

MILLENNIUM CHAMPIONS CHALLENGE

The Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing was formed in January 1950. During next year, the year 2000, we will all have the opportunity to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of our World Governing Body.



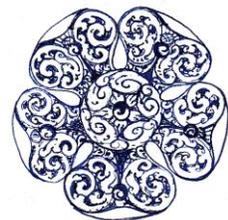
In Scotland our celebrations begin on 25th March with an event at Blair Castle, Blair Atholl in Perthshire. This event will be organised by Jean Swanston and the committee of the Atholl Dancing Association on behalf of the SOBHD. Most of our Champion dancers have supported the SOBHD and the events sanctioned by the Board for many years. It is fitting therefore that these very dancers are the ones who should be prominent in this celebration.

Anyone who has won a Championship sanctioned by the Board, whether it be an open or closed Championship won in the U.K. or overseas, or a Boys Championship, is qualified to enter the "Champions Challenge".

Also in the planning stage is a choreography competition involving countries where Highland Dancing is enjoyed: Australia, Canada, S. Africa, U.S.A., as well as England and Scotland.

Fishers Hotel, Pitlochry, is the Headquarters Hotel for the Millennium Champions Challenge. The SOBHD has sole use of the hotel accommodation from Friday 24th March to Sunday 26th March. Dancers will have free food and accommodation for these two nights and are invited to the Ceilidh Dance on the Saturday evening, which will be held in Blair Castle Ballroom. Dancing will be to "The Cutting Edge" so come and join us.

sportscotland (formerly the Scottish Sports Council) has recognised the Champions Challenge in its major events programme and will part fund this event. However, in order to do everything, a large amount of money has still to be raised. One way, is the raffle, which will be drawn on 25th March. I hope you have your tickets! If not buy some today or you'll miss some great prizes including the Atholl Clasp, which is a brooch, handcrafted in 18-carat gold.



It is my dream to have the best Highland Dancers in the world, come to the Heart of Scotland, to celebrate this joint anniversary!

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