

**British 56lb. Championships 2008- Held at Northwood  
Stadium,-ST1 6PA-UK- Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL.  
REPORT.**

To begin with let me say that these Championships did not just happen and specific mention of the help and support of Ian Miller in particular should be lauded by members as it is he who got me most of the contacts and it was us both who liased by e-mail and phone as I consulted widely both here in the UK ie. Scotland,-Ireland (Eddie Mulcahy),- and in the US-(Bill Scruggs-President of the Highland Games International). All this to determine the attributes and infrastructure,- I would need to set up these Championships as an annual event. The hard work is now done and so onto the report on the day.

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So the day arrived for the in-augral 'BRITISH 56lb. CHAMPIONSHIPS'. Invites were given out far and wide but the entry field was less than 20,- this included 3 International Masters Throwers from Ireland (as guests),- one being the legend that is Eddie Mulcahy (M75).

When Jean and I arrived,- it was cold- with sunshine and showers forecast. For those who were present we were not disappointed a few times during the day? Soon Jean and I had set up and I was in consultation with Dan (centre staff) on location and provision of equipment we had organised the day before. One of the first to arrive was Terry Lalley- with supporters and wearing the usual shorts,-for which he is renowned. He had flown in the night before from the south of France,- had he heard the weather forecast? Joe turned up soon after and before long we had the full cohort for the day's events.

After a brief introduction from me we began. I ran pool 'A' and Ian Miller ran pool 'B',- thanks from all Ian ! We had agreed to have a half hour break to get the 56lb. For height stands set up after the 4<sup>th</sup>. event, and this happily was at 12.30pm. I say happily as everyone was in the pavilion at

**12.35pm. (except yours truly- in the car on the lower field-taking care of equipment and other vehicles). At this time we were subjected to a most horrendous hail storm,- which at the time seemed as though it would never stop. It did and the competition was completed (both pools combined for the final event) by the 56lb. For height,-The FIRST time as far as I know it has been a sanctioned competition event to take place in England. If you know different, then MMTG would like to be corrected on this point.**

**The whole day we all felt was a great success and with equipment put away we all met in the pavilion for the last lottery draw of this years cycle and most importantly presentation of well deserved medals. Fortunately, I had part arranged the medal ceremony as centre staff wanted to leave. Just time for Jean and I to check results and finalise and distribute preliminary results sheets. From a hastily positioned low table I retrieved from a 'tardis like' bag the 90+ medals to be presented and proceeded to award the medals alfresco to all successful athletes. Thanks was given for their support of this meeting-THE BRITISH 56's 2009-A CERTAINTY!!!**

**Without saying or perhaps it needs to be said-Jean was as helpful as ever and her application and efforts doing the various tasks required was first class and this was particularly useful to me but everyone else to a man/woman/child,- in fact everyone involved,-Thanks Jean from us all!!! Thanks must also be given to Dan and Nicky (Centre Staff),-together with Alan and Rob Dean and all athletes especially Ian Miller,-for help with judging. ALL seemed to agree this was a good day despite the weather. As Jean and I left at 04.40pm. we reflected on the gratitude of all -yes a day to remember for all the right reasons and further evidence that MMTG is here to stay for British Throwers.**

**MMTG-looks forward to staging the'BRITISH 56lb. CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009'!!!**

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**British 56lb. Championships 2008-N.WOOD (12.04.08)**

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<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>AGE</u></b> <b><u>Group/y.o.b.</u></b>	<b><u>Putt</u></b> <b><u>Dist./Posn.</u></b>	<b><u>Sling</u></b> <b><u>Dist./Posn.</u></b>	<b><u>Hammer</u></b> <b><u>Dist./Posn.</u></b>	<b><u>Hamm.-w-turn</u></b> <b><u>Dist./Posn.</u></b>
Shannon Bunker	W/(83)	4.36/1	4.43/1	7.39/1	5.56/1
Pat Higgins	W50/(56)	3.34/1	3.98/1	4.95/1	4.40/1
Joe Nagle(G)	M35/(69)	4.29/1	4.76/1	4.85/1	4.39/1
Gary Jennings	M35/(72)	4.87/1	5.32/1	7.85/1	5.11/1
David Burrell	M40/(64)	4.11/1	5.55/1	7.36/1	6.39/1
Martin Roberts	M45/(60)	3.64/1	4.50/1	6.74/1	5.44/1
Clive Howell	M50/(53)	3.63/1	4.14/1	6.75/1	5.42/1
Terry Lalley	M55/(49)	4.27/1	4.68/1	4.25/1	5.20/1
Martin (Murty) Kelly(G)	M60/(48)	5.10/1	5.71/1	8.45/1	7.92/1
Paul Jennings	M60/(46)	4.18/2	5.60/1	6.58/1	7.04/1
Chris Street	M60/(43)	4.80/1	5.23/2	5.66/2	5.56/2

