



Coon Rapids, MN

The Chatter

May 2024

Live Lively -



Square Dance!

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From Hotfoot Stompers Presidents



Hello Hotfoot Members.

We closed April with a fabulous Hotfoot Royalty Dance with caller Dan Sahlstrom where we crowned Hotfoot's new Queen Sandy Morgan. Thank you to our outgoing Queen Renee Hogan for all you did during your reign. You are now part of the club's legacy as you join the team of the past queens who continue to support and provide guidance to our wonderful club.

Thank you to Nancy & Jerry Knoth and Peggy & Bruce Decker for putting together the Mystery Trip. We had such a good time and enjoyed all the fun and games you pulled together for us.

Onto the month of May...

"May, more than any other month of the year, wants us to feel most alive." -Fennel Hudson

Hotfoot's annual banquet will be held on Monday 05/13/24. All signups and payments are due by Sunday 04/28/24. The banquet will be held at Blaine Brookhall starting at 6:00pm. You can invite family and/or friends to go to this event with you. After the meal there will be a club ceremony and thank yous followed by entertainment by ventriloquist **RevKey** and the "Laugh for Life" show. We will then close the evening with square dancing tips by caller John Bittner.

The next business meeting is on June 4th. At that meeting we need to elect new officers to be on the executive team for the year 2024-25. We have Julie Bittner and Anna Soland who will move from Vice Presidents this year, to Presidents for the next term. The rest of the positions need to be filled. Please consider volunteering for: **Vice President, Vice Treasurer or Secretary**. Then, please reach out to us if you have any questions about the executive team. We would love to hear from you and get you involved at this level.

One last thing...Minnesota State Square Dance Convention is right around the corner. Get signed up now and we hope to see you there. Tammy's made some skirts with help from fellow club members that are ready to bring to the convention to celebrate the occasion. Also,
Happy Mother's Day!

Let joy be unconfined
- let's dance,



Tammy & Keith Lakeman

President@hotfootstompers.org

Hotfoot April Dance

Dan Sahlstrom called and Ken LaBau cued to 14 ¾ squares from 12 clubs at our April 13th Royalty dance. There was lots of pie and ice cream for everyone to have 3 or 4 pieces. We're talkin' a fun dance, here. Thank you to Dan and Ken and all of the volunteers that made this a memorable evening of delightful fun.

A decorative event poster for the "Queen Hotfoot Dance". The poster features a floral border of red roses and a blue crown icon above the word "Queen". The main title "Hotfoot Dance" is in large red letters. It lists the caller as Dan Sahlstrom and the cuer as Ken LaBau, with small photos of each. The date is Saturday, April 13, 2024. The schedule includes times from 7:30 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. The location is Northdale Middle School, 11301 Dogwood St. NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448. The theme is "Royalty". Contact information for Keith & Tammy Lakeman is provided, along with the website www.hotfootstompers.org and a note about serving pie and ice cream.

Queen
Hotfoot Dance

Caller: Dan Sahlstrom
Cuer: Ken LaBau

Saturday, April 13, 2024

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

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

Theme: Royalty

See you there!

Questions Contact Keith & Tammy Lakeman
612-710-1885
www.hotfootstompers.org
Serving pie & ice cream





Did I mention that it was pie and ice cream Royalty Dance?



Now that's a lot of pie – where does it end? We needed some fast calling to wear those calories off, eh?



They square danced and square danced well



And there's caller Ben dancing



Then a surprise visit of daughter Lynn with the help of Monica to wish Michele a Happy 75th birthday



And some round dancing cued by Ken



More square dancing



President Tammy announces new Queen Sandy Morgan along with VP Julie Bittner joined by Escort Robert



Line up of past Hotfoot queens - No, not the two guys in back – that's Ken & Dan



Jolly Promenaders took a banner



County Line took a banner



Dans'Pac took a banner



Thanks for Life, Mom

May 12th 2024
A day to honor Moms

New Hotfoot Queen Sandy Morgan

Hello, fellow Hotfooters.

