

C.L.O.G. Today™

Official Newsletter of the National Clogging Leaders Organization

USA National Clogging Championships September 4th and 5th, 2021 Opryland Hotel & Resort Nashville, Tennessee Sponsored by CLOG, Inc. By David Phillips



This annual National Clogging Competition is usually an Invitational event only event, however due to Covid Pandemic the competition was not held in 2020 and no events to qualify, NCHC made the decision to hold an open competition this year. In 2022, we will return to the normal qualification and invite 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 6 Competitions Divisions during the event – Amateur Division I, Pee wee through Junior, Amateur Division II Senior through Adult, and repeated age divisions for Master Level and Contemporary Teams. The remaining competitions are Traditional Couple Routines and Recreational Teams. Recreational teams are our newest competition division, for those teams having less than 2 years' experience in competitions.

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, MO, NC, NE, SC, TN, LA.

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 2022.

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.

Novice Age Division Team of the Day

Tiny Tot – High Country NC
Pee Wee – Ricochet Storm
Elementary – Southern Jewels Elementary
Junior – Glory Bound Solid Gold
Young Adult – Ridge Runner Senior
Adult – Ridge Runner Senior



Amateur Age Division Team of the Day

- Tiny Tot –
- Pee Wee – Clogging Connection Pee Wee
- Elementary – Taps in Motion Vibe
- Junior – High Country Juniors
- Senior – Clogging Connection Senior
- Young Adult – Sole Impact Plus
- Adult – Clogging Connection Adult



Masters Age Division Team of the Day

- Junior – Southern Jewels Diamond
- Senior – High Country CO Senior
- Young Adult – Tennessee Hoedowners Young Adult
- Adult – Power Taps Young Adult



Event Coordinator's– Susan Phillips, GA, Chip Summey, NC,

Judges – Shannon Kerpics, GA, Monika Priddy, NC, LaChere & Randy Vawdrey, ID, Lorie Redmon, NC, Rhonda Brady, GA, Dustin Stephan, CO, Rhonda Butzke, TX, Andy Engle, FL, Jessica Larson, NC

Emcees – Jeff Driggs, WV and Paul Melville, NC

Scorekeeper – David Phillips, GA and Laurie Rigg, NC

Music – Shannon Glass & Robbie Ramsey, TN

Special Thanks to all our Registration, Score runners, Hospitality, and others that helped to make this a successful event: Anne Lanier, FI, Gayle Stowe, GA, Carla Ramsey, TN, Marie Lovelace, TN, Pat Hammett, NC, Chip Summey, NC, Joann Glass, TN, Ron & Kathy Carter TN, Patrick Priddy, NC, Chip Phillips, GA, Grace Graham, GA, Cameron Glass, TN, Austin Glass, TN,

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CCI Showcase



"Many can teach, but only a precious few can reach"

Enroll today to experience the education of the Certified Clogging Instructor Program and the teaching tips from more than 50 established clogging instructors.

When you apply for CCI you'll be on your way to improving your instructional skills. You'll join a select group of men and women who have made the ultimate commitment to excellence in clogging instruction, career advancement and the ongoing pursuit of knowledge.

Go to <http://www.clog.org/cci/> for more information

Scholarship!

Marilyn Hansen CCI Tuition Scholarship

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.

How To Apply:

Letters of Application will be accepted from January 1, 2022 through April 30, 2022. Applicants will be notified by May 31, 2022.

For more information visit: Clog.org

Have you heard the news!!!!!

CCI is restructured!

CLOG University

C.L.O.G. is excited to have restructured the Certified Clogging Instructor (CCI*) program.

The NEW CLOG University will be transitioning to a blended learning format. Blended learning enables candidates to learn online and traditional face-to-face instruction.

With the CCI Program you'll be making the the ultimate commitment to excellence in clogging instruction by improving your instructional skills. This select group of men and women are advancing their clogging career with the ongoing pursuit of clogging and teaching knowledge.

C.L.O.G. and the Certified Education and Clogging Instructor committee are committed to bringing the best education and training curriculum to instructors and directors worldwide to promote and preserve a true American Folk Dance, **CLOGGING**.

The CCI curriculum consists of one set of online pre-requisites and one set of face-to-face instruction requisites. Once all requisites are complete, each candidate will receive a certificate of education. This certificate allows the candidate to continue towards achieving an instructor certification.

Online (pre-requisites)** Face-to-Face (requisites)

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|---------------|--------------------------|
| • History | • Teaching |
| • Marketing | • Choreography |
| • Management | • Writing Cuesheets |
| • Leadership | • Sound/Voice Production |
| • Q&A session | |

****Online prerequisites must be completed prior to attending the Face-to-Face session****

For all the information regarding this program, go to www.clog.org/cci

USA Nationals Winners

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.

