



Coon Rapids, MN

# The Chatter

January 2024

Live Lively -



Square Dance!

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## From Hotfoot Stompers Presidents

Hello Hotfoot Members, Happy New Year 2024!



be amazing because we are doing it together. We have always found that doing things in community is worthwhile.

Our next club dance is January 13<sup>th</sup>. It is a “New Dancer Dance” with caller Bryan Bush. So get your dancing shoes ready. It’s gonna be a great time. Our Vice President’s, Julie Bittner and Anna Soland, will head up the event as we will be out of town traveling to see our family in North Dakota.

Midwinter Magic is Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at Northdale Middle School. This will be a great dance for students. Many different callers will be there and the event sponsors a huge used clothing sale.

Looking back on 2023, we have been blessed to have added the square dance community to our lives. Each and every one of you are amazing and enrich our lives in wonderful ways.

Thank you for all we have done together as a club in 2023 and for all that we will continue to do in 2024. Whether we have big or little dreams in 2024, it will

Thank you to Gary Kemmetmueller for putting together the Chatter, you are appreciated.

Let joy be unconfined – let’s dance,

*Tammy & Keith Lakeman*

Hotfoot Stompers Presidents

## Hotfoot December Christmas Dance

Mike Hogan called and Ken LaBau cued to 15 ¼ squares from 13 clubs at our December 9<sup>th</sup> dance. Lots of happy, fun dancers came and enjoyed Mike & Ken's Christmas theme music.



Louie was even checking in with his copilot



Breathtaking music enjoyed by all



Northdale Middle School was hopping that night







**President Tammy announces**



**Social Team, Colette & Cary**



**Dan – what did you do?**



**Tammy & Keith – aren't they swell Presidents?**



County Line retrieved their banner



Dan'se Pac took a banner



Lake Promenaders took a banner

Thank you for coming to our Hotfoot Christmas dance. All of you dancers made it a very special Christmas dance

## Hotfoot Christmas Dance

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

Mike Hogan



**CALLER: MIKE HOGAN**  
**CUER: KEN LABAU**

Plus 7:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
MS: 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.  
Plus 10:00 - 10:15 p.m

Ken LaBau



Northdale Middle School  
11301 Dogwood St. NW  
Coon Rapids, MN 55448

**Theme: Christmas**

Questions contact Keith & Tammy Lakeman  
612-710-1885

# SEE YOU THERE!



## From Hotfoot Queen Renee



Hello Friends,

As we get ready to bring in a New Year, I have to say, it has been an awesome Fall/ Winter.

Spring arrives on March 19, less than 3 months away. Sorry skiers, snowmobilers and ice fisherman. Blame El Nino for this warmer, dryer winter.

Come & dance the blues away with us, until snow and cold arrives for your outdoor sports.

I wish all of you a healthy, happy & fun dancing New Year. Be safe as you go out & dance the

New Year in.  
Remember to invite a new dancer into your square.  
Hope to see you in a square.

*Renee Hogan*

Hotfoot Stompers Queen

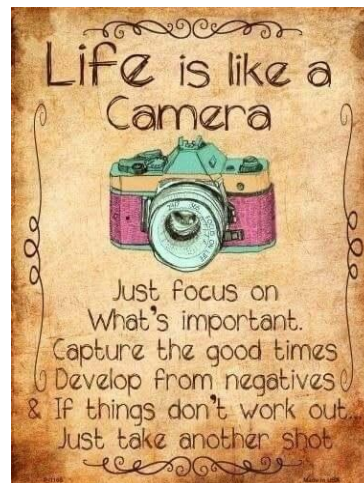
## Demos



Demo at Edgewood Senior Living in Blaine with former square dancer Paul Craven participating –



John Bittner calling on December 1, 2023



**Doug's advice**

**Happy New  
Year Stompers**

## Banners



Hotfoot earns banner at Cambridge Corners 12-1-23



County Line loses a banner to Hotfoot 12-8-23



Hotfoot earns a triple size banner at Dan's Pac Chili Feed dance 12-16-23



Jolly Promenaders' loses a small banner to Hotfoot 12-16-23



Hotfoot nailed a banner from Westonka 12-28-23



No banner to Hotfoot from Gospel Plus 12-22-23  
It was a banner turnout though

## Daytimers with Wayne Tauer



Daytimers MS with Wayne Tauer 12-5-23



Beth and Bill rest between tips 12-5-23

## Hotfoot December Social



Hotfoot bowlers had a “ball” Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sandy with her “bowlex” instead of her camera



Hotfoot’s Social Organizers 12-3-23

## Condolences to .....

**Ken LaBau** on the death of his brother, **Vernon James LaBau**, (88) at Fort Collins, CO, in Dec. 2023. Vernon “Jim’s” funeral was Dec 28<sup>th</sup> in Fort Collins.

**Hotfoot Past-Presidents Jim & Marie Anderson** on the death of Jim’s father, **Einer Anderson**.

## Prayers and Get Well Wishes to .....

**Past Hotfoot President Jim Anderson** was in a van head-on crash on Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>, in Florida. Jim had surgery from his lumbar to his neck putting screws and plates in, leaving only 2-3” of his middle back not in need of screws. This all happened on the same day that Jim’s father, Einer Anderson, was killed at a RR crossing on Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> in Isanti, MN.

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## Upcoming January Social Event

Game Night: Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 5:00 to 9 PM  
Riverwind Community Room  
2701 Northdale Blvd NW  
Coon Rapids, 55433 (west of Coon Rapids HS)  
Potluck: Bring a dish to share (and a favorite game).

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## Looking ahead .....

