

C.L.O.G. Today™

Official Newsletter of the National Clogging Leaders Organization

USA National Clogging Championships September 1st and 2nd, 2018 Nashville, Tennessee – Opryland Hotel & Resort

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By David Phillips



This annual National Clogging Competition is an Invitational event only and culmination of the top 3 age division winners from NCHC competition sanction events series that begins each August 1 through July 31 of each year.

This year, the event is divided into 4 Divisions– Amateur Division I (Pee Wee through Junior), Amateur Division II (Senior through Adult), and repeated age divisions for Master Level Teams. Teams who that attend NCHC sanctioned competitions and place 1st, 2nd or 3rd receive an invitation to dance at the event. Each team who places 1st, 2nd or 3rd at this years event is extended an invitation to return next year to the USA National Championships to defend their titles next year held Labor Day weekend 2019 at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel as well.

This two day, two stage event comprised over 300 team dances, 50 duos/ duets, 225 solos, 35 choreographed solos, comprising over 700 competition dancers from GA, CO, IN, SC, TN, FL, NC, MS, MO, KY, and MT

This year we added a special award to honor Bill Nichols “the Grandfather of Clogging” who recently passed. The Bill Nichols Traditional Team Award symbolizes the best of the Traditional Couple routines danced for the day.

Teams took home over \$20,000 in Awards and Cash Prizes.

Event Coordinators– Susan Phillips, GA, Chip Summey, NC, Terry Glass, TN

Judges – Rhonda Butzke TX, Lorie Redmon NC, Andy Engle GA, John Quesenberry GA, and Greg & Maria Tucker, UT, Jean Goodwin, SC, Brent & Amanda Herron, TN, David Marrella, GA

Emcees – Dehlon Collins, OH and Jeff Driggs, WV

Scorekeepers– David Phillips, GA and Lori Rigg, NC

Music – Shannon Glass & Robbie Ramsey, TN

Special Thanks to all our Registration, Score runners, Hospitality, Security staff and others that helped to make this a successful event, Anne Lanier, FI, Johnnie Payton, TN, Gayle Stowe, GA, Cal Phillips, GA, Brian Phillips, GA, Chip Phillips, GA, Carla Ramsey, TN, Marie & Jimmy Lovelace, TN, Joann Glass, TN, Carla Ramsey, TN, Pat Hammett, NC, Chip Summey, NC, Terry Glass, TN, Lyn Butler, AR, Jim Richling, GA, Joe Goodwin, SC, Reed Davis, NC and Ron & Kathy Carter TN.

A special thanks to John Douglas and his family for their generous support of the USA National Clogging Championships.

On behalf of the CLOG, the National Clogging Organization, we thank each dancer, parent and leader for their support.

Amateur Age Division Team of the Day

Tiny Tot – Clogging Connection
Pee Wee – Taps in Motion Vibe
Elementary – Southern Jewels Jade
Junior – Southern Jewels Diamond
Senior – Evermean Evergreen
Young Adult – Pride of Carolina
Adult – Delta Rhythm



Masters Age Division Team of the Day

Junior – Tennessee Hoedowners Junior
Senior – Tennessee Hoedowners Senior
Young Adult – Tennessee Hoedowners Young Adult
Adult – Power Taps Young Adult

See all the winners starting on Page 4

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Upcoming Sessions

November 21 – 22, 2018

Atlanta, GA

Held in conjunction with the C.L.O.G. National Convention

Wednesday:

- CCI Seminars I
- Written Examination

Thursday:

- CCI Seminars II
- Practical Examination

If you have previously attended Sessions I & II, have completed all requirements, plan on taking the written and practical evaluations at the National Convention, and have the approval of your CCI Contact, you will need to submit an Intent To Test form to Kathey Wilson Co-Chairperson .

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On the beat.....

USA Nationals in Pictures



USA Nationals Winners

OVERALL WINNERS IN AMATEUR	DIVISION I (PEE WEE – JUNIOR)	DIVISION II (SENIOR – ADULT)
Small team	Tennessee Hoedowners Elementary	Pure Dynamics Extreme
Standing Line	Ultimate Dance Sensation Junior	Wildwood Cloggers Senior
Exhibition	Ultimate Dance Sensation	Delta Rhythm
Formations Line	Southern Jewels Diamond	Wildwood Cloggers Senior
4 or More Couple Precision	Southern Jewels Diamond	Electric Stompers
4 or More couple Hoedown	Power Taps Junior	Pride of Carolina
Show Team	Ultimate Dance Sensation	Clogging Connection
A Cappella Team	Southern Jewels Diamond	Pride of Carolina
Traditional Line	Southern Jewels Diamond	Delta Rhythm
Traditional Formations Line	Southern Jewels Diamond	Evermean Evergreen
National Champion Traditional Team	Southern Jewels Diamond	Evermean Evergreen
National Champion Contemporary	Southern Jewels Diamond	Wildwood Cloggers
National Champion Acapella Duo	Ashlynn Fuentes / Chasity Monday	
National Champion - Solos – Amateur Female		Callie Collins
National Champion - Solos – Amateur Male		Mathew Randolf
National Champion - Amateur Duo/Duet		Matthew Randolf and Maddie Montgomery

