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## SALT CITY FESTIVAL

By: Barbara Elko

A seasoned, clogging prospector quickly seizes the opportunity to explore a newly Established workshop/competition. Being part of this adventurous group, I was drawn to the Salt City Festival. It was held at the Holiday Inn, in Liverpool New York. Although in its infancy it was very well organized. Salt City's successful launch can be credited to Johanna Healy, the WNYCA, and their years of experience.

If curiosity kills the cat, I am the walking dead. I had to know the story behind this new workshop, so I talked with Johanna about it. "I have always had a desire to introduce a competition to this area. I also always knew that meant another event, because Nickel City has its very distinct culture and identity—a competition component would alter that too much, and that is a change that is not best for that event. Mike, the kids and I stayed at the Holiday Inn Liverpool passing through to the Adirondacks for a family vacation and the wheels started turning—proximity to two major interstates caught my eye immediately and I knew the area well since I lived down the street during law school. A couple of weeks after that, I was able to spend some time talking to Dale Burl and Richard Hawker of the Erie Canal Cloggers. They have always been such great supporters of WNYCA and I knew that they wanted to have an event closer to the central NY area. We talked for close to two hours about how and why to have an event in Syracuse, and what we could do to make it successful. That discussion with Dale and Richard in October of 2014 is what started Salt City. Lots of discussions between us and the board in the following months led to the board of directors approving the event the following spring, and it took shape for us to host the first Salt City in September 2016." Johanna has great intuition. This workshop has had increasing attendance, and those who came to compete were excited to have the opportunity to do so.

Everyone loosened up at the fun dance Friday night. Classes started at 9am Saturday and ran straight through, no lunch break, till 5. Three halls were opened, and all skill levels were offered. The Featured Instructors were Andy Howard, Andrew Perry, Chip Summey, and Judy Waymouth. Andy Howard always selects music that is a bit off the beaten path. This is an intentional decision on his part, to give the attendees more to choose from. At Salt City he presented Sir Duke an advanced R&B, Michigrass Set and Royals both Bluegrass, and Gravel Walk an Irish tune. Andy often teaches a routine and then shows advanced substitutions steps. His joy of dance is obvious! I first met Andrew Perry ten years ago. He was a young talented boy, wildly dancing all over the place. He has been teaching for several years, and is finally settling into his own style, no longer looking at others for direction. Andrew's strong points are his cueing, very clear and rhythmic and his ability to keep a fun dance running! Chip Summey with all his southern charm continues to fill halls. He came armed with country, four to be exact. Many dancers picked his Hot Rod Roller. Chip always delivers great routines, a class filled with laughter, and at least one pull back! If you are looking for a workout look no further than a class with Judy Waymouth, a powerhouse dancer from Canada. She shows a step several times, then says just once more, but that really means several more times. She has great routines, great music selections, great presentation, great sense of humor, and that sums up Judy Waymouth! Other instructors included Bekka Gunner, if you are looking for advanced she is your gal. Monique Martineau shared both a pop and country routine. Colleen Zurbrigg brought two routines. Colleen's Howdy Neighbor Howdy was a fun class. Katrina Kaplan presented an advanced routine.



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**CLOG National Convention—San Antonio**



**WE WANT YOU!**

Would you like to get free registration to CLOG San Antonio?

Hi all! CLOG National Convention is coming soon and **we need you!** If you, any of your dancers, or parents/grandparents would like to volunteer to help with security, they will receive a free registration. All that is required is to work a total of 4 hours in which you can split up into two 2-hours Friday and Saturday or what works best for you. I will need each persons name, address, and contact information.

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On the beat.....

More Salt City...

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Alicca Sedorus choice was Hand Clap a pop song. Jeigh Manyard and Katie O'Brien got things moving with their routine to Kick the Dust Up. Jeigh, a new instructor at workshops, was confident and relaxed in her presentation of this fun routine. Thanks to all the instructors for a fun filled weekend of clogging!

