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Dozens of colorful team banners hang from the balconyatthe 2005 Australia Clogging **Convention held in Gympie** in September

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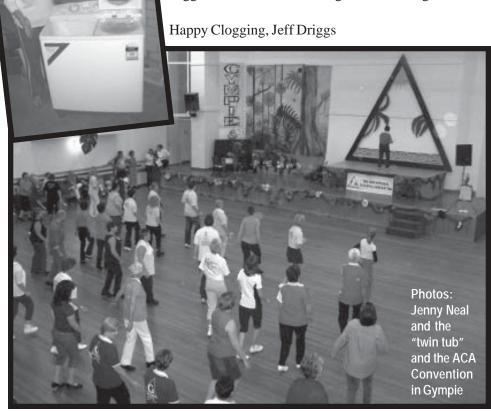


have been tremendously blessed in clogging to have the opportunity to travel around the world and see so many wonderful places and meet such great people. I have even taken some clogging groups to Europe to dance in festivals and the cloggers of Europe opened their homes to over 50 of us without blinking. Sure, there are funny stories, language barriers and surprises, but -- all in all -- wonderfully positive experiences.

The group sales director at a resort where I hold an event told me once that there was a rapport with cloggers he had never seen with any other group of any kind. I have to agree. The instant connection to another clogger is an unspoken trust that opens hearts and homes unconditionally. In returning the favor, I even introduced my German friends to their first West Virginia back hollow, trailer park and rooster farm!

Along the way I've also met some amazing people. I had the great pleasure of making another trip to visit the wonderful cloggers of Australia last month. I took a few extra days during the trip to tour the Gold Coast and spend a little time with my hosts. Dennis and Jenny Neal in Gympie didn't kid me about just asking for toast and eating my own carry-on peanut butter for breakfast every morning. They even taught me how to do a quick load of laundry in a twin tub washing machine! They got a real kick out of seeing a hillbilly so intrigued by washing clothes. My host in Brisbane, Australia was Olive Borovsky, whose husband Igor told the most fascinating story of his youth in China, his journey to America

and then to Australia. Sharing a dance with cloggers from the stage is an honor, sharing time with cloggers while having tea at the supper table is an even greater one. Hopefully the dancers at a workshop will take away a step or two and maybe a joke from a silly old clogger like me. I am leaving with the real gift.





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(W) = Workshop, (C) = Competition, (D) = Dance Only, (T) = Training Seminar (P) = Performance, Exhibitions or Concert, (S) = Special Event.

Submitting an event is easy... just visit the Double Toe Times website at www.doubletoe.com and click on "Events." You may also fax events to (304) 727-9357 or email ccajeff@aol.com with the title "Clogging Event." Bolded listings are those who have display advertising. Call or email today to advertise!

#### Workshops 2005

#### Nov. 4-6

Sealion Stomp Clogging Workshop (W) Nanaimo, B.C. Canada Info: Barb Guenette (250) 722-2953 bguenette@shaw.ca

#### Nov. 12

Great Texas Hoedown (W) Waco, TX Info:

clogger\_b@direcway.com www.texas-clogging.com

#### Nov. 12

GCLA Fall Clogging Workshop (W) Macon, GA Info: (478) 788-7702

#### Nov. 24-26

C.L.O.G. National Clogging Convention (W, P) Orlando, FL Info: David and Susan Phillips (770) 985-5557 clognchc@hotmail.com www.clog.org

#### Nov. 24-26

Midwest Clogging Workshop & Hills of KY Competition (W, C) Fort Mitchell, KY Info: Fonda Hill (KY) (859)-760-8497

#### Dec. 10

Santa's Clogging Workshop Nashville, TN Info: Rita (229) 685-5755 flatcreekclogger@wmconnect.com Simone's Epic Conference

#### Workshops 2006 Jan. 11-18

Clogging Workshop Cruise (W, P) Departs San Diego, CA To Acapulco, Jihuatanejom Xtape, Manzanillo Mexico Info: Lee Adams (614) 580-1950 ifla67@aol.com

#### Jan. 19-22

Southern Arizona Dance Festival (W) Tucson, AZ Info: Jim & Jenny Young (520) 885-6273 jimgeny@aol.com www.sardasa.com/festival

#### Jan. 20-21

Country Rhythm Workshop (W) LaBelle, FL Info: Pat Bedingfield (863) 675-0671 eldridge3@aol.com

#### Jan. 27-29

Mid-Winter Festival (W) Albany, OR Info: Lauri & Rick Weidenhaft (541) 747-7780

#### Feb. 18

Potomac Double Down Clogging Workshop (W) Haymarket, VA Info: Dale Fisher (703) 368-6264 Harry Thompson (703) 497-2528

pddworkshop@bullruncloggers.com www.potomacdoubledown.com

#### Feb. 25

Country Note Cloggers Workshop (W) Windsor, Ontario Canada Info: Sam Gill (248) 414-3975 clogteachr@comcast.net

#### Mar. 2-4

(W,C,P)Pigeon Forge, TN Info: Simone Pace (864) 599-5678 s pace@bellsouth.net www.simonepace.com

#### Mar. 9-11

Lynne Ogle's Smoky Mountain Encore (W.C.P) Gatlinburg, TN Info: Lynne Ogle (865) 675-1185 ccalynne@aol.com www.smokymountainencore.com

#### Mar. 10-11

(W) Waco, TX Info: Buster Green (830) 980-3600

#### Mar. 17-18

23<sup>nd</sup> Annual Possum Trot Workshop (W) Victorville, CA Info: Pam Smilev (714) 821-5007 clogrpam@msn.com http://sccaclogger.com

#### Mar. 24-25

City Slicker Stomp (W,C) Independence, MO Info: Missy Shinoski (816) 358-5283 kloghop@solve.net

#### Mar. 25

Mason Dixon Spring Stomp (W) Hampstead, MD Info: Mark Wilson (717) 677-8869 clogger@cvn.net

