

*Honorary Life Member*  
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**Margo Coutts**

Margo started her dancing career in Scotland with Francis Taylor. After moving to Glenrothes, she attended the Elizabeth Ann School of Dancing in Kircaldy. Dancing became her passion, with competing a sheer joy. Living and breathing Highland dancing, Margo went to many competitions in Scotland and was very successful, winning many awards and championships.

When Margo came to Canada in 1957, she continued her dancing career with Mollie McGregor. At that time, the S.O.B.H.D was in full swing in Scotland but in the very early stages of development in Canada and the US. She competed wherever her mother could find a competition, rarely allowing for a free weekend. Her success continued here in Canada.

At age 15 Margo continued her dancing under the instruction of the fondly remembered, Gladys Forrester. She was very receptive to a new teacher with a different approach. Though she learned many important things from all her teachers, Miss Forrester made the biggest impression, teaching her how to apply her skills, talent, and knowledge to life and her career as a school teacher. She became a very successful teacher of dance, training many trophy winners and champions.

When people ask her if she would change anything about her life, her answer is "Not at all. I cherish the hours of practice, the spirit of competing, the glory of winning but "Wee Coutts " as I was nicknamed, will always cherish the friends that I have not only in Canada, but in the U.S.A. and Scotland."