I am extremely excited and honored to represent Hotfoot Stompers as your club queen this next year.

My history with square dancing is quite a story. For my first queen's column, I will share it with you

In the fall of 1977 when I was 10 years old, my parents took my sister Nancy (some of you may



know her), our brother Brian and me to square dance lessons which were taught by caller Jim Koesling. Upon graduation, I became a member of the club Merri Parquers in 1978.

For many years, we danced as a family and attended several state and two national conventions and often followed Jim Koesling to the various places he was calling.

It was in 1985 when I was 17 years old that I attended Midwinter Magic and met Hotfoot club member John Bittner. Shortly after that, John introduced me to his sister Beth, and she and I became good friends as well.

After 40 years as a club, Merri Parquers folded in 1985, so I then made the choice to join Hotfoot Stompers at that time.

Somewhere in my mid 20's, I began to experience bouts of motion sensitivity, and it was causing issues while I was dancing. Therefore, I made the extremely difficult decision to quit.

After that, I became involved in various other things, including Christian singles which is where I met my wonderful husband Robert Morgan at an event in 2002. We were married in 2007.



My hiatus from square dancing lasted approximately 30 years. Through a series of circumstances involving my friends John and Beth, I made my return to dancing about 2 years ago.

In the spring of 2022, I saw Beth while I was out shopping and she invited Robert and I to come to the calling practice John was having in his garage that evening, so we went. We started attending the practices regularly and during these sessions, John taught Robert some of the basic calls. When we heard that a blast would be taking place in August of 2022 with caller Dick Rueter, Robert decided that he wanted to attend. It was also a great refresher for me while I was also helping to angel the new dancers at the same time. Come time for fall 2022 lessons, Robert and I went to be angels for the students and also so Robert could reinforce what he learned at the blast. As soon as we were able to, I rejoined and Robert joined Hotfoot.

An unexpected last-minute business trip took us to Illinois in October of 2022. While we were there, we had some free time, so we searched online and

found a local square dance to attend and we had a great time.

Robert and I enjoy getting out and attending as many dances as possible. Many people are surprised that Robert has only been dancing for such a short time because they think that he has been dancing for years. Then in March of 2023, we seized the opportunity to go through the Plus Blast with caller Tom Allen.

The 2023 Minnesota State Convention in Austin, MN was Robert's first convention ever, and he had so much fun that he insisted on preregistering for the 2024 state convention in Mahnomon, MN.

Robert's very first national will be the 2024 National Convention in Milwaukee, WI. The last National Convention my family and I attended was in Seattle, WA in 1981. Ironically, we also had attended the National Convention when it was in Milwaukee, WI in 1979.

I am so glad to be back to square dancing. Robert and I are looking forward to many more years of dancing enjoyment.

Hope to see y'all in a square.



Sandy Morgan
Hotfoot Stompers Queen

Banner Raids



Hotfoot earns banner at Cambridge Corners 4-5-24



Hotfoot at Westonka
4-20-24

Dan's Popup dance -
Hotfoot's Mystery
Trip 4-21-24



A Day in the Life of a Caller



Caller practice at John Bittner's garage 4-15-24

Sometimes, we may take our callers for granted. They spend many hours thinking about calling, practicing, trying new stuff. We are fortunate to have our great callers to square dance to and cuers to round dance to. Let's make sure that we take a moment to thank them all for treating us to their hard work and sharing their talents.

Mother's Day Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kEX0Mn79mvQ>



Convention Skirt Sewing Marathon

On Thursday 04/25/24 Sandy Quasbort hosted a convention skirt sewing marathon led by Tammy Lakeman and Debbie Almen. Sandy Morgan, Lynda Bauer and Audrey Cecko came to lend their support for the day. The team sewed for 10 hours and made 17 skirts. (The team was so busy sewing, they didn't get the camera out until the end so they missed getting a picture of Sandy Morgan, but she was there.)