#### Apr. 7-8

Silver Creek Cloggin' Workshop/Competition (W,C)Kennewick, WA Info: Linda Wissenbach (509) 737-9037 silvercreekclgr@charter.net

#### Apr. 14-16

Nickel City Clogging Festival (W,P) Grand Island, NY Info: Ken Haley (716) 537-9662 khaley5427@aol.com

#### Apr. 28-29

Swing Into Spring (W) Lake Cumberland, KY Info: Trevor & Stacy DeWitt (317) 467-0156 (812) 989-9184 trevor@clogdancing.com

#### Apr. 29

Texas Clog Council Rally Clogging in the Natural State (W) Eureka Spring, AR Info: Kathey Wilson (870) 972-1942 arclogger@cox.net

#### Apr. 29

Juniper Clickin' Workshop III (W) Madras, OR Info: Jan McDonald (541) 475-9466

#### May 5-6

River Road Cloggers Jamboree (W) Brampton, Ontario Canada Info: Harold Craddock (905) 799-2560 rrclogger@rogers.com rrclogger

#### May 7-12

Clogging Cruise with David Nimmo (W) LA to Vancouver, BC Info: Joan Sands (949) 362-3111

#### May 13

Clogging at the Chicken Dance (W) Rochester, WA Info: Mary Dart (360) 412-8142

#### May 26-28

Midwest Clogging Championships (W,C) (CCA) Columbus, OH Info: Jeff Driggs (304) 727-9357 ccajeff@aol.com www.cloggingcontest.com

#### May 26-29

Circle 8 Ranch Memorial Day Weekend (W) Cle Elum, WA Info: Anne Mills (360) 782-4073

#### Jun. 1-3

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#### Jun. 16-17

Washington State Federation Festival (W) Spokane, WA Info: Rose Kelling (509) 327-9811

#### Jun. 24

Stompin' Ground Competition & ACHF Workshop & Certified Judges Training (W,C,TR) (ACHF) Maggie Valley, NC Earl Powell (828) 891-3435 Lib Mills (864) 843-3825 Dianne Loftin (864) 962-9835 Lou Maiuri (304) 872-5803 www.achf.net

#### Jul. 10-12

www.members.rogers.com/ America Onstage National Convention (W) Salt Lake City, UT aoswebman@americaonstage.org

#### Jul. 13-15

15th Canadian National Square, Round & Clogging Convention (W) Montreal, Quebec Canada Info: Gary & Maureen Geldart mgkdosido@sympatico.ca www.geocities.com/ convention2006

#### Jul. 14-15

Double Toe Jam (W,P) Waco, TX Info: (713) 729-2190 (254) 772-0227 www.doubletoejam.com

#### Jul. 27-31

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Clogging Cruise Workshops AND Competi- NWCA Workshop & General tion (W,C) Departs Mobile, AL To Cozumel, Mexico Info: Jeff Driggs (304) 727-9357 ccajeff@aol.com or Kevin Parries (828)687-8600 ccakevin@aol.com

#### Aug. 3-5

Cougar Clogging Classic Camp (W) Provo, UT Info: (801) 378-4851 cw147mail@byu.edu

#### Aug. 9-12

USA West Square Dance Convention (W) Honolulu, HI Info: Ray Thompson (760) 727-5087 insadihoe@aol.com

#### Aug. 11-12

Sunshine State Jamboree (W, P) Tallahassee, FL Info: Jeff Wood (850) 386-1263 wood@talstar.com www.nettally.com/ mountaindew

#### Sep. 1-3

Kick Off 2006 (W) Tacoma, WA Info: Anne Mills (360) 782-4073

#### Sep. 22-23

Fontana Clogging Jamboree (W,P) Workshop, Dances & Bluegrass Show Fontana Village, NC Info: Naomi Fleetwood-Pyle (812) 579-6979 Naomi p@sbcglobal.net or Jeff Driggs (304) 727-9357 ccajeff@aol.com

#### Sep. 22-24

Meeting (W) Vancouver, WA Info: Mike McDow (360) 423-4330

#### Oct. 21

OktoberClogFest (W) Columbus, IN Info: Naomi Fleetwood-Pyle (812) 579-6979 Naomi\_p@sbcglobal.net

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9:00 am- Workshops in FIVE halls!

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7:30 pm- NONSTOP Fun Dance

10:00 pm Pavillion Ballroom

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8:30 lights out laser dance

9:00 pm- **Duo/Duet Competition** *Grand Ballroom Stage* 

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8:00 am Competition Doors Open

Doors and Dressing Rooms Open

9:00 am Directors Meeting

9:15 am- Team & Solo Competition

10:00 pm Grand Ballroom Raised Stage

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Nanaimo, B.C. Canada

Info: Barb Guenette

(250) 722-2953

bguenette@shaw.ca

Nov. 5

Radford University

Clogging Event (W)

Radford, VA

Info: Christina Hall

(276) 733-CLOG

christina@clogdancing.com

www.rudoggingevent.dogdancing.com

(W)

www.ncclog.org

#### **Dances** 2005

A DANCE event is usually one that is an evening event only and consists of cued dances, open dancing and fun dancing without workshops.

#### Nov. 19

Teddy Bear Benefit Dance (D) For the Emanuel Children's Hospital Info: Tim & Lorna Cole (360) 574-2267 twocloggers@hotmail.com

#### Nov. 26

Natural Bridge Thanksgiving Hoedown (D,P) Slade, KY Info: Richard Jett (606) 668-6650

Nov. 19 Hoedown (D,P) NCCA Hickory Hoedown Slade, KY Info: Richard Jett Hickory, NC (606) 668-6650 Info: Jill Kohnle (828) 328-5101

### Nov. 24-26

C.L.O.G. National Clogging sanctioned competitions, visit the Convention (W, P) Phoenix, AZ Info: David and Susan **Phillips** (770) 985-5557 clognchc@hotmail.com www.clog.org

#### Nov. 24-26

Midwest Clogging Workshop & Hills of KY Competition (W, C) Drawbridge Est, Fort Mitchell, KY Info: Fonda Hill (KY) (859)-760-8497

#### Dance Camps 2006

Dance Camps are general longer than a workshop and may include housing and meals as part of a package. They may also be geared to a particular age reange or interest.

