Derham ENG 64.04

Commonwealth hammer medallists 1930-2010

The Story of Commonwealth Games hammer competitions since 1930.

COMMONWEALTH HAMMER COMPETITIONS, 1930-2010

1930

The first Empire Games were in Hamilton, Canada. England's only field events gold medallist was Malcolm Nokes, the Olympic bronze medallist from 1924 and a former European record holder. 47.12 was enough to win this time but it was a close competition. Second was Ireland's Bill Britton at 46.89 (Britton, like Nokes, was a 50m thrower at is best) while third placer John (Jack) Cameron was 48 years 236 days old when he won the bronze medal at 44.45 – still (by nearly six years) the oldest medallist in any Commonwealth athletics event. Scotland's Sandy Smith (4th) and Alex Murray (5th) were both top class athletes – Smith was UK discus record holder for a while and threw the hammer 50m in 1932.

1934

Malcolm Nokes, now 37, retained his title at the White City, London with 48.25, winning by over two metres (6 ½ feet) from Canadian George Sutherland. Later in the 1930s Nokes became one of the lynchpins of the AAA Summer School at Loughborough. He became the first President of the Hammer Circle in 1952. Scotland won their first hammer medal with Bill Mackenzie throwing 42.49. He later won two Scottish hammer titles. England's other throwers were discus specialist

Douglas Bell (5th) and a new international, Norman Drake (6th). Drake was to make the Olympic team twice, in 1936 and 1948.

1938

There were no UK hammer throwers at the 1938 celebration in Sydney Australia. George Sutherland, who led from the first round, moved up to gold standard for Canada with a Games record 48.71 (winning by more than 10ft/3 metres), and Australian Keith Pardon and New Zealander James Leckie won their countries' first hammer medals. Ironically the best mark by a UK athlete in 1938 – 49.77 by Tom McAnallen of Northern Ireland – would have won the title.

1950

There was a gap in the four year sequence of the Games because of the War, and the next Games were in Auckland, New Zealand. The hammer competition was held in evidently wet conditions but winner Duncan Clark still set a Games record with 49.94, winning comfortably. Clark won a bronze medal at the 1946 European Championships (the only British hammer thrower ever to do so) and he was an Olympic finalist in 1948 and 1952. Clark was Scotland's first hammer winner at the Commonwealth Games and is still the only male Scot to win any throwing event in this championship. Clark enjoyed New Zealand so much he emigrated there! Keith Pardon was runner up again and Australian Herb Barker was third. Norman Drake returned to the Games for England and was fourth at 44.78. Drake won the AAA title in 1936 and 1948, and was twelve times Northern champion.

1954

The 1954 Games were in Vancouver, Canada, and in an exciting moment for the worldwide development of the event Muhammad Iqbal won for Pakistan with a huge improvement to the Championship record – 55.37. Iqbal came across to the UK for Hammer Circle reunions. This was the first Games where the hammer throw included a qualifying round – eight men progressed to the final. South African Jakobus Dreyer was second and Ewan Douglas, another Scot was third, followed by Don Anthony and Peter Allday of England, Alex Valentine of Scotland and Jim Lally of Northern Ireland. Shot and discus men John Savidge and Mark Pharaoh failed to get through qualifying.

1958

It was Cardiff's turn for the Games. The Home Countries were well represented with seven athletes. Iqbal led for five rounds with a Championship best of 61.70 in the third, but Mike Ellis, a world class performer who'd had a number of international wins took the lead in the final round with a substantial 62.90 to secure the win. Ellis set a UK record of 64.95 in 1959 which lasted nine years. Third in Cardiff was the previous UK record holder, Peter Allday, at 57.58, just ahead of Rhodesia's Howard Payne (of whom more later). The other UK throwers included Don Anthony, Ewan Douglas, Laurie Hall, Robert Scott and Alex Valentine.