OVERALL WINNERS IN AMATEUR	DIVISION I (PEE WEE – JUNIOR)	DIVISION II (SENIOR – ADULT)
Small team	High Country CO Juniors	Clogging Connection Senior
Line	High Country CO Juniors	Aim Studios – Riffers
Exhibition	High Country CO Juniors	Clogging Connection Senior
Formations Line	Southern Jewels Jade	Clogging Connection Senior
4 or More Couple Precision	Southern Jewels Jade	Clogging Connection Senior
4 or More couple Hoedown	Power Taps Junior	Clogging Connection Adult
Show Team	High Country CO Juniors	
A Cappella Team	High Country CO Juniors	Sole Impact Shine
Traditional Line	Southern Jewels Jade	Clogging Connection Senior
Traditional Formations Line	Taps in Motion Vibe	Clogging Connection Senior
National Champion Traditional Team	Taps in Motion Vibe	Clogging Connection Senior
National Champion Contemporary Team	Southern Jewels Jade	Clogging Connection Senior
National Champion - Solos – Contemporary Female	Eva Owens	
National Champion - Solos – Contemporary Male	Blake Conn	
National Champion – Traditional Solo	Emily Brown	Emily Brown
National Champion – Contemporary - Duo/Duet	Hadley Froeschl and Allie Scheel	
National Champion – Traditional - Duo/Duet	Ale Rivera and Summer Hanson	
National Champion – Show – Duo/Duet	Lee Lyday and Audrey Mazuchowski	
National Champion - Acapella Duo	Sienna Hunginger and Karoline Maloy	
National Champion – Short Duo	Megan Buxton and Avery Colip	
National Champion - Choreographed Solo	Elizabeth Bishop	
National Champion - A Cappella Solos	Summer Hansonf	

OVERALL WINNERS IN MASTERS	DIVISION I (PW – JR)	DIVISION II (SR – ADULT)
all team	Tennessee Hoedowners Junior	Tennessee Hoedowners Young Adult
Line Dance	Southern Jewels Diamond	High Country CO Senior
Exhibition	Southern Jewels Diamond	Tennessee Hoedowners Young Adult
Formations Line	Southern Jewels Diamond	Tennessee Hoedowners Young Adult
4 or More Couple Precision	Tennessee Hoedowners Junior	Tennessee Hoedowners Young Adult
4 or More Couple Hoedown		Power Taps Young Adult
Show Team	High Country Juniors	
Traditional Line	Tennessee Hoedowners Junior	High Country Seniors
Traditional Formations Line	Southern Jewels Diamond	Power Taps Young Adult
Acapella Team		Luxe Elite
Running Set Precision		
Running Set Hoedown	Clogging Connection Junior	
Smooth Mountain Square Dance		
National Champion Traditional Team	Tennessee Hoedowners Junior	High Country CO Senior
National Champion Contemporary Team	Tennessee Hoedowners Junior	Tennessee Hoedowners Young Adult
Bill Nichols National Champion - Traditional Team	Clogging Connection Junior	
National Champion - Short Duos	Elizabeth Bishop and Hayden Ruff	
National Champion Traditional Solo	Austin Glass	
National Champion - Solos – master's Female	Grace White	
National Champion - Solos – master's Male	Austin Glass	
National Champion – Contemporary - Duo/Duet	Gavin Cox and Abby Simpson	
National Champion – Traditional – Duo/ Duet	Tori O'Bryant and Jana Rickard	
National Champion – Show Duo/Duet	Gavin Cox and Abby Simpson	
National Champion - A Capella Duo	Clara Lindah and Cassie McArthur	
National Champion - Choreographed Solos	Chynna Birkmire	
National Champion - A Cappella Solos	Kayte Brown	

More Winners

OVERALL WINNERS IN RECREATION-AL	
Traditional Line	Tennessee Hoedowners Power
Line	Tennessee Hoedowners United
Exhibition	Tennessee Hoedowners United
Small Team	Ricochet Storm
4 or More Couple Hoedown	Power Taps Starz Kids
Formations Line	Tennessee Hoedowners United
4 or More Couple Precision	Southern Jewels Elementary
Traditional Formations Line	Power Taps Starz Kids
Show	Southern Jewels Elementary
National Champion Contemporary Team	Southern Jewels Elementary
National Champion Traditional Team	Power Taps Starz Kids



2021 All-Star Team

All Star Team – Directors

Misty Harrison—Southern Jewels
Tori O’Bryant—Power Taps

NCHC All Star Hall of Fame

Loretta Laws
Jaime Conn
Kelly Lovelace
Daisy Smith

All Star—Traditional

1. Austin Glass
2. Emily Simpson
3. Carly Vernon
4. Addison Birkmire
5. Chynna Birkmire
6. Dagan Weathers
7. Grace White
8. Bailey Rickard
9. Delaney Stinn
10. Malia McAmis
11. Niala Vannice
12. Chloe Foster
13. Kayte Brown

