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USA National Clogging Championships August 31st and September 1st, 2019 Opryland Hotel & Resort Nashville, Tennessee 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 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 2020 at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel as well.

This two day, two stage event 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, and TX.

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

Event Coordinators— 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.

Emcees — Dehlon Collins, OH and Kevin Parries, NC

Scorekeepers— 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

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

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.

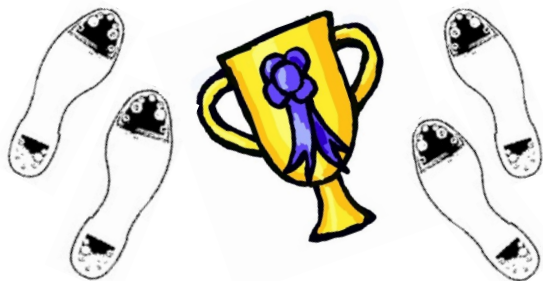
Amateur Age Division Team of the Day

- ☆ Tiny Tot – Clogging Connection 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



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



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In Honor and memory of Marilyn Hansen

What is the Marilyn Hansen Scholarship?

This scholarship was established to honor the memory of Marilyn Hansen, a woman who supported clogging through much of her life and was dedicated to the cause of education in the area of clogging instructors. This grant includes tuition scholarship for the Certified Clogging Instructor Program for two sessions and the application fee worth \$310.00.



- This scholarship does not include travel and lodging.
- The scholarship cannot be applied to franchise sponsored CCI Sessions, it can only be applied to CCI Sessions offered by CLOG such as sessions offered during the National CLOG Convention.
- The scholarship must be used in the same year it is awarded.
- The minimum age limit for CCI seminars and the scholarship is 16 years of age.

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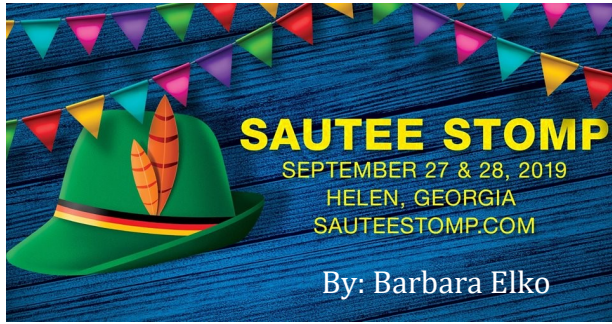
Letters of Application will be accepted from January 1, 2020 through April 30, 2020. Applicants will be notified by May 31, 2020.

For more information visit: Clog.org



On the beat.....

Sautee Stomp 2019



The Sautee Stomp is much like a sweet Georgia peach, after experiencing one you crave another. The Sautee Nacoochee Cultural Center in Helen Georgia is the location for this peach of a workshop. It is a fantastic venue, with wooden floors. This was the second year for this two day workshop and quickly the number of attendees has increased. Host, Andy Howard loves the history of the area and plans on keeping the workshop at the Sautee Nacoochee Cultural Center. There will be a cap on registrations next year, be sure to send your registration in early! Andy provided tons of information on the area, maps, sites to visit, a list of free attractions, hiking, nearby waterfalls, dining options, discount coupons, and of course the Oktoberfest schedule.

Helen Georgia claims to have the longest running Oktober-

fest in the United States. For those not familiar with Helen Georgia it is a former logging town that was in decline. In efforts to resurrect the economy, through tourism, it is now a replica of a Bavarian Alpine Village. Far beyond the quaintness of the shops, restaurants, and the Oktoberfest festivities is the natural beauty of the area. Yonah Mountain is magnificent. Andy Howard chose an amazing place to hold this workshop!

Florida native, *Debbie Claxton* was one of the featured instructors. She started tapping at age 6 and continued tapping into adulthood. Debbie discovered clogging in the late 90's and learned to clog dance from one of the best, Marge Callahan. Marge passed away in 2009 and Debbie took over her class and changed the groups name to C-Strut Cloggers to honor Marge. Debbie presented good routines, with a variety steps. She has an upbeat personality and always wears a smile. My personal favorite was Quicksand, the routine had a fun flow!



Dancers were excited to spend time with featured instructor *Missy Shinoski* from Missouri. Those dancers not familiar with Missy were amazed how clearly she transfer the steps. The beginners expressed a new confidence after taking her class. She's a fun instructor, that dances beautifully.

All of the instructors were enthusiastic, well prepared, and anxious to spend time with the attendees. *Kay Trimm* was the sole teacher from Alabama. Instructors from Georgia included *Tori O'Bryant*, *Merm Crow Wright*, *Alexis Free*, *Riley Rickard*. Representing the state of Florida, *Dalita Diaz De Arce*, *Anne Lanier*, *Katie Stakely*, *Erin Hunter*, and *Burt Antone*.