Team competition began Saturday evening at 6pm. Solo and duet competition took place Sunday morning starting at 9am. This was a CCA qualifying event. Teams present were Symphony Cloggers, Roc City Club, Backwoods Ladybugs, Lehigh Valley Cloggers, and Tensation. Duets participants were Lehigh Valley Cloggers and Beyond the Horizon. Solos included Symphony Dance, Backwoods Cloggers, Drew Crew Cloggers, and Lehigh Valley Cloggers. Observing the competition was exciting. Watching the dancers preparing costumes, last minute practice, and the great pep talks before taking the floor, was inspiring. Congratulations to the winners, and all those who participated!

It was heartwarming seeing the Lehigh Valley Cloggers. The loss of their director, Mary Snyder, in 2011 was devastating to the club. Mary would be proud of the advancements her beloved club has made. Their team competition number was outstanding!

An added bonus to attending this workshop was meeting Oliver Kromer, a clogger from Germany who was visiting the United States. His mother taught him how to clog dance. A few years back he met Jeff Driggs who was teaching in Germany. After that meeting Oliver knew he would make the trip to the United States. Oliver's assessment of the Salt City Festival was "wonderful workshop, good routines, and nice people." He said clogging is not wide spread where he lives, and we are fortunate to have so many cloggers throughout the United States. If you did not get the chance to meet this young man he will be back...cause now he is part of our clogging family!

If you are a workshop prospector, a competition dancer, or just a clogger looking for a fun place to spend the weekend dancing, make plans to attend the Salt City Festival next year!



**On the beat.....****NCHC USA Championships!!****USA National Clogging Championships****September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> , 2017****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.

This 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 event comprised over 322 team dances, 40 duos/ duets, 225 solos, 36 choreographed solos, comprising over 700 competition dancers from GA,AR, CO, IN, SC, TN, FL, NC, MS,MO,KY, WI, and NE

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

Judges – Colleen Pearson CA, Rhonda Butzke TX, Dieter Brown SC, Lorie Redmon NC, Andy Engle GA, Andy Howard GA, Jeff Driggs WV, John Quesenberry GA, Rhonda Brady GA, and Missy Shinoski MO  
Emcee – Dehlon Collins,OH and Stan Webb,MO

Scorekeeper – 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, Johnie Payton, TN, Gayle Stowe, GA, Cal Phillips, GA, Brian Phillips, GA, Chip Phillips, GA, Carla Ramsey, TN, Marie Lovelace, TN, Joann Glass, TN, Carla Ramsey, TN, Dalton Ramsey, TN, Pat Hammett, NC, Chip Summey, NC, Terry Glass, TN, Lynn Butler, AR, Marie & Jimmy Lovelace, Jim Richling and Ron & Kathy Carter TN

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

**Amateur Age Division Team of the Days**

- Tiny Tot – Southern Sounds Studio Bratz
- Pee Wee – Taps in Motion Bratz
- Elementary – Southern Jewels Jade and Diamond
- Junior – Southern Jewels Diamond
- Senior – Electric Stompers
- Young Adult – Pride of Carolina
- Adult – Pride of Carolina

**Masters Age Division Team of the Day**

- Junior – Southern Jewels Onyx
- Senior – Sole Patrol
- Young Adult – TNC Elite
- Adult – Power Taps Young Adult

OVERALL WINNERS IN AMATEUR	DIVISION I (PEE WEE – JUNIOR)	DIVISION II (SENIOR – ADULT)
Small team	Tennessee Hoedowners Power	Pure Dynamics Extreme
Standing Line	Ultimate Dance Sensation	Southern Jewels Platinum
Exhibition	Ultimate Dance Sensation	Pride of Carolina
Formations Line	Ultimate Dance Sensation	Southern Jewels Platinum
4 or More Couple Precision	Southern Jewels Diamond	Southern Jewels Platinum
4 or More couple Hoedown	Power Taps Junior	Power Champs
Show Team	Southern Jewels Diamond and Jade	Hot Foot Cloggers
A Cappella Team	Maroon Belles	Pride of Carolina
Traditional Line	Power Taps Junior	Pride of Carolina
Traditional Formations Line	Taps in Motion Chix	Electric Stompers
Grand Champion Traditional Team	Power Taps Junior	Electric Stompers
Grand Champion Contemporary	Southern Jewels Diamond	Southern Jewels Platinum
Solos – Amateur Female	Lily Peer	
Solos – Amateur Male	Grant Wallace	
Grand Champion - Amateur Duo/ Duet	Mathew Randolph and Jade Trammell	

