HOTFOOT STOMPERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

The Chatter

Live Lively – Square Dance!

Coon Rapids, MN July 2025 152

Hotfoot Stompers Presidents

Hello fellow Hotfooters. We send a big thank you to Julie and Anna for all of their hard work as Presidents for the second time around. They did a great job!

We are Robert & Sandy Morgan, your new presidents for 2025-2026. Since we are both active in the club, most of you know us, but allow us to introduce ourselves for those of you who don't know us. We met at a Christian singles event in 2002 and we were married in 2007.

Sandy originally began dancing at the age of 10 along with her sister Nancy (you may have seen Nancy at dances), and my brother Brian. They graduated from lessons with the club Merri Parquers in 1978. Along with their parents, they danced as a family for many years. Sandy met Hotfoot club member John Bittner in 1985 and shortly thereafter also became friends with his sister Beth. After Merri Parquers folded in 1985, Sandy then decided to join Hotfoot Stompers. Sandy quit square dancing in her mid 20's. Through a series of circumstances involving her friends John and Beth, she returned to dancing about 3 years ago.

Robert was first introduced to square dancing when we were at the Blaine Festival in 2021 and happened upon the Hotfoot demo going on there at the time. In 2022, Robert was taught a few calls by John Bittner during the dancing sessions at John's house. When a Mainstream in a blast came up in August of 2022, Robert was eager to attend. He then joined Hotfoot in September. In 2023, we both went through a plus blast. By 2024, Robert decided to become a caller and also learned Advance level square dancing.

It was All Aboard the Convention Express at the Minnesota State Square Dance Convention in Willmar, June 13-15. It was so wonderful to see a good number of our fellow Hotfooters in attendance. Teresa Berger did a phenomenal job of filling in for Scott Bennett as the featured caller, especially having less than 48 hours' notice. During the convention, there were multiple halls with various levels of square dancing with many amazing callers and great cuers in the Round Dance Hall. The weekend also included several fun dangle dance sessions such as the ticket-punching and lantern tips. On Friday, Dan Sahlstrom called a Flash "Flood" Mob square dance in the rain.

One of the songs we danced to was "I Love a Rainy Night" which was a very appropriate choice for the occasion. That was quite an experience.

There were 313 registrations at this year's convention and by the conclusion, there were well over 100 people pre-registered for the 2026 convention to be held in Rochester, MN.

We look forward to serving as your club Presidents for the next year.

Robert & Sandy Morgan

Hotfoot Stompers' Presidents

Minnesota State Square & Round Dance Convention

Dancing Schedule:

Trails End Thurs. Evening: 7:00-10:00 PM
Held at Willmar Conference Center
Separate admission at door,
Sponsored by MSDCA & MRDC

Friday: 1-5 PM & 7-11 PM

Saturday 9:30AM-Noon, 1:30-5PM & 7-11 PM

Sunday: 9:00AM - Noon

MN **State Square Dance featured caller Teresa Berger from Indianapolis, IN**

Hotfoot Pres Sandy & Teresa

Dan Sahlstrom & Brad Nuetz call together

Brad gets autograph requests

Banner Activity

Hotfoot at Westonka American Legion 6-20-25

National SD Convention in Louisiana

Hotfoot at National Square and Round Dance Convention in Shreveport, LA 6-25-25

Hotfoot Square Dance Practice

Hotfoot practice at John & Karen Bittner's garage on June 9th, 2025

Hotfoot practice at John & Karen Bittner's garage on June 23, 2025

Thank You To

To all who attended and sent birthday cards and well wishes for and at my 80th birthday square dance party at Faith Lutheran Church in Coon Rapids. My daughter Lynn, was full of surprises on June 1st. To all who came, helped, served, sang, square danced and Dan Sahlstrom who called while his family was in Chula Vista, WI, thank you. Also, thank you to the staff and members of Faith Lutheran Church and St Stephen's Catholic Church volunteers for accommodating Lynn's requests. What a great community we have. I appreciate each and every one of you. It's feels good to be old(er).

Gary Kemmetmueller
Hotfoot octogenarian

Thoughts and Prayers to those not doing so well ……

Bob Sadler (at Harbors Senior Living, Fridley)
Marian Love (working at home)

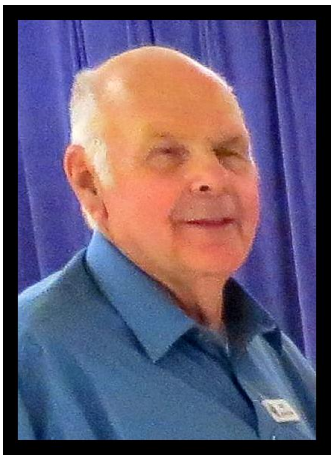
Condolences to the Family & Friends of…

Past Hotfoot President **Ron Middelstadt** (90) passed away on June 1st 2025. Ron's funeral was June 21st.