1962

The Games were in Perth, Australia. Between the Games Ellis had effectively quit athletics at age 24, and Howard Payne settled in the UK and took British nationality. He married Scots discus thrower Rosemary Charters. Payne won the Perth Games with 61.65 from Australians Dick Leffler (59.83), Bob Brown (57.65) and Charley Morris (56.78). Close up fifth was Welshman Laurie Hall at 54.41 – still the best placing by a male Welsh hammer thrower.

1966

For 1966 the Games were in Jamaica, but the hammer event took place outside the main stadium to the dissatisfaction of the athletes. It didn't stop Howard Payne retaining his title, though, with 61.98 winning comfortably from India's Praveen Kumar (60.13) and Pakistan's Muhammad Iqbal (59.56), returning to the Games. The other Home Country athletes were Laurie Bryce for Scotland (57.74) and Peter Seddon for England (57.49).

1970

The Games at Meadowbank, Edinburgh saw the biggest ever winning margin as Howard Payne threw 67.80 for a runaway victory. Payne had broken Ellis's UK record in 1968 in Mexico and was on his way to a record number of international appearances for GBR. England had a clean sweep of medals in Edinburgh, with Bruce Fraser (62.90) and Barry Williams (61.58) getting the silver and bronze. Laurie Bryce was a close fourth at 61.42, with Scotland's other thrower, Niall McDonald, tenth at 55.94. Completing a family double, Payne's then-wife Rosemary won the discus for Scotland.

1974

The Games were in Christchurch New Zealand and the teams were chosen in 1973. Olympian Barry Williams had become the first UK hammer thrower over 70m, and was soon joined at that level by former UK junior record holder Ian Chipchase of North Shields Poly. The third English thrower was Howard Payne, making his fifth Games appearance. In the end Chipchase was a dominant winner by over 1.5 metres and set a new Championship Best of 69.56. Chipchase made the European final later in 1974 but never won a AAA senior title. Payne won his fourth medal, a silver this time, and Australian Peter Farmer won bronze at 67.48, beating Barry Williams into fourth place. The two Scots this time were Chris Black (6th) and Laurie Bryce (8th)

1978

The Games were in Edmonton, Canada. Peter Farmer moved up to the gold standard with the first 70m throwing at the Games – 71.10 was his opener. Canada's Scott Neilson was second at 69.92 and Chris Black third at 68.14. Black had become a dominant figure in UK hammer throwing in recent years, making the Olympic final in 1976 (7th) and setting a UK record of 74.98. England missed out on Commonwealth medals for the first time in twenty-four years, as Paul Dickenson was 4th, Jim Whitehead 5th and reigning champion Ian Chipchase was 6th. The athlete in seventh place was just 18 – the youngest UK hammer thrower ever at these Games. Martin Girvan threw 60.86 for Northern Ireland.

1982

The standard was higher than ever at the 1982 Games in Brisbane. The UK throwers were all outstanding – all Olympians and all UK record holders! Fast-improving Martin Girvan held the lead at 73.58 and 73.62 but in the third round Robert Weir had the ultimate winning mark – a UK record of 75.08. Weir was an outstanding discus thrower as well, and in 1998, after many years away from athletics in American Football, he uniquely won the Commonwealth discus title as well at 64.42 – another Championship record. Chris Black won his second bronze (69.84) while Paul Dickenson – later a long time BBC commentator - was fifth at 67.96.

1986

Edinburgh hosted the 1986 Games, and by now Martin Girvan was UK record holder at 77.54, one of three UK throwers with lifetime bests over 77m (the others being Dave Smith 77.30, Matt Mileham 77.02). Girvan was under pressure from the off, starting with two foul throws and getting a safe 65.24 in the third round but by then Dave Smith was well away with 72.12 and 73.60. Mick Jones, on his Commonwealth debut, threw 70m for the first time and was in the silver medal place a for a time, though Girvan managed 70.48 in the fourth round, and Phil Spivey (Australia) snatched the bronze with 70.30 at the last. Smith's best mark of 74.06 was in the fifth round, and he went on a lap of honour! Elsewhere Matt Mileham was 6th, Chris Black 8th and Shaun Pickering was 9th for Wales.