OVERALL WINNERS- MASTERS	DIVISION I (PW – JR)	DIVISION II (SR – ADULT)
Small team –	Tennessee Hoedowners Junior	TNC Elite
Line Dance	Tennessee Hoedowners Junior	Sole Patrol
Exhibition	Tennessee Hoedowners Junior	Taps in Motion
Formations Line	Southern Jewels Onyx	Taps in Motion
4 or More Couple Precision	Southern Jewels Onyx	Power Taps Senior
4 or More couple Hoedown		Power Taps Young Adult
Show Team	Taps in Motion Hype	TNC Elite
A Cappella Team	High Country Junior	BRMC Shady Grove
Traditional Line	Southern Jewels Onyx	Taps in Motion
Traditional Formations Line	Taps in Motion Hype	Taps in Motion
Running Set Precision		Southern Belles Senior
Smooth Mountain Square Dance		Hot Foot Mountain Pride
Running Set Hoedown		Hot Foot Mountain Pride
Grand Champion Traditional Team	Southern Jewels Onyx	Taps in Motion
Grand Champion Contemporary Team	Southern Jewels Onyx	TNC Elite
Traditional Solos	Tori O'Bryant	
Short Duos	Erika Quinn / Anna Joy Hulsey	
Solos – Masters Female	Abby Simpson	
Solos – Masters Male	Gavin Cox	
Grand Champion – Masters - Duo/ Duet	Tori O'Bryant / Jana Rickard	
A Cappella Duo	Leah Gugeman / Brenna Schwarzenbach	
Choreographed Solos	Eliza James	
A Cappella Solos	Grant Wallace	



**On the beat.....****2017 All-Star Team****All-star team – Director****Sherry Cox, TN****ALL-STAR - TRADITIONAL**

Tori O'Bryant – Captain  
 Preston Finley  
 Abby Simpson  
 Emily Simpson  
 Grace White  
 Addy Jordan  
 Sydney Auriemma  
 Holly Whiten  
 Montana Schwebs  
 Austin Glass  
 River Ketron  
 Tyler Wade

**All Star Solos Contemporary - Elementary**

Emily Simpson – Captain  
 Katey Armes  
 Bailey Rickard  
 Austin Glass  
 Leah Lackey  
 Katheryn Curtin  
 River Ketron  
 Macy Kohberger  
 Ella Thomas  
 Ashley Harrell  
 Kaylie Schwab  
 Piper Atkins

**All Star Solos Contemporary - Junior**

Gavin Cox – Captain  
 Erika Quinn  
 Anna Joy Hulsey  
 Abby Simpson  
 Lani Reece  
 Riley Rickard  
 Lachlan Hedley  
 Addy Jordan  
 Emily Hensley  
 Gabby Gecan  
 Holly Whiten  
 Tyler Wade

**All Star Solos Contemporary - Senior**

Cheyenne Gibson – Captain  
 Taylor Spencer  
 Katie Staples

**NCHC All Star Hall of Fame**

Tori Stevens  
 Cullen Finley

**Betsy Farlow Award for Preservation of Traditional Dance****Frank and Mercy Martinez**

All star dancers receive a t-shirt and they are invited to dance at the Nation Clogging Convention and be a part of the showcase. Other performing opportunities will be available throughout the year.