### February North Shore Weekend

**ALL ABOARD!!** The Northern TrainCar Inn offers a very unique get-away for Hotfoot. They have continental breakfast included and a lounge/game room for us to use on our weekend: Feb. 16 – 19 2024

It is winter, so we have hikes in the nearby Gooseberry Falls, Split Rock State Parks and of course the Superior Hiking Trail. The Inn has snowshoes, If you would like to venture out on them. We will have a meeting during lessons before we go so we can plan some potluck and games to play.

Give the Inn a call at 1-877-834-0955 from 8 to 8 any day of the week to make your reservation. Or you can email at [info@northernrail.net](mailto:info@northernrail.net). Be sure to mention Hotfoot Stompers for a great room.

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## Hotfoot Volunteers 2023-24

**President:** Keith & Tammy Lakeman  
**Vice President:** Anna Soland & Julie Bittner  
**Treasurer:** Renee Hogan  
**Vice Treasurer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Secretary:** Terri Axelson  
**Past President:** Julie Bittner & Anna Trudeau  
**Sunshine Contact:** Julie Bittner & Anna Trudeau  
**Queen:** Renee Hogan  
**Banner Chief:** John Bittner  
**Chatter Editor:** Gary Kemmetmueller  
**Historian:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Photographer:** Sandy & Robert Morgan  
**The ROUNDUP Reporter:** Julie Bittner  
**Spotlight Editor:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Website Webmaster:** Rachel Katkar & Cathy Gates  
**Caller Booker:** Les Marier

### -----Committees-----

**Decorating Committee:** Peggy & Bruce Decker, Rose Valentine, Coni Winterfeld, Bob Johnson (storage)  
**Door Prizes:** Fran Sorensen  
**Greeters:** Queen Renee Hogan, Margaret Theisen, \_\_\_\_\_  
**Lesson Set Up Committee:** Sandy & Jim Quasbort  
**Lesson Cleanup Committee:** Mark & Sheila Brouhard, Tom & Jan Hanson  
**Marketing Committee:** Audrey Cecko, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mystery Caravan Committee:** Jerry & Nancy Knoth, Bruce & Peggy Decker  
**North Shore Weekend:** Peggy and Lee Kohl, Fran Sorensen  
**Pop Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sign Placer:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
**Social Committee:** Peggy & Lee Kohl, Sandy & Frank Amore, Colette Kilber, Cary Hebert & Fran Sorensen  
**Social Media:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**State Conv Dinner Planner:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Summer Campout Planners:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Telephone Committee:** Marilyn Vialle, Cathy Gates (leader + Hotfoot News + roster + communicator)

### ----- Coordinators -----

**Community Ed Contact:** Cathy Gates  
**Dance Service Coordinator:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Student Coordinator:** Danielle Rust

We are on the WEB

[www.HotfootStompers.org](http://www.HotfootStompers.org)

## Hotfoot Stompers

Minnesota Square Dance Club  
Coon Rapids, MN  
Keith Lakeman 612-710-1885 &  
Tammy Lakeman 612-710-1885



### 2023 – 2024 Dance Schedule

**Saturday, 7:30-8:00pm & 10pm Plus;**  
8:00-10:00pm, MS or ND and RDs & Lines by Doug Brodeen between tips, potluck at 8:30pm. All dances are at Northdale Middle School, 11301 Dogwood St NW, Coon Rapids, MN

\*Service Committee \*\*Treasurer Assistant

**Jan 13 Bryan Bush - ND - Chinese New Year - potluck**

\* Jim & Sandy Quasbort, Frank & Sandy Amore, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
\*\* \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Feb 10 Abe Maier – ND – Valentine – potluck -

\* Jim & Sandy Quasbort, Rose Valentine, Les Marier, \_\_\_\_\_ \*\* \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

March 9 Bill VanBergan – MS – Tropical Paradise- potluck

\* Jim & Sandy Quasbort, Jerry and Nancy Knoth, \_\_\_\_\_ \*\* \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

April 13 Dan Sahlstrom – MS – Royalty - pie/ice cream

\* Jim & Sandy Quasbort, \_\_\_\_\_ \*\* \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

May 11 Dee Dee Dougherty-Lottie, MS Let's Go Fishing - potluck

\*Myrna Kostuch, Michele Kemmetmueller, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ \*\* \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

### Upcoming Event Reminders for January

**Jan 1 – Monday – No lessons**

**Jan 2 & 16 - Tuesdays Hotfoot Daytimers MS SD –**  
9:30-11:30 AM - Wayne Tauer calling at  
Coon Rapids Civic Center, 11155 Robinson Dr NW

**Jan 8, 15, 22 & 29 - Mondays- Plus lessons 6-7, MS 7-9 PM Northdale Middle School –**  
Dan Sahlstrom teaching all lessons

**Jan 20 -Saturday– Hotfoot Game Night –5to 9:00 PM**  
Riverwind Community Room  
2701 Northdale Blvd NW  
Coon Rapids, 55433 (west of Coon Rapids HS)

**Jan 24- Wednesday- Hotfoot Breakfasts:** Women's and Men's, both 8:30 AM at Bakers Square at Riverdale in Coon Rapids across from CUB Foods

**Jan 27- Saturday- MidWinter Magic- ND- Northdale Middle School- SwingMasters' callers – come one, come all dancers- 1:00 to 5:00 PM**

**Jan 30 - Tuesday Hotfoot Daytimers Plus SD –**  
9:30-11:30 AM - Wayne Tauer calling at  
Coon Rapids Civic Center, 11155 Robinson Dr NW