

Betty Turkington

Atholl Clasp winner 2022

I have been involved in highland dancing for over 70 years. I started dancing at the Lilian McNeil School of Dancing where Elspeth Strathern taught highland. When Miss Strathern left I then went to Gladys S Bruce, where I trained for several years before moving to Willie Cuthbertson.

Following a successful career at Highland Games and Championships, including the Scottish Championship under 13 years and 4th place in the World Juvenile Championship, I was delighted to become the first person to win the World Junior Championship in 1961. For 3 successive years I also received the adult Oscar.

I first became a delegate to the RSOBHD representing the Caledonian Club of San Francisco before becoming an Independent Member, and now an Honorary Member. I am a Life Member of the BATD and a member of the World wide Judges Panel.

Thank you to the Atholl Dancing Association for beautiful Atholl Clasp and to the RSOBHD membership for the nomination and presentation.