



Coon Rapids, MN

The Chatter

June 2023

Live Lively -



Square Dance!

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From Our Presidents

This has been a great year everybody, wow. Busy too. Thank you everyone for getting involved outside of lessons and dances. The social events throughout the year had nice turnouts, and thanks to everyone who came to John Bittner's practice nights (and stayed for the unplanned game nights afterwards in some cases, haha). Hotfoot Stompers is more than just a set of dance lessons. It's a community, and the community grows and strengthens more when we get out and spend time with those in that community outside of dance settings. So thank you everyone for really working on strengthening our community this year.



Well, we successfully completed our annual camping trip! Many of you know, but every year

since I (Julie) graduated high school, we have done a camping trip with just the two of us. This year we chose to do it at Banning State Park. While we didn't do as much hiking as normal (since Anna is very pregnant and Julie hurt her back the day before we left) and the mosquitoes ate us alive, it was still a lot of fun. We actually had nice and sunny weather instead of the cloudy, rainy weather we have had the past three years.

We had an amazing turnout at the May Hotfoot dance, the last of the season. Almost 16 squares came out for an amazing night with Dee Dee Dougherty-Lottie and Dan Sahlstrom both calling. That's the largest crowd we've seen at a dance in quite some time! Those of you who missed it missed such a fun night. Now everyone's job is to invite friends to come with you to next year's lesson season

so EVERY Hotfoot dance can have that kind of turnout!

Remember, while the normal dance season is over, there are still dances, they are just harder to find. Hotfoot has a couple of casual dances throughout the summer on Mondays and there is of course Daytimers with Wayne Tauer every other Tuesday morning. Also, keep an eye out for social events such as the club picnic in August and the Square Wheel Bike Club that will be biking throughout the summer.

Lastly, this will likely be our last article for a while. We will be stepping down as presidents at the beginning of June. Don't worry though, pending the official vote at the business meeting (June 5th at the Northtown Library at 5:15) Keith and Tammy Lakeman will be stepping in as presidents, with the two of us as vice presidents. This means that if you really liked us as Presidents, have no fear, we will be back next year. If you didn't like us as Presidents, well, then you get a year's break from us.



Julie, Anna, Tammy & Keith

Have a great summer! Hope to see you in a square soon!

Julie Bittner & Anna Soland

Hotfoot Stompers Presidents

Hotfoot May 13th Sports Dance

Dee Dee Dougherty-Lottie was joined by Dan Sahlstrom and called to 15 ¾ squares. Ken LaBau cued rounds and lines. This was what I call a high energy, high fun, high listening and a “high test” dance. Thanks to all who made it happen.



Treasurer Renee and President Anna take input and give out tickets while Treasurer Guy texts



Squaring up for Dee Dee – Take a gander at all of those banners hanging



And our extremely reliable help, Betty Lou & Jerry Elfert preparing the food for placement

From Our Past Hotfoot Queen

Thank you all for allowing me to represent Hotfoot Stompers as queen this past year. I had a wonderful time going to many dances and Hotfoot events. It was my pleasure to crown our new Queen Renee. Congratulations Renee. You will be a fantastic queen, enjoy!



Audrey Cecko

Hotfoot Past Queen

Banner Raids



Hotfoot at Gospel Plus

4-28-23



Hotfoot earns a banner from County Line 5-12-23

Get Well Prayers and Wishes to

Bill Bump as he deals with loosing strength limiting his ability to square and round dance.

Condolences to

Cindy Martin on the death of her husband **Al Martin**, who had struggled with cancer. They were regulars at Hotfoot from Westonka Whirlers.

Hello Friends and Family

Please save the date for **Gordy Johnson's** Celebration of Life service which will be held on June 28th at 11:00 AM at the Shakopee Community Center – 1255 Fuller St S, Shakopee, MN 55379

We hope you can join us in sharing a funny story, favorite memory, and join us for a light lunch. Please dress casual-Gordy hated dressing up!

Sincerely,
Betty Johnson & Family

Hotfoot Biking Social

June 7th Wednesday Elm Creek Park 5:30 pm
June 29th Thursday meet Bunker Hills Park 5:30 pm
July 6th Thursday a ride to Lock Park at 5:30 pm
July 17th Monday at Chomonix Golf Course 5:30 pm

All the details will be sent to the people that signed up for bike rides. If anyone else wants to join, email Fran at f.folics@gmail.com.

We have fun and usually stop off for a sweet treat of ice cream afterwards.

Thanks.

Fran Sorenson

Square & Round Dance Convention Minnesota Style – June 9-11th



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Hotfoot Volunteers 2023-24

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

-----Committees-----

Decorating Committee: Peggy & Bruce Decker, _____, Bob Johnson (storage)
Door Prizes: _____
Greeters: Queen Renee Hogan, Margaret Theisen, _____
Lesson Set Up Committee: Sandy & Jim Quasbort
Lesson Cleanup Committee: _____
Marketing Committee: Audrey Cecko, _____, _____
Mystery Bus Committee: _____
North Shore Weekend: _____
Pop Committee: _____, _____
Sign Placer: _____
Social Committee: Peggy & Lee Kohl, Sandy & Frank Amore, Colette Kilber & Cary Hebert
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
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Tammy Lakeman 612-710-1885



2023 – 2024 Dance Schedule

*Service Committee

**Treasurer Assistant

July 10 Monday – Dan Sahlstrom MS 6:30-8:30 PM
Faith Lutheran Church, Hanson Blvd NW Coon Rapids

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August 7 Monday – Dan Sahlstrom MS 6:30-8:30 PM

Faith Lutheran Church, Hanson Blvd NW, Coon Rapids

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Sept 9 Tom Allen - MS - - Potluck

* Jim & Sandy Quasbort, John & Joanie Evans, _ _ ** _ _

Oct 14 Bob Asp – MS -

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

Nov 11 Dan Sahlstrom – MS -

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

Dec 9 Mike Hogan – MS -

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

Jan 13 Bryan Bush - **ND**

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

Feb 10 Abe Maier – **ND** -

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

March 9 Bill VanBergan – MS -

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

April 13 Dan Sahlstrom – MS -

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

May 11 Dee Dee Dougherty-Lottie -

*Myrna Kostuch, _ _ _ _ ** _ _

Upcoming Event Reminders for June

June 5 Monday Hotfoot business meeting with voting 5:15 PM. Library

June 6, 20 Tuesday Hotfoot Daytimers MS SD – 9:30-11:30 AM - Wayne Tauer calling at Coon Rapids Civic Center, 11155 Robinson Dr NW

June 9-11, Fri-Sunday, MN State SD & RD Convention – Austin, MN

June 24-25 Hotfoot Demo Blaine Aquatore Park East Pavilion, 4:00 – 4:30 PM- info: Audrey 763-242-0603

June 28 - Hotfoot Breakfasts: Women's and Men's, both 8:30 AM at Bakers Square at Riverdale in Coon Rapids across from CUB