#### Aug. 13-19

Southern Week at Ashokan (W) Clogging by Sharon Leahy Woodstock, NY Info: (845) 246-2121

#### Dec. 2-4

Natural Bridge Holiday

#### Competition Events 2005

For more information on 4 major sanctioning organization's websites at: ACHF = America's Clogging Hall of Fame www.achf.net AOS = America on Stage www.americaonstage.org CCA = Clogging Champions of America www.ccaclog.com NCHC = National Clogging and Hoedown Championships www.clog.org

#### Nov. TBA

Blue Ridge Clogging Competition (C) (NCHC) Watkinsville, GA Info: Sandra Thomas (706) 335-3039 maclogpageant@aol.com

#### Nov. TBA

Electric Stompers Competition (C) (ACHF) Abingdon, VA Info: Ginger Baker (423) 764-0638

#### Nov. 4-5

Georgia Carolina Clogging Florida State Fair Clogging Classic (C) (ACHF NCHC) Augusta, GA Info: Teresa DeBolt (706) 855-7757

#### Nov. 4-5

SC Clogging Championships (C) (CCA) Info: Lorie Reynolds 864-850-0803 www.sccloggingchampionships.com

#### Nov. 5

8th Annual Clogging Contest (C) (ACHF NCHC) Fort Meade, FL Info: Elaine Enfield (352) 583-5304 eenfieldbrizh@aol.com

#### Nov. 12

Fall Festival at Oconee State Park (C) (ACHF) Mountain Rest. SC Info: Pam Collins (864) 718-9317

#### Nov. 25-26

Hills of KY Competition (W, C) (CCA) Drawbridge Estates, Fort Mitchell, KY Info: Fonda Hill (KY) (859)-760-8497

#### Nov. 26

Holiday Clogging Classic (C) (NCHC) Orlando, FL Info: Missy Shinoski (816) 358-5283 competition@clog.org

### Feb. 4

Wyoming State Championships (C) (AOS) Green River, WY aoswebman@americaonstage.org

#### Feb. 11

Kick Off Classic Richfield (C) (AOS) Richfield, UT aoswebman @americaonstage.org

#### Feb. 17-18

Competition (C) (ACHF, NCHC) Tampa, FL Info: Joyce Covington (813-621-7821) or Ray Hattaway (229) 872-3761 rjhattaw\_1@hotmail.com

#### Feb. 17-18

Kick Off Classic Boise (C) (AOS) Caldwell, ID

#### Feb. 25

(C) (NCHC) Asheville, NC Info: Jessica Justice (828) 606-3580 or Chip Summey ncjcs@aol.com

#### Mar. 2-4

Simone's Epic Conference (W,C,P)(ACHF) Pigeon Forge, TN Info: Simone Pace (864) 599-5678 s pace@bellsouth.net www.simonepace.com

#### Mar. 3-4

Kick Off Classic Thanksgiving Point (C) (AOS) Lehi, UT aoswebman @americaonstage.org

#### Mar. 9-11

Lynne Ogle's Smoky Mountain Encore (W,C,P) Gatlinburg, TN Info: Lynne Ogle (865) 675-1185 ccalynne@aol.com Competitions 2006 www.smokymountainencore.com

#### Mar. 11

Idaho State Championships (C) (AOS) Pocatello, ID aoswebman @americaonstage.org

#### Mar. 18-19

SCCC Stampede (C) (ACHF) Columbia, SC Info: Dianne Loftin (864) 962-9835 Terry Anderson (803) 642-5145

#### Mar. 18-19

Dixie Spectacular (C) (AOS) St. George, UT

#### Mar. 24-25

City Slicker Stomp (W,C) Independence, MO Info: Missy Shinoski (816) 358-5283 kloghop@solve.net

#### Mar. 26

Homecoming on the Mountain (C) (ACHF) Mountain Rest, SC Winter Clogging Invitational Info: Loretta Addington (864) 944-1415 plkm@bellsouth.net

#### Mar. 31 - Apr. 1

Tennessee Clogging Classic (C) (CCA) Kingsport, TN Info: Terry Glass (423) 345-2710 glasst@planetc.com

#### Apr. TBA

Southern National Clogging Classic (C) (NCHC) Jekyll Island, GA Info: David and Susan **Phillips** clognchc@hotmail.com

#### Apr. 1

Southern Junction Clogging Championships (C) (ACHF) Greenville, SC Info: Gwen Davis (864) 220-5449 clogfan@yahoo.com

#### Apr. 7-8

Silver Creek Cloggin' Workshop/Competition (W,C)Kennewick, WA Info: Linda Wissenbach (509) 737-9037 silvercreekclgr@charter.net

#### Apr. 7-8

BYU Idaho Championships (C) (AOS) Rexburg, ID aoswebman@americaonstage.org

#### Apr. 20-21

Northern Colorado Clogging Championships (C) (NCHC) Fort Collins, CO Info: Marcie Powell marciep@psdschools.org

#### Apr. 21-22

Springfest Championships (C) (AOS) Salt Lake City, UT

#### Apr. 28-29

Clogfest 2006 (C) (CCA) Brevard, NC Info: Kevin Parries (828)687-8600 ccakevin@aol.com

#### Apr. 29-30

5th Annual Stompin' Ground (C) (ACHF) Maggie Valley, NC Info: Dianne Loftin (864) 962-9835 www.achf.net

#### May TBA

Geranium Festival Clogging Competition (C) (NCHC) McDonough, GA Info: Pat Nelson (770) 957-9567 patnelson@bellsouth.net Dick Malsbary (770) 592-8524 dick@malsbary.com