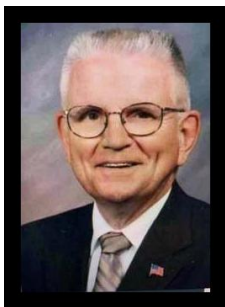


Condolences to

Past Hotfooter's **Graydon Peterson's** wife Helen and family.



Helen Peterson, Al & Ginny Korts & Graydon Peterson 10-10-09



Graydon Peterson, 87, died March 17, 2024. Services were held on April 3rd.



Cards can be mailed to:
Helen Peterson

23113 Eidelweiss St NW
Saint Francis, MN 55070

Get well wishes to and prayers for

Past Hotfoot President **Roger Dahl** after knee surgery. This was a partial surgery with a synthetic custom fabricated cartilage that was inserted into Roger where the bones come together. After physical therapy Roger is expected to be able to square dance until he is 95. Roger expressed his appreciation for everyone's concern.

Past Hotfoot President **George Hokanson** recovering from a malignant brain tumor. Cindy said George is doing very well since his last MRI on April 15th. George's two therapies are working well keeping the tumor from growing. George and Cindy appreciate your prayers that his progress continues.

Hotfoot Banquet

Have you signed up for the annual Hotfoot Banquet? Deadline may be past. If you haven't signed up, reply to Tammy Lakeman for a possible cancelation.

You won't want to miss out, we have a great evening planned for you including ventriloquist Reverend Kevin Doely "RevKev" presenting the "Laugh for Life Show" and John Bittner closing the evening with some square dancing tips.

The banquet will be held at Blaine Brookhall on May 13, 2024.

YOU'RE INVITED TO:

HOTFOOT'S ANNUAL BANQUET

Date: **May 13, 2024**

Time: 6:00pm Social, 6:30pm Meal, 7:00-9:30pm Program

Location: Blaine Brookhall, 11930 Central Ave, Blaine, MN

Meal: Baked Chicken Buffet, potatoes & gravy, steamed California medley veggies, pop, coffee & dessert bars

Cost: \$25.00 per Adult; \$12.00 ages 17 & under

SIGN-UP DEADLINE & Payments due by: April 28th

Payments will be collected at the April 13th Dance or can be mailed to:
Tammy & Keith Lakeman, 11880 London St NE, Blaine, MN 55449

To sign up & for more information email:
squaredance@hotfootstompers.org

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: Sandy Morgan
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 Sandy Morgan, 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
Pop Committee: _____
Sign Placer: Mel Wallner
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

Hotfoot Stompers

Minnesota Square Dance Club

Coon Rapids, MN

Keith & Tammy Lakeman 612-710-1885

2023 – 2024 Dance Schedule

Saturday, 7:30-8:00pm & 10pm Plus;
8:00-10:00pm, MS with RDs & Lines by
Ken LaBau between tips - potluck at 8:30pm.

All dances are at Northdale Middle School, 11301
Dogwood St NW, Coon Rapids, MN

*Service Committee **Treasurer Assistant

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

*Myrna Kostuch, Michele Kemmetmueller, James
Love, __, __ ** __, __

Upcoming Event Reminders for May

May 6 – Monday – Demo – 2 PM -

Arbor Oaks Senior Living

1640 155th Lane NW

Andover, MN 55304

John Bittner calling – contact John if you can come-
John.Bittner@gmail.com

May 7 & 21 – Tuesday - Hotfoot Daytimers- MS SD –

9:30-11:30 AM - Wayne Tauer calling at

Coon Rapids Civic Center, 11155 Robinson Dr NW

May 13- Monday- Hotfoot Banquet at Brookhall -

11930 Central Ave, Blaine –

see the ad above for costs

May 19 – Sunday – Social Event

Running Aces Harness Racing 6 PM

1520 Running Aces Blvd

Columbus, MN 55025

See Colette to sign up at our May 11 dance

May 22 - Wednesday- Hotfoot Breakfasts: Women's

and Men's, both 8:30 AM at Bakers Square at

Riverdale in Coon Rapids across from CUB Foods