1990

The hammer final (Auckland, New Zealand) was on 27 January so the teams were picked in 1989. Reigning champion Dave Smith made the team, alongside Paul Head and Shane Peacock, and had his longest throw for two years at 73.52, only beaten by Sean Carlin's 75.66 in the last round. Angus Cooper of the host country won bronze at 71.26. Paul Head (a European finalist later in the year) was 6th and Shane Peacock eighth. Scotland's Steve Whyte was 10th

1994

Sean Carlin retained his title for Australia in Edmonton, Canada with 73.48 in the third round. Paul Head (70.18 opener) and Peter Vivian (69.80 in round four) were second and third for England while Mick Jones was 4th once more. Scots Steve Whyte and Russell Devine were ninth and eleventh.

1998

There were four men over 70m in Kuala Lumpur in 1998, headed by Stuart Rendell's 74.71. The Australian had three throws over 74m. Mick Jones at last won a medal – silver at a personal best of 74.02, with four other throws over 72m. South Africa's Chris Harmse was third at 72.83, with Paul Head fourth this time (70.36) and David Smith (no relation to the former champion) fifth at 69.77. Steve Whyte in his third Games had his highest placing of eighth (61.57). The hammer throw for women was introduced to the Games, and was won by Debbie Sosimenko (AUS) at 66.56. UK record holder Lorraine Shaw (who has thrown the discus at the 1994 Games) won silver at 62.66, beating Canadian Caroline Wittrin (61.67). England's other throwers were Lyn Sprules (7th 59.01) and Rachael Beverley (11th 55.34) with Sarah Moore 12th for Wales (47.79)

2002

The Manchester Games in 2002 provided a coaching gold medal double for Alan Bertram. The women's hammer was one of the first gold medal finals and Lorraine Shaw swept to victory with 66.68, a new championship record, from Australians Bronwen Eagles and Karyne Di Marco. Zoe Derham was eighth and Suzanne Roberts ninth. There was a qualifying round in the morning and Scotland's Mhairi Walters (now Porterfield) got through with 56.03. Home country throwers packed the qualifying rounds with Lesley Brannan 55.90 14th, Shirley Webb 16th, Sarah Moore 18th and Laura Douglas 19th. Two days later Mick Jones set up a golden double for England. The favourite, Stuart Rendall, struggled after big warm up throws and Jones secured gold with 72.55 to win by over three metres from Phil

Jensen of New Zealand 69.48 and Paul Head 68.60. Iain Park was 5th and Bill Beauchamp 6th

2006

In contrast Games in Melbourne saw just one Home Countries medal, with Lorraine Shaw bowing out of international competition with a fine 66.00 for third place, behind Brooke Billett (AUS) 67.90 and Jennifer Joyce CAN 67.29. The other British throwers packed well – Zoe Derham was 5th, Carys Parry 6th, Lesley Brannan 8th, Laura Douglas 9th and Shirley Webb 10th. The men's hammer was a very high standard with Andy Frost's pb of 72.63 insufficient for a medal. topped by a new championship best by Stuart Rendell at 77.53 from James Steacy CAN 74.75 and Chris Harmse RSA 73.81. Frost was fourth and Mick Jones 5th in his fifth Commonwealth Games. Simon Bown and 6th and Iain Park, for Scotland, was 10th.

2010

Delhi 2010 ends the story so far. Harmse finally won gold at 73.15 with his last throw, but it was a narrow victory as Alex Smith, son of the 1986 champion, had led from round two with a pb of 72.95 and had four other 70m throws. Mike Floyd was 3rd for England at 69.34 ahead of Andy Frost who'd switched to Scotland. Mark Dry was 6th, Matt Lambley 10th and Matthew Richards 12th. The women's event saw a dominant new championship record by Sultana Frizell CAN at 68.57, but consistent results in domestic competition led to silver and bronze for Carys Parry and Zoe Derham. Carys was Wales' first ever hammer medallist – male or female. Laura Douglas was 8th and Sarah Holt failed to make the final 12 in 14th place.