All Star Solos Contemporary Elementary

1. Emily Simpson
2. Austin Glass
3. Lily Foster
4. Delaney Coughlin
5. Jillian Eubanks
6. Carly Vernon
7. London Thorkildsen
8. Reese Wiley
9. Kendall Robinson
10. Isabella Caggiano
11. Gracie Whitaker

All Star Solos Contemporary Junior

1. Anna Manley
2. Jessie McDaniel
3. Niala Vannice
4. Elizabeth Bishop
5. Hayden Ruff
6. Bailey Rickard
7. Kayte Brown
8. Malia McAmis
9. Alyssia Smith
10. Felisa Vazques
11. Chloe Branning

All Star Solos Contemporary Senior

1. Delaney Stinn
2. Cynna Birkmire
3. Lachlan Hadley

Jean Stephenson Goodwin Mentorship Award

Chip Summey

All star dancers receive a t-shirt and they are invited to dance at the Nation Clogging Convention. The team will be performing in the near future - 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.

ICYMI!!

Int dance from Virtual Circle 8

Dynamite

Music: BTS (album: BE)

Level: Intermediate

Sequence: ABC, ABCD, D*, CCD

K-Pop—116 BPM

choreo: Sarah Dwight-Gilroy, CCI (2021)

email: loudfeetdancer@gmail.com

website: loudfeetdancer.com

youtube: loudfeetdancer

Wait 16

A (32 counts)

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| 2 | (8) Rebel Rocker | DS-Dbl(b) SI-Tp SI-Br SI-Rk(ots) St(xb)-Rk(ots) St(xf)-DS-RS |
| | (8) Layover (1/2 R) | DS-Dbl Brk(xb)/St(xf)-(p)St(xb)-St(ots) St-Chug(xf) SI-Chug(ux) SI-DS-RS |

B (32 counts)

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|-----|------------------------|---|
| (8) | Twisty Bounce | DS/Tw(L)-Tw(R)/DS-DS/Tw(L)-Tw(R) Tw(L)-HTch(ots)/Tw(R) Lift/SI-DS-DS-RS |
| (8) | Masonette (1/4 L) | DS-Dbl(xf) SI-Dbl(ux) SI-K/DS(1/4 L)-(p)St-RS-DS-RS |
| (8) | Kick the Bunny (3/4 L) | DS/K(ots)-Hp/Lift Bo(xb)/Bo(xf)-(p) K(bent knee, ots)-Bo(xb)/Bo(xf) Bo(a)/Bo(a)-(p) Bo(tog)/Bo(tog)-Bo(tog)/Bo(tog) SI/Lift-DS-RS (turn on counts 5, 6, 7, 8) |
| (4) | Rock Slur Basic | Rk St(ots)-Slur St-DS-RS |
| (4) | Vineover Loop | DS(ots)-DS(xf)-DS(ots)-Loop(@b) St |

C (32 counts)

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|-----|----------------------|---|
| (8) | Kitchen Slip (3/4 L) | DS/HTch-(p)HTch(1/4 L)/St-(p)SI-DS-Dbl(ots) SI(1/4 L)-Dbl(xf) SI(1/4 L)-DS-RS |
| (8) | Mike & Ike | DS/K(f)-SI/Lift St(b)/HTch(f)-(p)St-Dr Brk(xb)/St(xf)-(p)St/HTch(ots)-HTch(ots)/St Lift/SI-DS-Sta Sto |
| (8) | Laura's Way (1/4 L) | (p)Sto-DS(xf)-St(xb) St(ots)-St(xf) St(ots)/HTch(ots)-(p)SI-DS-RS-Slug(1/4 L) |
| (4) | Appalachian | DS-Dr/K(f) Rk-St Dr/K(f)-RS |
| (4) | Shake & Basic | DS/Tw(L)-Tw(R) Tw(L)-DS-RS |

Repeat A (32 counts): Rebel Rocker, Layover (1/2 R), REPEAT ALL

Repeat B (32 counts): Twisty Bounce, Masonette (1/4 L), Kick the Bunny (3/4 L), Rock Slur Basic, Vineover Loop

Repeat C (32 counts): Kitchen Slip (3/4 L), Mike & Ike, Laura's Way (1/4 L), Appalachian, Shake & Basic

D (32 counts)

