

Sunday, September 1, 2019

USA National Clogging Championships – August 31 & September 31, 2019.
 Nashville, Tennessee – Opryland Hotel & Resort Sponsored by CLOG, Inc.
 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.

The event is divided into 4 Division – Amateur Division I, Pee wee through Junior, Amateur Division II Senior through Adult, and repeated age divisions for Master Level Teams.

This two-day, two stage events comprised over 300 team dances, 110 duos/ duets, 350 solos, 50 choreographed solos, comprising over 600 competition dancers from AR, CO, FL, GA, IN, KY, MD, ME, MO, MS, MT, NC, NE, SC, TN, TX

We added a new level this year, which we refer to Recreational, this is also known as Novice.

| OVERALL WINNERS IN RECREATIONAL | |
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| Traditional Line | Southern Jewels |
| Line | Ricochet Storm |
| Exhibition | Southern Jewels |

| OVERALL WINNERS IN AMATEUR | DIVISION I (PEE WEE – JUNIOR) | DIVISION II (SENIOR – ADULT) |
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| Small team | Tennessee Hoedowners Elementary | Clogging Connection Young Adult |
| Line | High Country Rocky Tops | Pride of Carolina Young Adult |
| Exhibition | Clogging Connection Junior | Delta Rhythm |
| Formations Line | Tennessee Hoedowners Junior | High Country Rocky Tops |
| 4 or More Couple Precision | Southern Jewels Jade | WWC Nextgen |
| 4 or More couple Hoedown | Power Taps Combo Kids | Power Taps Combo Adults |
| Show Team | Ultimate Dance Sensation | WWC Nextgen |
| A Cappella Team | Tenacious | WWC Nextgen |
| Traditional Line | Southern Jewels Jade | WWC Nextgen |
| Traditional Formations Line | Wildwood Cloggers Junior | Electric Stompers |
| National Champion Traditional Team | Southern Jewels Jade | WWC Nextgen |
| National Champion Contemporary | Clogging Connection | WWC Nextgen |
| National Champion Acapella Duo | Kaylynn LaGuardia and Molly Nowak | |
| National Champion - Solos – Amateur Female | Lacie Collins | |
| National Champion - Solos – Amateur Male | Trig Moler | |
| National Champion - Amateur Duo/Duet | Kaley Conn and Blake Conn | |
| National Champion – Short Duo | Emily Wood and Trig Moler | |
| National Champion – Traditional Solo | Mattie Crowder | |
| National Champion Choreographed Solo | Felisa Vazquez | |
| National Champion - A Cappella Solos | Trig Moler | |

Amateur Age Division Team of the Day

- Tiny Tot – Clogging Connection Tiny Tots, FL
- Pee Wee – Tapsation (CCDS), NE
- Elementary – Taps in Motion Vibe, KY
- Junior – Clogging Connection Juniors, FL
- Senior – WWC Nextgen, MT
- Young Adult – Clogging Connection Young Adult, FL
- Adult – PowerTaps Combo Adult, GA

| OVERALL WINNERS IN MASTERS | DIVISION I (PW – JR) | DIVISION II (SR – ADULT) |
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| Small team | High Country Steel Impact | Tennessee Hoedowners Senior |
| Line Dance | Southern Jewels Diamond | Tennessee Hoedowners Young Adult |
| Exhibition | | Tennessee Hoedowners Young Adult |
| Formations Line | Southern Jewels Diamond | Tennessee Hoedowners Young Adult |
| 4 or More Couple Precision | Southern Jewels Diamond | Power Taps Young Adult |
| 4 or More couple Hoedown | Power Taps Junior | Power Taps Young Adult |
| Show Team | | Taps in Motion Hype |
| Traditional Line | Southern Jewels Diamond | Power Taps Young Adult |
| Traditional Formations Line | Southern Jewels Diamond | Power Taps Young Adult |
| Running Set Precision | | Southern Rhythm |
| Running Set Hoedown | | Hot Foot Mountain Pride |
| Smooth Mountain Square Dance | | Hot Foot Mountain Pride |
| National Champion Traditional Team | Southern Jewels Diamond | Power Taps Young Adult |
| National Champion Contemporary Team | Southern Jewels Diamond | Tennessee Hoedowners Senior |
| Bill Nichols National Champion - Traditional Team | | Southern Rhythm |
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| National Champion - Short Duos | Karter Bernhardt and Gabriella Leer | |
| National Champion Traditional Solo | Callie Collins | |
| National Champion - Solos – master's Female | Callie Collins | |
| National Champion - Solos – master's Male | Gavin Cox | |
| National Champion – Masters - Duo/Duet | Callie Collins and Lacie Collins | |
| National Champion - A Capella Duo | Kaylee Jellison and Karter Bernhardt | |
| National Champion - Choreographed Solos | Kobe Brown | |
| National Champion - A Cappella Solos | Karter Bernhardt | |