#### May 6 Rocky Mountain Clogging

Championships (C) (AOS) Lagoon Amusement Park Farmington, UT aoswebman@americaonstage.org

#### May 19-20

Nationals at Lagoon (C) (AOS) Lagoon Amusement Park Farmington, UT aoswebman@americaonstage.org

#### May 20

Seneca Clogging Classic (ACHF) Seneca, SC Info: Lib Mills (864) 843-3825 Imills@seneca.sc.us

#### May 26-28

Midwest Clogging Championships (W,C) (CCA) Columbus, OH Info: Jeff Driggs (304) 727-9357 ccajeff@aol.com www.cloggingcontest.com



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August 13, 2005

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August 20, 2005

Foothills Clogging Challenge Lenoir, NC Jill Kohnle 828-396-2052 scclogger@hotmail.com

September 9-10, 2005

NC Mountain State Fair Clogging Competition Fletcher, NC Earl Powell 828-891-3435

September 10, 2005

Mid-Atlantic Clogging Chmp. Upper Marlboro, MD Jim Loveless 301-884-5830

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ACHF Annual Grand Champs Maggie Valley, NC Earl Powell 828-891-3435

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November 4-5, 2005

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November 12, 2005

Fall Festival at Oconee St Park Mountain Rest, SC Pam Collins 864-718-9317

November TBA, 2005

Electric Stompers Competition Abingdon, VA Ginger Baker 423-764-0638

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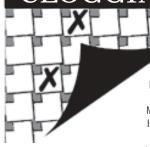
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Jun. TBA

May 26-27

Rocky Mountain Clogging Championships (C) (NCHC) Fort Collins, CO Info: Rick & Michelle Meehleis (970) 218-1243 excalfingp@aol.com

#### June TBA

Grand National Challenge of Champions (C) (NCHC) Branson, MO Info: David and Susan **Phillips** clognchc@hotmail.com

#### Jun. 3

NC Summer Games Charlotte Competition (C) (ACHF) Concord , NC Info: Eddie Carruthers (757) 652-3893 ump13@cox.net

#### Jun. 9-10

Top Ten Championships (C) (AOS, NCHC) Salt Lake City, UT Info: Vickie Neilson & Bryan Steele (801) 771-7073 or (801) 540-4385 bryan@jrolympicsdance.org

#### June 10

Grand Lake National Clogging Contest (C) part of Grand Lake Festival (ACHF) Grove, OK Info: 1-800-526-2523 Or Lou Maiuri (304) 872-5803 Lmaiuri@citynet.net

tion & ACHF Workshop & Certified Judges Training Info: Earl Powell (828) 891-3435 Lib Mills (864) 843-3825 Dianne Loftin (864) 962-9835

#### www.achf.net Jun. 24

Lou Maiuri (304) 872-5803

7th Annual Georgia State Clogging Competition Dublin, GA Info: Gail Hardison (478) 788-7702 gdhardis@bellsouth.net

#### Jun. 30 - Jul. 1

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# **Rise of Nations**

An Interview with Seven Nations Fiddler and Step Dancer Extraordinaire Dan Stacey

by Jeff Driggs

A chattering line-up of faithful fans, a couple of gray-haired ladies sharing concert experiences, the man in the dress... welcome to the world of Seven Nations, the high-energy band that mixes Celtic roots with a distinctive rock and pop edge. Let me clarify. The man in the dress was actually wearing a kilt, but to any southern concert-goer it was a dress. Thus is the commitment of a Seven Nations fan. I traveled to Cincinnati, Ohio to see the band and share some time with my friend Dan Stacey, whose youthful efforts as a fiddler and Canadian step dancer have translated into a career that keeps him on the road most all year.

Born in Stratford, Ontario, Dan has a twin sister, Jennifer. When Jennifer's violin teacher Marjorie Loft discovered there was a twin, she wanted Dan taking lessons too. They both started fiddle and step dance lessons when they were 9 years old. When Dan was 13, and dancing with the group "Double Take," they competed at the Youth Talent International, in Memphis, Tennessee at the State Fair. They won It. This led to an audition with C.B.S. in California. Dan has taught at the Folklore Centre in Ottawa, won the North American Open in Edmonton 1996, the Pembroke Open Step Dance 1996, both the fiddle class and step dance class at two contests in Ontario in 1996. Has won Ontario Open Step Dance & Ontario Open Fiddle and been invited to compete at the Grand

masters in Ottawa twice. Along the way, Dan spent time at many clogging workshops and camps and saw the infusion of step dancing in clog dancing firsthand.

In 1999, Dan was coming off of a successful run in the theatrical production of "Needfire" in Canada and was invited to join Seven Nations.

The group Seven Nations started in 1993 when lead singer and guitarist Kirk McLeod added bagpipes and tin whistle to his rock band's sound and reinvented themselves. The group's name refers to the seven nations of the Celtic world, now known as Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Brittany, Cornwall, the Isle of Man, and parts of Spain.

The group performed at the Torch Lighting ceremony at the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City and has

Photo: Seven Nations from web

been the subject of the PBS Special
"An Evening with Seven Nations."
The group has performed throughout the
United States, Canada and Scotland. A
Seven Nations CD even accompanied the Space Shuttle

Seven Nations CD even accompanied the Space Shuttle Endeavor into outer space with Canadian astronaut, Chris Hadfield.

Seven Nations is a band whose music reaches a new level in a live setting. The spectacle of bagpipes, fiddle and drums brings an energy to their set that is amazing. Then there is Dan Stacey. True to his dance roots, Dan is in constant motion during a show. It is like the music in him explodes from the fiddle, his feet and his entire body. By the time Dan lays down his fiddle and steps onto a board affixed to the edge of the stage and begins step dancing, the crowd has bought into their mix of old and new, traditional and edge, and roars their approval.