Bill Nichols National Champion Traditional Team

Southern Rhythm

Betsy Farlow Award for Preservation of Traditional Dance

Melissa Pack – Evermean Evergreen, Tennessee

OVERALL WINNERS IN MASTERS	DIVISION I (PW – JR)	DIVISION II (SR – ADULT)
Small team –	Tennessee Hoedowners Junior	TNC Elite
Line Dance	Southern Belles Junior	Tennessee Hoedowners Senior
Exhibition	Taps in Motion Hype	Tennessee Hoedowners Senior
Formations Line	Southern Jewels Onyx	Tennessee Hoedowners Young Adult
4 or More Couple Precision	Taps in Motion Hype	Power Taps Young Adult
4 or More couple Hoedown		Power Taps Young Adult
Show Team	Taps in Motion Hype	TNC Elite
A Cappella Team		High Country Steel Impact
Traditional Line	Taps in Motion Hype	Power Taps Young Adult
Traditional Formations Line	Taps in Motion Hype	TNC Elite
Running Set Precision	Southern Rhythm	
Southern Appalachian	Evermean Evergreen	
National Champion Traditional Team	Taps in Motion Hype	Power Taps Young Adult
National Champion Contemporary Team	Tennessee Hoedowners Junior	Tennessee Hoedowners Senior
National Champion - Short Duos		Anna Joy Hulsey and Erika Quinn.
National Champion Traditional Solo		Abby Simpson
National Champion - Solos – master's Female		Abby Simpson
National Champion - Solos – master's Male		Gavin Cox
National Champion – Masters - Duo/Duet		Gavin Cox and Abby Simpson
National Champion - A Cappella Duo		Brenna Schwarzenbach and Leah Gugelman
National Champion - Choreographed Solos		Bailey Rickard
National Champion - A Cappella Solos		Stephen Auten

2018 All-Star Team

All Star Team – Director

Misty Harrison
Southern Jewels

All Star—Traditional

1. Abby Simpson
2. Austin Glass
3. Holly Whitten
4. Emily Simpson
5. Dagan Weathers
6. Haley Collier
7. Sydney Auriemma
8. Addy Jordan
9. River Ketron
10. Kate Kenney
11. Samantha Ferrell
12. Ashton Crowe

All Star Solos Contemporary Junior

1. Gavin Cox
2. Abby Simpson
3. Anna Joy Hulseley
4. Riley Rickard
5. Lachlan Hadley
6. Alyssia Smith
7. Jessie McDaniel
8. Anna Manley
9. Addy Jordan
10. Brianna Parris
11. Kathryn Edmondson
12. Samantha Ferrell

All Star Solos Contemporary Elementary

1. Grace White
2. Austin Glass
3. Emily Simpson
4. Elizabeth Bishop
5. Hayden Ruff
6. Dagan Weathers
7. Sailor Jenkins
8. Lexi Arnold
9. Maddie Crowder
10. Bella Hanna
11. Bailey Rickard
12. River Ketron

All Star Solos Contemporary Senior

1. Taylor Spencer
2. Cheyenne Gibson
3. Katie Staples
4. Makayla Brown
5. Harley Follis

NCHC All Star Hall of Fame

LaShawn Bernhardt
Wildwood Cloggers, Montana

All star dancers receive a t-shirt and they are invited to dance at the National Clogging Convention in Atlanta, GA and be a part of the showcase. The team will be performing at Dollywood Theme Park in Pigeon Forge, TN and other performing opportunities will be available throughout the year.



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Artist: The Brian Setzer Orchestra

Album: Christmas Rocks! - The Best of Collection

Level: Easy Intermediate

Dec. 2017

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Choreo: Andy Howard (Amerianracket@gmail.com) & Darolyn Pchajek (Darolyn@darotoclog.com)

Wait 24 beats

PART A													
Rooster Run	DS	DS(xf)	Ball(os)	Ball(xb)	Ball(os)	Ball(xf)							
	L	R	L	R	L	R							
Rocking Chair (turn $\frac{1}{4}$ left)	DS	Brush Up (turn $\frac{1}{4}$ left)		DS	RS								
	L	R		R	LR								
Long Black Mountain (turn $\frac{1}{4}$ left)	DS	Heel	Heel	RS	Heel	Heel	RS	Heel	Heel	Pause	Toe(b) (turn $\frac{1}{4}$ left)	Heel	Chug
	L	R	R	RL	R	R	RL	R	R	&	R	L	L
	&1	&	2	&3	&	4	&5	&	6	&	7	&	8

