

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE GLASGOW HIGHLAND GAMES THIS WEEKEND SAW HISTORY RECORDED IN THE PROFESSIONAL HEAVY ATHLETICS COMPETITION. GENE FLYNN, FROM NAGS HEAD, NORTH CAROLINA, ESTABLISHED THREE NEW WORLD RECORDS IN THE 50-54 YEAR OLD MASTERS DIVISION. THE FIRST RECORD FELL ON SATURDAY WHEN FLYNN TOSSED THE TWENTY-TWO POUND HAMMER ONE HUNDRED FOUR FEET AND ONE HALF INCHES. FLYNN FOLLOWED THAT PERFORMANCE UP ON SUNDAY WITH TWO MORE AGE GROUP WORLD RECORDS. THE FIRST CAME IN THE SIXTEEN POUND HAMMER TOSS WHEN HE THREW THE IMPLEMENT ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE FEET AND FIVE INCHES. THEN, TO TOP THINGS OFF IN THE FINAL EVENT OF THE WEEKEND, FLYNN CLEARED 35 FEET IN THE SHEAF TOSS, AN EVENT WHERE COMPETITORS USE A PITCHFORK TO LAUNCH A SIXTEEN POUND BURLAP BAG STUFFED WITH STRAW INTO THE AIR. AFTER A LONG CAREER AS A HEAVY ATHLETICS COMPETITOR, THIS WAS FLYNN'S FIRST TIME COMPETING IN THE GLASGOW HIGHLAND GAMES.