Double Toe Times: First of all, Congratulations on your continuing success with Celtic Sensation Seven Nations. Dan Stacey: Thanks a lot, Jeff.

DTT: Tell our readers a little about the band.
DS: Seven Nations is a Florida-based band that started eleven years ago in New York City. Kirk McLeod, the lead singer, vocalist and song writer, started the band with our bass player Jim Struble – we call him Struby. Scott Long and I joined in January of 1999, and we also have Christian Macelli, who is our drummer.



I was looking for a gig, and Scott already had one with another artist in Canada. There was a major snow storm at home and I had gotten a call from Kirk asking if I could come to Orlando to play. I took one look out the window and said "No problem!" As soon as we started playing together, everything just seemed to work so we decided to stick with it.

DTT: Is Seven Nations your first band?

DS: I've played in pub bands and more in theatrical shows, but as far as time and effort I would have to say this is the first serious band I have been a part of.

DTT: You have a really unique sound. How would you describe your particular brand of music?

DS: It's all original material. I'll start there. It's based around Scottish and Irish music. With myself and the bagpiper, it's hard to get away from that. Our songwriter, Kirk, is a bagpiper as well, so he wrote a lot of songs with the bagpipes in mind... little hooks that he knows the bagpipe can do. We concentrate more on the pipes and fiddle working together as one instrument rather than separate. We have been playing together so long with people telling us we have our sound and we are really starting to believe it now. A lot of our music is written as pop and rock music, but the Celtic ties are unmistakable. DTT: It was great to see you dancing in the show. Before Seven Nations I know you were very successful in the competition dance and fiddle circuit. Tell us about that experience.

DS: I started as a step dancer first at seven. twin sister, Jennifer, that started dancing at four and she started to travel and I stayed at home. I didn't want to be stuck mowing the grass at home so I decided take it up myself. She was in a successful dance group called "Double Take" that had grown to include two girls and two guys. They were replacing one of the guys, so at twelve years old I got my shot to step it up a notch. Through the years, we competed all over Ontario and I ended up retiring from the group around age nineteen. I had also danced solo competitions and, as I grew older, I began to concentrate on that more. I had always competed with both the team and as a solo, but finally started to come into my own around age seventeen, eighteen and nineteen, whereas a lot of dancers I had danced with were quite accomplished as young as twelve. I caught up eventually. After the group, I competed mostly as a solo until about 1997 when I got involved more in shows and stuff like that.

As for fiddling, I started at ten and competed alongside step dance categories at the same contests. They offer fiddling categories as well. The main reason I got involved in fiddling in the first place was because as a step dancer you perform to fiddle music, so it seemed like a natural to me. Not too many people were doing it at the time. I can think of about three. So I kept up both and really enjoyed it. Now, with the band I am on the performance side instead of competition and I love it.



**Photo:** Dan Stacey step dances during a live show in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Photo by Jeff Driggs

DTT: Judy Weymouth is a name that most in the clogging workshop world know. Tell us about your association with her.

Dan: (laughs) I should have mentioned her from the start! She was my first step dance teacher! She was actually my sister Jen's second teacher, and we both came to her during the period when her studio was setting the bar in step dancing. She taught me a lot. She was definitely an intregrel part of my dancing career.

DTT: Tandy Barrett invited Judy and some of her dancers to the Possum Trot Workshop in Fontana in the 1980's and it was the first time the collective clogging world had seen French-Canadian step dancing. I remember it so vividly. I think Judy is one of a handful of people in the history of modern clogging who have single-handedly made an impression on the dance that changed and evolved it. That movement really changed competitive footwork dramatically.

Dan: Oh, I remember the reaction. Everybody wanted to learn to do the "Canadian" and "double-doubles."

DTT: I remember learning a step from you that weekend. A "Canadian train."

Dan: Oh yeah! That's an old classic step.

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DTT: Since that time the two styles have really influenced each other.

Dan: Absolutely. I get people who see me dance at our shows and say "Great clogging!" I had a lady once that I said "Ma'am, that is a style of step dancing called Ottawa Valley Step Dancing." She said "No, that's CLOGGING!" (laughs) It shows you how much the styles have fused. I haven't been around the dance scene as much with the schedule of the band, but I certainly remember how hungry cloggers were for the step dancing. What was the workshop in Utah we were at with you?

DTT: BYU Clog Camp.

Dan: Clog Camp, yes! I still have that shoe bag from that workshop! It was a blast.
DTT: Did you notice during that period of the 1980's when

step dancing was having such an influence on clogging the same influence of clogging style on step dancing? Dan: I would say definitely so during that time. We were so impressed that the teachers wrote dances with choreographed sections that everyone could learn and take back and dance around the country. The camaraderie at every level was amazing to us. It was really well put together. Our setting was much more informal. We were also really impressed with the numbers and the ability of cloggers to get together in workshops and learn together. I am also impressed with the individuality of clogging. In competition, the bar is set with the winners and everyone wants their style to be like them, rather than in Irish dancing where everyone is basically taught to dance the same. It has two sides. It's amazing to see a large group of Irish dancers performing in unison, but I have seen

DTT: How did you dancing make it into the Seven Nations show?

some large clogging groups too and they do some pretty

Dan: Actually, I was called to fill in with the band, and there hadn't been a fiddle player in the group prior to me. Kirk had wanted to add a fiddle, so when I came I brought my shoes along. At the time I was still competing and very active as a dancer. One night I just broke out the shoes during a show and the band freaked and loved it, so it stuck

DTT: When the band began touring it did a lot of Celtic events and festivals and now it seems the group has branched out to billed shows and more and more venues. What is the reaction to the music and the dancing to those who may not know what to expect from a Seven Nations show and find themselves facing a bagpipe, fiddle and step dancing?