Repeat all steps to front

PART B													
Cross Toe Heels	DS	Brush Up(xf)	Toe	Heel	Touch(os)	Brush Up(xf)	Toe	Heel	Touch(os)	DS			
	L	R	R	R	L	L	L	L	R	R			
Kangaroo	DS	Slide	RS	Slide	RS								
	L	L	RL	L	RL								
Basic, Clap 2, Step Step	DS	RS	Clap	Clap	Step	Step							
	R	LR	&	3	L	R							
	&1	&2	&	3	&	4							
Double Twist (moving left)	DT	Twist Left	Twist Right	Twist Left	Twist Right	Twist Left	Twist Right	Twist Left	Twist Right	Twist Left			
	L	Both	Both	Both	Both	Both	Both	Both	Both	Both			
Double Rock Chug	DS	DS	RS	Chug									
	R	L	RL	R									

Repeat last 2 steps with opposite footwork and moving right

BREAK													
2 Charlestons (turn $\frac{1}{4}$ left each)	DS	Touch(f)	Toe	Heel	Touch(b)	DS	Touch(f)	Toe	Heel	Touch(b)			
	L	R	R	R	L	L	R	R	R	L			
Charleston Brush (turn $\frac{1}{2}$ left)	DS	Touch(f)	Touch(b)	Brush Up									
	L	R	R	R									
Shave & a Haircut	Step	DS(xf)	Step	Pause	Step	Step							
	R	L	R	3	L	R							
	1	&2	&	3	&	4							

PART A: Rooster Run, Rocking Chair (turn $\frac{1}{4}$ left), Long Black Mountain (turn $\frac{1}{4}$ left); Repeat all steps to front

PART B: Cross Toe Heels, Kangaroo, Basic & Clap 2 & Step Step, Double Twist, Double Rock Chug

ENDING

2 Charlestons (turn $\frac{1}{2}$ left each)

Charleston Brush (turn $\frac{1}{2}$ left)

Triple DS DS DS RS
R L R LR

Charleston

Rocking Chair

Tap toe Tap Toe(xb)
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Upcoming Events

October 19-21, 2018

Salt City Workshop
Holiday Inn
Liverpool, NY
Hanna Healy

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www.wnyca.com/saltcity

October 20, 2018

OktoberCLOGfest
Lights Dance Barn
Scottsburg, IN

Naomi Pyle 812-579-6979

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October 27, 2018

Late Harvest Stomp
Sonoma County Fairgrounds
Santa Rosa, CA
Michele Hill 707-523-2564

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November 2-3, 2018

Frolic in the Fall
Lake Cumberland State Park
Jamestown, KY
Morgan Hudson

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www.lakecumberlandworkshop.com

November 3, 2018

Appalachian Stomp
Carver Center
Purcellville, VA

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AppalachianStomp.com

November 21-24, 2018

35th Annual C.L.O.G. National Clogging
Convention
Atlanta Marriott
Atlanta, GA

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January 11-12, 2019

5th Annual Southern Arizona
Clogging Dance Festival
Old Pueblo Dance Center
Tom Bogan (520) 290-2368

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sardasa.com

January 25-27, 2019

Oregon Mid-Winter Festival
Linn County Expo Center
Albany, Oregon

Larry & Carol Reetz (541)461-5642

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February 3, 2018

Cabin Fever Clogging Workshop
Baku Grotto Hall
Mansfield, OH
Jeff Driggs 304-776-9571

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<http://www.doubletoe.com/CabinFever.htm>

Competitions

October 19-21, 2018

Salt City Competition (CCA)
Holiday Inn
Liverpool, NY
Hanna Healy

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November 10, 2018

Mars Hill Match-Up (NCHC)
Mars Hill University Moore Auditorium
Mars Hill, NC
Danielle Plimpton

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February 9, 2019

Florida Clogging Festival (NCHC)
Osceola County Fair
Kissimmee, FL

Andy Howard 352.494.0104

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March 23, 2019

Winter Clogging Invitational (NCHC)
Polk County High School
Columbus, NC

Chip Summey Ncjcs@aol.com

March 30, 2019

City Slicker Stomp Competition (NCHC)
Independence, MO

Missy Shinoski kloghop@sbcglobal.net

www.CitySlickerStomp.info

April 5-7, 2019

Northeast Clogging Competition
(NCHC)
Manchester, MA

Beth Kendall 802-439-3349

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May 4-5, 2019

Dollywood Clogging Classic
Dollywood
Pigeon Forge, TN

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June 15, 2019

Grand Challenge of Champions
Silver Dollar City
Branson, MO

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Rae Beaudry, MD

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Wednesday-Thursday	Certified Clogging Instructor Seminar
Wednesday 1:00-4:00	Workshops- Up and Rising Instructors
Wednesday - Saturday	Nightly Fun Dances
Thursday	Dance Expose
Thursday 9AM-3PM	Workshops- p and Rising Instructors
Thursday Late Afternoon	Thanksgiving Dinner
Thursday Evening	Parade of Colors
Friday -Saturday	Workshops- National Instructors
9am - 5pm	Over 75 hours of Workshops & Seminars

Friday Evening - Excursion - TBA

Friday Evening - Enjoy the Fun Dance

Saturday 7 PM Showcase and Fun Dance

*****Schedule Subject to change*****

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INFO: 678-889-4355 convention@clog.org