Masters Age Division Team of the Day

- Junior – Southern Jewels Diamond
- Senior – Taps in Motion Hype
- Young Adult – Tennessee Hoedowners YA
- Adult – Power Taps YA

Event Coordinator’s– Susan Phillips, GA, Chip Summey, NC, Terry Glass, TN

Judges – Shannon Kerpics, GA, Monika Priddy, NC, Sandra Eason, GA, Melissa Pack, TN, LaChere Vawdrey, ID, Lorie Redmon, NC, Colleen Pearson, CA, Tootie Lucas, MO, Rhonda Brady, GA, Dustin Stephan, FL.

Emcee – Dehlon Collins, OH and Kevin Parries, NC

Scorekeeper – David Phillips, GA and Laurie 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, FL, Johnnie Payton, TN, Gayle Stowe, GA, Carla Ramsey, TN, Marie Lovelace, TN, Joann Glass, TN, Pat Hammett, NC, Chip Summey, NC, Terry Glass, TN, Lyn Butler, AR, Jim Richling, GA, Ron & Kathy Carter TN, Patrick Priddy, NC, Randy Vawdrey, ID and Hayden Venoy, TN

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

All-star team – Director – Misty Harrison – Southern Jewels

| ALL-STAR - TRADITIONAL | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. | Austin Glass – Capitan |
| 2. | Grace White |
| 3. | Bailey Rickard |
| 4. | Haileigh Taylor |
| 5. | Carly Vernon |
| 6. | Degan Weathers |
| 7. | Haley Collier |
| 8. | Samantha Ferrell |
| 9. | Sydney Auriemma |
| 10. | Malia McArnis |
| 11. | Ryleigh Grace Waldrop |
| 12. | Kate Kenney |

| All Star Solos Contemporary - Elementary | |
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| 1. | Austin Glass – Capitan |
| 2. | Emily Simpson |
| 3. | Leah Lackey |
| 4. | Grace White |
| 5. | Mattie Crowder |
| 6. | Delaney Coughlin |
| 7. | Elizabeth Bishop |
| 8. | Hayden Ruff |
| 9. | Kennedy Denton |
| 10. | Maggie Denton |
| 11. | Felisa Vazquez |
| 12. | Brooklyn Beamish |

| All Star Solos Contemporary - Junior | |
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| 1. | Gavin Cox – Capitan |
| 2. | Riley Rickard |
| 3. | Lachlan Hadley |
| 4. | Addy Jordan |
| 5. | Emily Hensley |
| 6. | Lani Reece |
| 7. | Alyssia Smith |
| 8. | Anna Manley |
| 9. | Jessie McDaniel |
| 10. | Samantha Ferrell |
| 11. | Bailey Rickard |
| 12. | Haileigh Taylor |

| All Star Solos Contemporary - Senior | |
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| 1. | Katelyn Sauls – Captian |
| 2. | Harley Follis |

NCHC All Star Hall of Fame – Ginger Baker , TN – Becky Conn, FL – Dalita Diaz De Arce, FL

Betsy Farlow Award for Preservation of Traditional Dance – Jamie Conn, FL

We continue the tradition with the Bill Nichols “the Grand-father of Clogging”. The Bill Nichols Traditional Team Award, this award symbolizes the best of the Traditional Couple routines danced for the day.

All star dancers receive a t-shirt and they are invited to dance at the Nation Clogging Convention in Las Vegas, NV. The team will be performing at Dollywood Theme Park in Pigeon Forge, TN, on Saturday, September 21, 2019 - Other performing opportunities will be available throughout the year. The director of the All-Star team is Misty Harrison, SC. Thank you Misty for your leadership.

Each team who places 1st, 2nd or 3rd is extended an invitation to return next year to the USA National Championships to defend their titles next year. Labor Day weekend, Gaylord Opryland Hotel, Labor Day weekend 2020.

Teams who that attend NCHC sanctioned competitions and place 1st, 2nd or 3rd receive an invitation to dance at the event as well.

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