Dan: I find it amazing. I think – in my humble opinion — the sound of the band is so unique. I think people are

drawn to that uniqueness. Most have never seen bagpipes rocking out like that! As far as the dancing, the reaction is great because most have never seen it before and it brings out an energy from the crowd. It gets people riled up! But, I guess that's my job! (laughs)

DTT: As a competitive dancer, I'm sure you traveled quite a bit. Did that prepare you in any way for the rigors of being in a touring band?

Dan: It is so different. When we were competing and traveling to the States for clogging events and around Canada it was weekends. Now, with the band, it is a career and traveling throughout the week. It changes from a hobby to a life-style and that changes the mindset. Sometimes it's hard to get up on stage because you have been on the road for two months and playing five gigs a week. You learn to focus on the show and train your head. I think I learned more in my first years of touring than I did in all of the years I did this as a hobby. DTT: You have a song on your solo CD "Crank It" entitled "The road is getting to me." Was that the inspiration for

Dan: (laughs) Yeah, pretty much. I was freaking out in the bathroom of my hotel! I recorded that in a bathroom in Houston. It's a pretty lo-fi number but I felt like that. Everything was getting out of control at that time. DTT: You have used the step dancing as a percussive instrument in some of the group's recordings, as well as your own. Are there plans for more use of the dancing in your work?

Dan: Oh yeah, especially in the show. In recordings, we don't feature it as much. The visual is a big part of the show, but who knows. Cisco and I have bounced some ideas for a call and answer with the drums and you never know what things will grow into. We've been working on it slowly. It could maybe evolve into something that could make it onto a recording. We'll see. We're excited for the future!

DTT: I would encourage everyone to check our your schedule and see Seven Nations live. Your music is great, and your live show had an energy level that is amazing. You can tell you are a dancer, because your feet move the entire time you play!

Dan: It's true. I feel like I get a lot of energy coming out of me during a show. A lot of it is the bagpipes. I hear that instrument and I just get really, really excited. And, of course, the crowd really gets me worked up. I sit around all day lazed up waiting for the show (laughs) so I tend to getting pretty charged up for the show!

DTT: Well, Dan, you are an amazing musician and dancer and we encourage everyone to check out Seven Nations and thank you for taking the time to visit with our readers. Dan: Thank you!

You can visit the Seven Nations website at www.sevennations.com

amazing stuff!

# **Fontana Clogging Jamboree**

Feel Good Workshop Celebrates Third Year at Modern Clogging's Birthplace

Take over 400 clogging enthusiasts, some of clogging's best instructors, a jammin' bluegrass band, then through in a slew of cowboy hats, bandanas and one blindfolded cow and you have a recipe for one memorable weekend!

The third annual Fontana Clogging Jamboree was held September 23 and 24 at Fontana Village Resort in the scenic Smoky Mountain of Western North Carolina.

In a time when some expect clogging workshops to be everything for everyone, the Fontana Jamboree has found a following among dancers who enjoy dancing together in one hall on hardwood floors to a mix of music and dance styles.

Instructors Scotty Bilz, Chip Summey, Matt Sexton and hosts Naomi Pyle and Jeff Driggs led the dancers through a Friday evening and all day Saturday of workshops in the historic main Recreation hall. A second dance room in the Inn featured Lou Maiuri teaching traditional figures and a seminar on flatfooting. Linda Carolan of

Texas also taught in the Carolina Room. Linda and her husband Rusty had been instructors at the Smoky Mountain Jamboree hosted by Bobbie and Dewey Paul during the 1980's and returned to Fontana as guest teachers

this year.

A highlight of the workshop is the front porch forum. During the lunch break, everyone runs to their cabin or to the grill to eat then comes back to the front porch for a full hour of great live acoustic bluegrass, sing-a-longs, stories and freestyling. Workshopgoers bring their own instruments and jam along with the band. Anna Wells of Virginia, Pat Dennis of Missouri, Buster Green of Texas and Jesse

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Photos: Top: Naomi and Cole from Alabama pose on stage. Middle: Jesse Draughan of Florida sings with Jay Mundis of the Cashers Flat Bluegrass Band as Anna Wells of Virginia and Pat Dennis of Missouri play dulcimers at the front porch forum. Bottom: A floor full of cloggers dance to live music.

> Photos by DTT, Lois Bridges, Charlotte Panther and Diana Manners







### **Fontana Clogging Jamboree**

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Draughon of Florida played and sang along with the weekend's guest band, the Cashers Flat Bluegrass Band from Pennsylvania. Pat even played the handsaw, holding it between her knees and bending it over and bowing it with a fiddle bow.

Cashers Flat came back Saturday evening for a bluegrass concert to open the fun dance. Accompanied by champion fiddler Douglas Meek, the band brought down the house with an amazing set of clogging tunes. The floor filled up when the band struck up "Rocky Top." For many, it was their first experience dancing to a live band. Jeff and Lou Maiuri joined the band on stage for a big circle Appalachian square dance that featured a ball of yarn that took the dancers out of the Rec. Hall and through the parking lot and back in through the back door to the dance floor.

A fun game was the "Cow Chip Bingo" featuring Naomi as Bessie. Folks bought a number and the cow walked blindfolded through the "field" of numbers until it dropped it's chip, giving the closest number the proceeds. The winning chip fell directly between 2 numbers and two lucky people split over \$250.00.

Next year's Jamboree features special guest Ira Bernstein, the percussive dance legend. For more information, visit the Fontana Jamboree's website at www.fontanaworkshop.com.





**Photos: Top:** Rusty and Linda Carolan of Texas were winners of the Western themed costume contest. **Middle:** Naomi Pyle giggles before being blindfolded to "do her business" during the "Cow Chip Bingo" where folks bought a numbered card and the cow was let go to "let go" and make the closest number the winner! **Bottom:** Fontana is for all ages! This young cowboy enjoyed the weekend of music and great clogging!