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| 2 | (4) 2 Hey You | Dbl Bo(xb)/Bo(xf)-Bo(xb)/Bo(xf) SI/Lift |
| | (4) Firepull (1/4 L) | Dbl Tch(diag.b)-Lift/Dr Tch(diag.b)-Lift/Dr St(diag.b)-Pull St(1/4 L) |
| (8) | Laura's Way (1/2 L) | |
| (4) | Appalachian | |
| (4) | Shake & Basic | |

D* (32 counts): 2 Hey You, Firepull (1/4 L), REPEAT ALL THREE MORE TIMES TO MAKE A BOX

Repeat C (32 counts): Kitchen Slip (3/4 L), Mike & Ike, Laura's Way (1/4 L), Appalachian, Shake & Basic

Repeat C (32 counts): Kitchen Slip (3/4 L), Mike & Ike, Laura's Way (1/4 L), Appalachian, Shake & Basic

Repeat D (32 counts): 2 Hey You, Firepull (1/4 L), 2 Hey You, Firepull (1/4 L), Laura's Way (1/2 L), Appalachian, Shake & Basic



Abbreviations:	
Bo	Bounce
Br	Brush
Brk	Break
Dbl	Double Toe
Dr	Drag
DS	Double Step
Hp	Hop
HTch	Heel Touch
K	Kick
Rk	Rock
RS	Rock Step
SI	Slide
St	Step
Sta	Stamp
Sto	Stomp
Tch	Touch
Tp	Tap
Tw	Twist

(@b)	around back
(a)	apart
(b)	back
(diag.)	diagonally
(f)	front
(l)	left
(ots)	out to side
(p)	pause
(R)	right
(tog)	together
(ux)	uncross
(xb)	cross in back
(xf)	cross in front



Things are changing quickly and we are trying to keep up. Please reach out to events for specific information



Upcoming Events

January 28-30, 2022

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

March 10-12, 2022

Smokey Mountain Encore
Gatlinburg Convention Center
Gatlinburg, TN
Lynne Ogle Holbrook 865-805-7025
Lynne@smokeymountainencore.com
www.smokymountainencore.com

March 11-12, 2022

Texas Cloggers' Rally
"Waco Convention Center
Waco, TX
txrally2020@gmail.com
www.texas-clogging.com

April 20, 2022

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

March 18-19, 2022

Possum Trot Clogging Workshop
Courtyard by Marriott
Oxnard, CA
possumtrotca.net

March 26, 2022

Mason Dixon Spring Stomp
North Carroll Community School
Westminster, MD
Lynn Grassi
LynnGrassi@verizon.net

March 31 – April 1, 2022

Northeast Clogging Competition(NCHC)
Double Tree by Hilton
Burlington, VT
Beth Kendall 802-439-3349 bkendall@tops-tele.com
www.freewebs.com/necc

April 1-2, 2022

City Slicker Stomp(NCHC)
Hartman Conference Center
Independence, MO
Missy Shinoski 816-443-3030
kloghop@sbcglobal.net
www.CitySlickerStomp.Info

April 21-23, 2022

Nickel City Clogging Festival
DoubleTree
Niagara Falls, NY
Hanna Healy 716-725-8415
wnyca.pres@gmail.com
wnyca.com

Competitions

March 26, 2022

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

March 31 – April 1, 2022

Northeast Clogging Competition(NCHC)
Double Tree by Hilton
Burlington, VT
Beth Kendall 802-439-3349 bkendall@tops-tele.com
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April 2, 2022

City Slicker Stomp(NCHC)
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Independence, MO
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April 9, 2022

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

May 7-8, 2022

Dollywood Clogging Classic(NCHC)
Dollywood
Pigeon Forge, TN
David & Susan Phillips
dccclog@gmail.com

June 18, 2022

Grand Challenge of Champions(NCHC)
Silver Dollar City
Branson, MO
David and Susan Phillips

Have an event you want listed here?
Send the information to:
CLOGToday@clog.org

June 25, 2022

Deep South Clogging Championship(NCHC)
Jackson Convention Center
Jackson, MS
Rebecca Rouse (601) 466-1277
Southernvibe@aol.com

July 8, 2022

Let the Sparks Fly (NCHC)
Cabool, MO
Rebecca Peterson (417) 254-3168
matbec@centurytel.net
<http://www.thestarsfoundation.org/events>

CLOG Welcomes New Members

Abbie Allen, IA

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(678) 889-4355 clog@clog.org

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Silver (dancer) \$25.00

Send the following info & check

Name Home Phone
Address Work Phone
City, State, Zip E-mail address
Clogging Group Membership

List membership in area, state, and/or national clogging associations

To: **CLOG, Inc.**
2986 Mill Park Court
Dacula, GA 30019

Check with event coordinators to confirm event details!



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38th Annual CLOG National Convention

More information coming soon!