Merm Crow Wright got things started Friday with a routine to Your Side Of Town. This young lady is personable and easily shared her fine routines.

Kay Trimm drawing strength from her clogging family took the stage and taught When Christmas Gets A Hold On Me, and Interstate Gospel. This instructor is special.

The very talented *Tori O'Bryant* held a class on advanced steps.

Alexis Free is a young dancer with good choreography. She offered intermediate routines to Only Human and Miss Me More.

This was *Burt Antone's* first time teaching outside of his club. His instructions were clear, and his timing while cueing perfect. Good job!

Katie Stakely...fun fun fun did I mention she is fun? Katie taught three intermediate routines all were well received.

Dalita Diaz De Arce is an asset at any workshop. She is in the process of building her own dance studio, congratulations!

Erin Hunter is proof that a woman can have it all. She a fantastic dancer, teacher, has a business, and a beautiful family. Her routine to Found was a winner.

Riley Rickard at her young age I could name her bio the Longest Yard. This gal is full of talent and experience. She taught a routine to the song A Different Beat, good stuff.

Anne Lanier is a treasure both on and off the dance floor. Anne and her sidearm Cricket spend a lot of time volunteering at events. The Sautee Stomp was no exception they were behind the scenes helping the whole time. Thank you both! Anne did sneak away briefly to teach an advance routine to Shake. Where does she get her energy?

The big surprise at the Sautee Stomp was the appearance of Tandy Barrett. Everyone was so excited to dance with this legendary

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USA Nationals Winners

OVERALL WINNERS IN AMATEUR	DIVISION I (PEE WEE – JUNIOR)	DIVISION II (SENIOR – ADULT)
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	

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

**Betsy Farlow Award for Preservation of Traditional
Dance**
Jamie Conn, Florida

OVERALL WINNERS IN MASTERS	DIVISION I (PW – JR)	DIVISION II (SR – ADULT)
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
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	

2019 All-Star Team

All Star Team – Director

Misty Harrison
Southern Jewels

All Star—Traditional

1. Austin Glass – Captain
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 McArniss
11. Ryleigh Grace Waldrop
12. Kate Kenney

All Star Solos Contemporary Junior

1. Gavin Cox – Captain
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 Elementary

1. Austin Glass – Captain
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 Senior

1. Katelyn Sauls – Captain
2. Harley Follis

NCHC All Star Hall of Fame

Ginger Baker, Tennessee
Becky Conn, Florida
Dalita Diaz De Arce, Florida

All star dancers receive a t-shirt and they are invited to dance at the Nation Clogging Convention in Las Vegas, NV. The team performed 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.

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icon. She is recovering from a hip replacement, but that did not stop her. Saturday evening Tandy taught a routine to Cajun Hoedown and the crowd went wild! Thanks Tandy for a memorable weekend.

Host Andy Howard, presently calls Georgia home. He has a routine that's absolutely over the top! PEAS AND RICE it is insanely fun! It does have a couple challenges like the "Vortex" I must say Andy thoroughly enjoys watching the dancers reaction to the "Vortex" Andy is so enthusiastic about this routine his energy spreads around the dance hall like a wild fire. The room actually vibrates during this routine! Polly Ann's Hammer is another of Andy's crowd pleasers. Andy easily demonstrates his dancing passion.

A big thank you to Edie and Don Farnum for their constant generosity! They designed a hand sewn quilt for this event. Jerri Rieker won the quilt. The proceeds went to Kay Trimm, from the Clog Wild Cloggers, who recently lost her husband Mark. Please keep Kay in your prayers.

A scavenger hunt was an on going weekend activity. The winner was awarded free registration next year. I believe Sharon Camp was the recipient of the prize. As an extra bonus, Saturday evening Contra Dance lessons were offered to the attendees. It started with a pot luck dinner, lessons, and live music provide by the band Contraplicity. Both evenings concluded with a fun dance.

A huge thank you to all the instructors, volunteers, meal organizers, dancers, and those who helped me down the Chattahoochee River. Andy Howard, much thanks for creating such a special workshop, and holding it in a location that is a piece of paradise. We all had a blast!!!

What made this workshop a gem was the size. The manageable number of dancers, and the walking accessibility to the down town area intertwined the dancers all weekend. This was a workshop where new acquaintances quickly turned into new friendships. Friday evening with steins in one hand and pretzels in the other we celebrated Oktoberfest. Saturday nights karaoke was priceless! Many of the dancers shared their singing talents and they absolutely rocked the house. Check face book for videos. The workshop ended Sunday morning on the Chattahoochee River. Rafting on the river was really special. Andy circled the dancers up for a short prayer prior to our departure. Most of us had no clue what to expect, the river was extremely low due to lack of rain. This added to the jubilance of the excursion. Often dry docking on rocks one needed to be rescued, now you know why so many new friendships were formed at the Sautee Stomp. This workshop is a MUST on any dancers bucket list. Next years featured instructors are Darolyn Pchajek (Winnipeg, CA) and Todd Harry (Seattle, WA). Register early there will be a cap!