<b>Peter Duckers</b>	<b>M65/(42)</b>	<b>5.33/1</b>	<b>6.45/1</b>	<b>10.31/1</b>	<b>8.45/1</b>
<b>Ian Miller</b>	<b>M70/(34)</b>	<b>5.14/1</b>	<b>6.60/1</b>	<b>8.81/1</b>	<b>9.57/1</b>
<b>Eddie Mulcahy(G)</b>	<b>M75/(33)</b>	<b>4.14/1</b>	<b>7.79/1</b>	<b>7.26/1</b>	<b>7.82/1</b>
<b>Graham Roberts</b>	<b>M75/(31)</b>	<b>2.65/1</b>	<b>3.55/1</b>	<b>4.18/1</b>	<b>4.32/1</b>
		<b>Putt</b>	<b>Sling</b>	<b>Hammer</b>	<b>Hammer -W- Turn</b>

**SEE 'RESULTS-2'- For 56lb. Stand for Height and Tri-athlon PLUS Pentathlon-(C.S.S.H.-Secretary-MMTG-(12 April 2008))**

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<b><u>Group/y.o.b.</u></b>	<b><u>Dist./Posn.</u></b>	<b><u>Dist./Posn.</u></b>	<b><u>Dist./Posn.</u></b>	<b><u>Dist./Posn.</u></b>
<b>Shannon Bunker</b>	<b>W/(83)</b>	<b>3.05/1</b>	<b>17.31/1</b>	<b>24.79/1</b>
<b>Pat Higgins</b>	<b>W50/(56)</b>	<b>2.90/1</b>	<b>12.69/2</b>	<b>19.57/2</b>
<b>Joe Nagle(G)</b>	<b>M35/(69)</b>	<b>2.90/1</b>	<b>13.53/3</b>	<b>21.19/3</b>
<b>Gary Jennings</b>	<b>M35/(72)</b>	<b>3.20/1</b>	<b>17.83/4</b>	<b>26.35/5</b>

<b>David Burrell</b>	<b>M40/(64)</b>	<b>3.20/1</b>	<b>17.86/3</b>	<b>26.61/4</b>
<b>Martin Roberts</b>	<b>M45/(60)</b>	<b>2.70/1</b>	<b>15.82/8</b>	<b>23.02/9</b>
<b>Clive Howell</b>	<b>M50/(53)</b>	<b>2.45/1</b>	<b>17.38/6</b>	<b>24.63/6</b>
<b>Terry Lalley</b>	<b>M55/(49)</b>	<b>2.90/1</b>	<b>15.09/9</b>	<b>23.43/8</b>
<b>Martin (Murty) Kelly(G)</b>	<b>M60/(48)</b>	<b>3.70/1</b>	<b>21.47/1</b>	<b>30.88/2</b>
<b>Paul Jennings</b>	<b>M60/(46)</b>	<b>3.50/1</b>	<b>17.80/5</b>	<b>26.90/3</b>
<b>Chris Street</b>	<b>M60/(43)</b>	<b>3.20/2</b>	<b>16.02/7</b>	<b>24.45/7</b>
<b>Peter Duckers</b>	<b>M65/(42)</b>	<b>4.20/1</b>	<b>24.09/1</b>	<b>34.70/1</b>
<b>Ian Miller</b>	<b>M70/(34)</b>	<b>3.70/1</b>	<b>23.52/2</b>	<b>33.82/2</b>
<b>Eddie Mulcahy(G)</b>	<b>M75/(33)</b>	<b>4.55/1</b>	<b>19.22/2</b>	<b>31.56/1</b>
<b>Graham Roberts</b>	<b>M75/(31)</b>	<b>****</b>	<b>11.15/10</b>	<b>****</b>

### **Stand for Height    Tri-athlon    Pentathlon**

**It should be noted that next year and in future years that the classification regarding age group for this competition will be 'YEAR OF BIRTH' due to a decision made by the President and Chairman of MMTG on 10.04.08,- This brings it is felt both alignment with Europe and a distinctive statement about the**

**mission of MMTG, referred to when MMTG was set up and why it was set up. (C.S.S.H.-Secretary-**MMTG**-(12 April 2008))**