Ron, Jan 5, 1935 – June 1, 2025
Ron's wife, Barb, passed away Feb 4, 2024

Hotfoot Stomper **Bob Johnson** (82) passed away on June 6th, 2025. Bob's funeral was June 21st.

Bob and granddaughter in the Friendship Ring



Feb 20, 1943 –June 6, 2025

Hotfoot Volunteers 2025-26

Presidents: Robert & Sandy Morgan
Vice President: _____
Treasurer: Mary Jensen
Vice Treasurer: Doug Brodeen
Secretary: John Bittner
Past President: Anna Soland & Julie Bittner
Sunshine Contact: Anna Soland & Julie Bittner
Queen: Mary Jensen
Banner Chief: John Bittner & Julie Bittner
Chatter Editor: Gary Kemmetmueller
Historian: ___
Photographers: Sandy & Robert Morgan
The ROUNDUP Reporter: Julie Bittner
The ROUNDUP ads & dance listings: Audrey Cecko
Spotlight Editor: _____
Website Webmaster: Rachel Katkar & Cathy Gates
Caller Booker: Les Marier

---------- Committees ----------
Banquet Committee: _____
Decorating Committee: _____
(Bob & Arlene Johnson storage)
Door Prizes: _____
Greeters: Queen Mary Jensen, _____
Lesson Set Up Committee: Sandy & Jim Quasbort
Lesson Cleanup Committee: Mark & Sheila Brouhard
Marketing Committee: Tammy Lakeman, Audrey Cecko
North Shore Weekend: Dave & Mary Dahlheimer, Peggy and Lee Kohl
Sign Placer: Mel Wallner
Social Committee: _____
Social Media: Sandy Morgan, _____
Student Retention Committee: _____
Telephone Committee: Marilyn Vialle, Cathy Gates (leader + Hotfoot News + roster + communicator)

---------- Coordinators ----------
Community Ed Contact: Cathy Gates
Dance Service Coordinator: _____
Student Coordinator: Danielle Rust, Anna Soland & Julie Bittner
Demo Coordinator: _____

We are on the WEB
www.HotfootStompers.org

Hotfoot Stompers

Minnesota Square Dance Club
Coon Rapids, MN
Presidents Robert Morgan 612-250-3330
Sandy Morgan 612-298-3770

2025-26 Dance Schedule

Saturday, 7:30-8:00pm Plus
8:00-10:00pm, MS - potluck.

Northdale Middle School, 11301 Dogwood St NW
Coon Rapids - Rounds between tips
*Service Committee **Treasurer Assistant

Monday, July 14 6:30 – 9 p.m -- **Summer Dance**
Faith Lutheran Church - Brian Freed, caller - Doug Brodeen, cuer

Sept 13 - Tom Allen MS, Sarah Klaphake rounds Potluck
* Fran Sorensen, Jerry Steinworth, John & Joanie Evans
**Terry Cathers, __
Oct 11 - Bob Asp MS, Sarah Klaphake rounds - Potluck

Nov 8 - Dan Sahlstrom MS, Doug Brodeen rounds- Potluck

Dec 13 - Mike Hogan MS - Sarah Klaphake rounds -Potluck

Jan 10 - Dan Sahlstrom MS- Sarah Klaphake rounds
Potluck Theme: Red, White, & Blue

Feb 14 - Bill VanBergen MS- Sarah Klaphake rounds- Potluck

Mar 14 - Bryan Bush MS- Doug Brodeen rounds- Potluck

Apr 11 - Brian Freed MS- Doug Brodeen rounds-
Pie and Ice Cream

May 9 - Caller: Dee Dee Dougherty-Lottie - Cuer: Sarah Klaphake - Potluck

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Upcoming Event Reminders for July

July 1 & 15 – Tuesday- **Hotfoot Daytimers** - MS SD
July 29 - Tuesday - **Hotfoot Daytimers Plus SD**
9:30 AM – 11:30 - Coon Rapids Civic Center,
11155 Robinson Dr NW, Coon Rapids, MN
Wayne Tauer calling

July 4 – Friday – All Day
Happy Independence Day

July 23 - Wednesday- **Hotfoot Breakfasts**: The Hotfoot monthly breakfast has been **discontinued** due to declining interest. Please make the necessary changes to your social calendars. *Roger Dahl*