SAUTEE STOMP - SEPTEMBER 25-26 2020





Upcoming Events

October 26, 2019

Late Harvest Stomp
Sonoma County Fairgrounds
Santa Rosa, CA
Michele Hill 707-523-2564
mailto:Millier_hill@yahoo.com

November 1-2, 2019

Frolic in the Fall
Lake Cumberland State Park
Jamestown, KY
Morgan Hudson morganh_02@hotmail.com
www.lakecumberlandworkshop.com

November 2, 2019

Appalachian Stomp
Carver Center
Purcellville, VA
info@brtc.us
AppalachianStomp.com

November 27-30, 2019

36th Annual C.L.O.G. National Clogging Convention
Renaissance Las Vegas
Las Vegas, NV
David & Susan Phillips 678-889-4355
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January 10-11, 2020

Southern Arizona Clogging Festival
Old Pueblo Dance Center
Tom Bogan (520)290-2368
tbogan1@cox.net
sardasa.com

January 24-26, 2020

Oregon Mid-Winter Festival
Linn County Expo Center
Albany, Oregon
Aaron & Linda Gibbens (541) 344-8433
a_gibbens@msn.com

February 1, 2020

Cabin Fever Clogging Workshop
Baku Grotto Hall
Mansfield, OH
Jeff Driggs 304-776-9571
ccajeff@aol.com
<http://www.doubletoe.com/CabinFever.htm>

February 21-22, 2020

Northwest Clog Down
Hazel Dell Grange
Vancouver, WA
Mike McDow 503-620-8032
Mike_mcdow@yahoo.com

February 22, 2020

For the Love of Clogging
Dalton Recreation Center
Dalton, GA
Alexis Free alexisfree2003@gmail.com

Competitions

October 25-26, 2019

ACHF Annual World Championships
Gatlinburg, TN
Henry Jones 864-245-6648
Quinn Stansell 704-418-8047
www.achf.us

November 2-3, 2019

Carowinds Clogging Classic (NCHC)
Carowinds
Charlotte, NC
Ashley Hensley
Clog.org

November 2, 2019

Fall Classic Clogging Championships (CCA)
Lexington, KY
Jeff Driggs 304-776-9571
ccajeff@aol.com
cloggingcontest.com

November 9, 2019

Mars Hill Match-Up (NCHC)
Mars Hill University Moore Auditorium
Mars Hill, NC
Danielle Plimpton dplimpton@yahoo.com
<http://baileymountaincloggers.yolasite.com/cadence.php>

February 8, 2020

Florida Clogging Festival (NCHC)
Osceola County Fair
Kissimmee, FL
Andy Howard 352.494.0104
americanracket@gmail.com
www.floridaclogging.com

March 28, 2020

Winter Clogging Invitational (NCHC)
Polk County High School
Columbus, NC
Chip Summey Ncjcs@aol.com
Clog.org

March 28-30, 2020

Northeast Clogging Competition
Manchester, MA
Beth Kendall 802-439-3349 bkendall@tops-tele.com
www.freewebs.com/necc

April 4, 2020

City Slicker Stomp
Independence, MO
Missy Shinoski 816-443-3030
kloghop@sbcglobal.net
www.CitySlickerStomp.Info

April 4, 2020

Southern Junction Clogging Championships
Wren County High School
Piedmont, SC
Gwen Stamp (864)299-8601
clogfan@yahoo.com

May 9-10, 2020

Dollywood Clogging Classic
Dollywood
Pigeon Forge, TN
David & Susan Phillips
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June 19-20, 2020

Grand Challenge of Champions
Silver Dollar City
Branson, MO
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Wednesday 1:00-4:00	Workshops- Up and Rising Instructors
Wednesday 2:00-6:00	Optional Tour to Hoover Dam
Wednesday 7p-10p	Fun Dance
Thursday	Expose' – Learn Special Skills with our Featured Instructors
Thursday 9a-3p	Workshops–Up and Rising Instructors
Thursday 9a-1p	Optional Tour to Red Rock Canyon
Thursday Late Afternoon	Thanksgiving Dinner
Thursday Evening	Parade of Colors. Announcement of 2020 Convention location & Fun Dance
Friday -Saturday 9a-5p	Workshops- National Instructors 75 hours of Workshops & Seminars
Friday Evening 7p	Excursion - Mystere_a Cirque du Soleil
Friday Evening 7p-10p	Fun Dance
Saturday Evening 7p	Bingo and Exhibitions, Awards and Honors & Fun Dance

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