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## Florida's Gold Coast Cloggers

By Jane Rupprecht Ft. Myers Beach, Florida

The newly formed group "Gold Coast Cloggers" had their first performance for the Marti Gras "FAT Tuesday" at the Palmetto Palms RV Park in Ft. Myers, Florida. This is an annual event and this year we danced up and down the roads of the park and were first up to perform for the festival. Dee Gallina wrote us two new dances. We had a great time! There were 30 individual units in the parade and over 400 residents, guests, and friends that enjoyed the food, fun and fellowship.

We found out later that Dee, not being used to performing in the Florida sun, went home and said she was too tired to even take a shower. She put dry cloths on and fell into her chair and slept for 2 hours! It also took her a couple of days to get it together. She is a trouper and we appreciate having her as our instructor.

Our next performance was for "Canada Day." We wore red T shirts and white shorts. Dee had a Canadian piece of music for us to trail in and formed two rows and we were told they thought we were excellent entertainers! We also had fun doing this. Dee really helps us to relax and enjoy what we are doing. We are dedicated cloggers and her personality makes for a real fun class.

We are a seasonal group. Snowbirds go back to their families and friends and we all feel we will look forward to coming back next season having Dee as our instructor. She started with eight students her first season and word got out and she now has grown





to 30+ intermediates and 12+ beginner plus.

As seniors we have found that Dee has the ability to help those that have hip or knee issues to save their legs. We, of course, want to dance as long as we can.

We missed our instructor when she left for California to see her first grand child. But Dick Scranton is her back-up and together they tease and joke and have fun and it is so wonderful to see the support they have for each other.

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# Today, She's in the Pink

## **Ohio Clogger Celebrates Silver Anniversary of Beating Cancer**

By Kimberly Gasuras-Lewis Telegraph-Forum correspondent, Bucyrus, Ohio

BUCYRUS — In 1977, Ohio clogger Gloria Assenheimer fought breast cancer and beat it. Then in 1980, she found out the cancer was back — this time in her lung. After two years of chemotherapy, she had won again.

"There were times during her chemo that she was very sick and wanted to quit, but she didn't, and she went to work at FoodTown everyday. She always said if she survived 25 years, she was going to have a party and here we are," said Gloria's husband, Jim, beaming with pride in his wife of 46 years.

Surrounded by family, friends and current and former cloggers in the main shelter at Aumiller Park in Bucyrus, Ohio, Gloria lit up the room with her energy and zest for the life she has fought hard to keep.

"It was hard the first few years after the last bout with cancer. I had checkups every three months, but was hesitant and would hold my breath that there would be no recurrence. I don't worry as much anymore and just go for yearly chest X-rays, blood work, and of course, routine mammograms," Assenheimer said as she greeted her many guests.

"I think her healing was prayer. She is one of God's miracles," said niece Kimberly Williams, who was dressed in pink accessories with sprayed pink hair, along with her daughters, Kortney and Kylie Smith, friend Sheena Belcher and dog Dewie to symbolize the fight against breast cancer.

Not only did the girls go all out in pink, but the pavilion was decorated in pink including pink plates, napkins and mints wrapped in packages sporting the pink ribbon logo.

"She is so considerate of others. She always makes sure everyone else is taken care of first," said Williams, as her aunt made her way around the room to make sure everyone had plenty to eat from the array of food during the potluck supper.

Joann Macuga and husband Richard, friends with the Assenheimers since meeting them at their lake properties in 1979 between the two bouts of cancer, made their way to Gloria's celebration from Marblehead.

"I was always just amazed at how she handled it, she is a very strong person," Joann said.

"She got into clogging as a diversion. It was great therapy for her," said Richard Macuga of Gloria who began clogging in 1983, just after her last go around with the cancer. She then went on to head up Bucyrus' Country Crossroad Cloggers in 1989, and wouldn't trade it for the world.

"I also have a group in Republic that practices each week. Many of my cloggers and formers cloggers are here tonight," said Gloria, as she joined her group to put on a heart-pounding performance.

Gloria's sister, Chris Leonhardt, had her own scare 18 years ago.

"I found a lump, but it was benign. We lost our mother on Good Friday of this year to pancreatic cancer," Leonhardt said.
"My sister is very strong, a fighter. My husband, Bob, always says that Gloria won't get cancer again, because she doesn't slow down long enough for it to catch her. I am very proud that she's my sister," she said.

"I made it through with the love and support of my family and friends," said Gloria, the mother of Jodi Swanson of South Carolina and Eric Assenheimer of Bucyrus and grandmother of seven.

Gloria Assenheimer shares a moment with friend Cindy Leonhart. Assenheimer is celebrating 25 years of being cancer free.

photo by Beth Thompson



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# "Clogging" has nothing to do with pipes or digestion?

By Roger Aylworth Enterprise Record, Chico, California

Near the end of last semester my college-going daughter, the darling Rebecca, called to tell me how well she was doing with her "clogging."

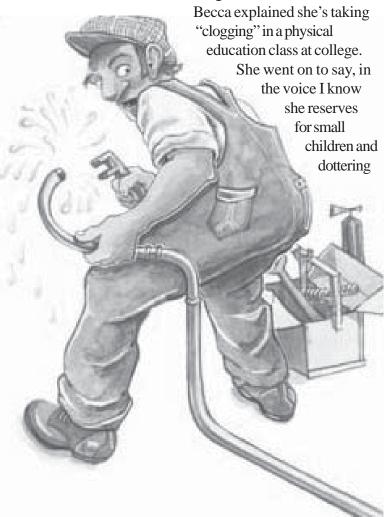
On the initial announcement I wasn't entirely sure if she was pleased about the plumbing in her apartment or was happy about her digestive function.

In either case, clogging sounded like a condition to be avoided, and a problem that could be handled with a good dose of fiber or a couple of tablespoons of Drano depending on which set of pipes were in need.

I said something to that effect and my baby daughter reacted with a heartfelt groan.

In all fairness, I was concerned about Becca's health and physical comfort. I wasn't trying to be funny!