Each team who places 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> is extended to back next year to the USA National Championships to defend their winnings next year. Labor Day weekend, Gaylord Opryland Hotel, Labor Day weekend 2018.

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

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



## Upcoming Events

**November 4, 2017**

Appalachian Stomp  
Carver Center  
Purcellville, VA  
[info@brtc.us](mailto:info@brtc.us)  
[AppalachianStomp.com](http://AppalachianStomp.com)

**November 22-25, 2017**

34st Annual C.L.O.G. National  
Clogging Convention  
Hyatt Regency Hill Country  
San Antonio, TX  
David & Susan Phillips 678-889-  
4355  
[clog@clog.org](mailto:clog@clog.org)  
[clog.org](http://clog.org)

**February 3, 2018**

Cabin Fever Clogging Workshop  
Baku Grotto Hall  
Mansfield, OH  
Jeff Driggs 304-776-9571  
[ccaieff@aol.com](mailto:ccaieff@aol.com)  
[http://www.doubletoe.com/  
CabinFever.htm](http://www.doubletoe.com/CabinFever.htm)

**March 14 , 2018**

Dave Roe Retirement Party/  
Dance  
Pueblo El Mirage RV Park  
Recreation Hall  
El Mirage, AZ

**April 27-28 , 2018**

Clogging in the Natural State  
Hilton Garden Inn  
North Little Rock, AR  
Kathey Wilson 870-243-8113  
[dancetymestudio@gmail.com](mailto:dancetymestudio@gmail.com)

**May 25-27, 2018**

World of Clogging Workshops  
Holiday Inn Eastgate  
Cincinnati, OH  
Hanna Healy 716-725-8415  
[worldofclogging@aol.com](mailto:worldofclogging@aol.com)  
[worldofclogging.com](http://worldofclogging.com)

**Check with event coordina-  
tors to confirm event details!**

**September 21-22, 2018**

Fontana Clogging Jamboree  
Fontana Village Resort  
Fontana Village, NC  
Jeff Driggs 304-776-9571  
[ccaieff@aol.com](mailto:ccaieff@aol.com)  
Naomi Pyle 812-579-6979  
[Naomi\\_p@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Naomi_p@sbcglobal.net)  
[fontanaworkshop.com](http://fontanaworkshop.com)

### Competitions

**November 4, 2017**

Fall Classic Clogging  
Championships (CCA)  
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Jeff Driggs 304-776-9571  
[ccaieff@aol.com](mailto:ccaieff@aol.com)  
[cloggingcontest.com](http://cloggingcontest.com)

**November 10-12, 2017**

ACHF Annual World  
Championships (ACHF)  
Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium  
Spartanburg, SC  
Jimmy Loveless 301-884-5830  
Dianne Loftin 864-277-0553

**February 10, 2018**

Florida Clogging Festival(NCHC)  
Osceola County Fair  
Kissimmee, FL  
Andy Howard 352.494.0104  
[americanracket@gmail.com](mailto:americanracket@gmail.com)  
[www.floridaclogging.com](http://www.floridaclogging.com)

**March 24, 2018**

Winter Clogging Invitational  
(NCHC)  
Polk County High School,  
Columbus, NC  
Chip Summey [Ncjcs@aol.com](mailto:Ncjcs@aol.com)

**April 7, 2018**

City Slicker Stomp Competition  
(NCHC)  
Independence, MO  
Missy Shinoski  
[kloghop@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kloghop@sbcglobal.net)  
[www.CitySlickerStomp.Info](http://www.CitySlickerStomp.Info)

**May 25-27, 2018**

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(CCA)  
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Cincinnati, OH  
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Certified Clogging Instructor Training Session  
~ Monday ~ Wednesday  
Judges Training ~ Thursday  
CCI Testing ~ Thursday

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Tours of San Antonio—Wednesday  
Evening Dance ~ Wednesday  
CCI Teaching Wednesday & Thursday  
Open Teach Halls ~ Wednesday & Thursday  
Dance Expose' ~ Thursday

### Convention Events:

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