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LOCH NORMAN

	2010	2011
Total competitors March	39	23
Total Competitors Piob	31	15
DIFFERENCE	-21%	-35%
<i>Total competitors in Piob</i>	79%	65%

SO. MARYLAND

	2010	2011
Total competitors March	18	24
Total Competitors Piob	16	0
DIFFERENCE	-11%	-100%
<i>Total competitors in Piob</i>	89%	0%

ARKANSAS FESTIVAL

	2010	2011
Total competitors March	12	13
Total Competitors Piob	9	5
DIFFERENCE	-25%	-62%
<i>Total competitors in Piob</i>	75%	38%

KENTUCKY SCOTTISH WEEKEND

	2010	2011
Total competitors March	17	14
Total Competitors Piob	8	9
DIFFERENCE	-53%	-36%
<i>Total competitors in Piob</i>	47%	64%

SAVANNAH GAMES

	2010	2011
Total competitors March	17	6
Total Competitors Piob	15	2
DIFFERENCE	-12%	-67%
<i>Total competitors in Piob</i>	88%	33%

BONNIE BRAE

	2010	2011
Total competitors March	48	38
Total Competitors Piob	33	15
DIFFERENCE	-31%	-61%
<i>Total competitors in Piob</i>	69%	39%

NOTES: The games chosen are fixtures on the eastern competition calendar and always well attended. Other games during the same period were either brand new, and thus unable to provide the historic data needed, or sparsely attended on a yearly basis.

Some key points about this data: The average attendance 2010 to 2011 at the selected games saw an 11% drop in the Grade 4 Sr. and an average 49% drop in the Grade 4 Jr. This would be consistent with the transient nature of Jr. to Sr. movement as well as Grade 4 to 3 upgrades. Overall average attendance though, has fluctuated very little and is consistent with prior year-to-year comparisons. Also, the physical number of players we are dealing with can be small. Percentages can be misleading. If 2 players enter the march and only 1 plays the piobaireachd, that is still a 50% drop. However, the percentages clue us in to the trends at work.