My daughter was more than willing to concede that I wasn't funny, but she was equally convinced her old dad was a Neanderthal, who should be wearing a moth-eaten mammoth fur and living in a cave.



old men like her daddy, that clogging is a type of dancing. Visualize tap dancing with clunkier shoes, and taps that have sort of a snare drum extra plate to add to the sound.

My dear daughter also made it abundantly clear she was convinced anybody old enough to tie his own shoes should certainly be aware of clogging.

I've been tying my shoes without help for three or four years now, but I confess clogging was something new to me.

Having admitted I am clogging challenged, the idea of dancing for a PE class did not come as a great big shock.

When I was at the same university where Becca is a student now, I enrolled in a ballroom dance class to cover a PE requirement.

As PE classes go, this one was a winner. I didn't have to get sweaty and, as a matter of course content, I was expected to put my arms around a collection of pretty girls.

No matter how you figure it, that beats the heck out of doing calisthenics.

I more or less mastered the waltz, and could even swing dance after a fashion. However, the fox trot was and continues to be something of a mystery to me. Also, sadly, I suspect there are women from that class who still wince with recalled toe pain every time they hear a tango being played.

So now I know what clogging is - Becca demonstrated it for me in a one-woman performance in the middle of our kitchen. It was charming, but in all candor I think Becca is charming even when she belches.

The thing about clogging is, it's not dancing in the sense of holding a partner and dancing together. What I saw is essentially an individual performance skill. There is nothing wrong with that, but given the choice I'd rather have a partner on the dance floor, if for no other reason it will distract spectators from looking at me!

However, I'm not going to let myself feel particularly out of touch because my education did not previously include a chapter

on clogging.

I'm willing to bet even my brilliant, talented baby girl remains equally uninformed about the tush-push, the jerk, and who can forget the Freddy?

The answer to that question is almost everybody.

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# Santa Train

CD: "Bluegrass & White Snow" By: Patty Loveless Choreographed by: Anna R. Wells, Founder/Director, Va. Sugarcane Cloggers, Norton, VA

Wait 8 beats (Count from first sound of music)

Count 6 bts: 6 Toe Heels (Moving like "Train" in Locomotion)

16 beats: 4 McNAMARAS: Heel, Step, Step, Step, Heel, Step, Step (1/4 L on each S,S,S)

INTRO: 2 CEJ LOOPS: K(x), K(o), DSRS, DS, DS(xf), DS, S (Loop ½ L) (16 beats)

L L LRL R L R L

1 DOUBLE BASIC: DS, DSRS (3 beats)

PART A: 2 WHIPLASHES: DS, DS(xf), SL, ST, DG, ST, SL, S, DG, S, SL, SRS (16 beats)

[Words] L R L L R R L L R R LRL

PART B: 1 TRAVELIN' SHOES: DS, H(Tch F), H, (Scoot sideways R), x 4 beats (4 beats)

(Banjo) L R L

2 SLAPBACKS: DB(B), S1/Dg, Step  $(\frac{1}{4} R)$  (4 beats)

R L L R

1 TRAVELIN' SHOES & 2 SLAPBACKS: (¼ L) (8 beats)

4 DRAG BASICS: DG, S, DG, SR, DG, SRS (x4) + Double Basic (19 beats)

R L L R R LRL (Hands UP on Drags)

**REPEAT PART A:** 2 WHIPLASHES

**REPEAT CHORUS:** 4 CEJ KICKS + 1 DOUBLE BASIC:

PART C: 1 M.J.: DS, DS(xb), RS, S, ST, DS, DSRS (8 beats)

(Dobro) L R LR L RLR

2 MOONSHINERS: DB(B), BR UP, DB(B), DG, STEP (8 beats)

REPEAT MJ, & 1 MOONSHINER, ADD 1 BASIC

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(14 beats)



## Santa Train continued

PART D: 2 DOUBLE-OVER TAPS: DS, DX, DO, DX, DO, TAP(B), RS, BR, K (16 beats)

L R R R R R R R

REPEAT CHORUS; PART A; CHORUS: (X2) (See Back for breakdown); PART D:

CHORUS: 4 CEJ Kicks (Hook up like train, ¼ R, Pump leg on K instead of cross & out, Pump arm w/ kicks),

ADD: STOMP, DSRS (L ft. lead, ¼ L back to F)

L RLR

ENDING: STOP! (HOLD R HAND TO R EAR AS IF LISTENING TO TRAIN WHISTLE.

COUNT 8: "STIFF" STEP: DS, TOE (Plant & pivot from toe) DG, SL, DG, SL (360L for 16 beats)

L R L L L, etc.

CHORUS (LAST TWO TIMES):

Beats:

 $4 \qquad \text{K(xf), K(ots $\frac{1}{4}$ L), DSRS (Pump L arm on K's, Clap on R, Point R finger on S)} \qquad \text{[Sandy Ridge]}$ 

L L LRL

4 K(xf), K(ots), DSRS (Pump Rarm on K's, Clap on R, Point L finger on S) [Toms Creek]

R R RLR

4 K(xf), K(ots ¼ L), DSRS (Pump L arm on K's, Clap on R, Point R finger on S) [Caney Junction]

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4 K(xf), K(ots), DSRS (Pump R arm on K's, Clap on R, Point L finger on S) [Bart Lick]

R R RLR

4 K(xf), K(ots ¼ L), DSRS (Pump L arm on K's, Clap on R, Point R finger on S) [Haysi]

L L LRL

4 K(xf), K(ots), DSRS (Pump R arm on K's, Clap on R, Point L finger on S) [Clickety Clack]

R R RLR

4 K(xf),  $K(ots \frac{1}{4}L)$ , DSRS (Pump L arm on K's, Clap on R, Point R finger on S) [Boulder's Bluff]

T. T. T.RT.

STEP(F), (PAUSE), S, DSRS [Continue with PART D "Double-Overs"]

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