HOTFOOT STOMPERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

The Chatter

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From Our Past Presidents

Greetings Stompers!

It's July, wow, wasn't it just January? June sure went by quick, the convention has come and gone and

Bam - Summer is here and boy did it start with a heat wave! We did have a couple beautiful, mild and breezy days at our Blaine Festival demos. Wayne Tauer called Saturday and John Bittner called Sunday. Thanks to all who participated!

We had our June meeting and this marks the end of our service as your presidents. We were honored to take part in the club's success despite hitting a few potholes (Minnesota lingo) along the way. We wish the best of the best to our incoming capable new Presidents Anna Soland and Julie Bittner and hope that their experience as Hotfoot's Presidents is both challenging and rewarding at the same time!

Challenging in that they can bring new ideas and ways to help grow the club and refine our spirit of friendship. Rewarding as it has been for us knowing what we accomplished despite the hurdles we faced. We know they will breathe new life into the club and hopefully take us where we've not been before. They have our full support and confidence!

Don't forget the following upcoming events: We have two Summer dances scheduled - Monday, July 11th (root beer floats) and Monday, August 1st (frozen treats)!

The annual Hotfoot Picnic will be Monday, August 15th at Aquatore Park (serving potluck and collecting dues)

In closing, thanks to everyone for all the help and support over the past two years. We were fortunate to have such a wonderful group of people to share this fun activity! We feel blessed!

We wish everyone a safe and happy 4th of July!

Les Marier & Audrey Cecko

Past Hotfoot Stompers Presidents

Minnesota Square and Round Dance Convention in Breezy Point, MN

Hotfoot Stompers at Breezy Point Lodge June 10-12

Photos by Debbie Almen

From Our Hotfoot Queen Audrey

June stated out with the Minnesota State Convention at Breezy Point. Everyone had a great time dancing and dancing and more dancing!

The next weekend was Amateur Night at Westonka, emceed by Tom Allen. If anyone was wondering if square dancing was on the decline, they should've came and danced to these new callers. They all did a fantastic job! If you missed the dance don't feel disappointed, Dee might be planning another one soon.

We just completed the month with our annual Blaine Festival demo that went well. We handed out our Hotfoot Stomper cards and Intro to Square Dancing flyers. I think we may get a few new members added to our club and hopefully some will join other clubs too!

Audrey Cecko
Hotfoot Stompers Queen

Fran's Bike Tour June 8th

Fran Sorensen organized a short bike run at Bunker, designated "Hotfoot Square Wheels Bike Club".

Photos submitted by Fran Sorensen

SQUARE WHEEL BIKE CLUB

Hi Folks,
Our next bike ride is on July 18th. It will be at the Coon Rapids Dam. We'll meet at the visitor center at 6:00 PM. If you do not want a county sticker, then you can park on the street approaching the gate. The dam is West on Egret off of Coon Rapids Blvd.

The ride after that will be on August 3, 2022 at Elm Creek Preserve. We will go South on 169 to the Champlin Ice Arena or Ice Forum. It is West off of 169 on Ensign and 121st. Life Time Fitness is in front of the Ice Forum. Park toward the back parking lot. We will meet in the lot at 6:00 PM for a ride in the Elm Creek Preserve. This area is large. One can ride far or short so, we can decide as we go along.

We hope these two rides will have great weather. If not, then I will send out an email announcing the cancelation as I did before.
SEE YOU SOON WITH THE SQUARE WHEELS ROLLING!

Fran and Jerry

Condolences to ……

Family of **Ray McKenzie** , 87, passed away on June 12th. Both Ray and wife Nancy, took lessons with Hotfoot. Nancy passed away in 2007. Ray continued square dancing and said, "I don't always hear what the caller is saying, but people always get me turned around in the right direction and I have a good time!" He never let not being good at something keep him from having a fun time with the people around him. Funeral was at Coon Rapids United Methodist Church, June 21st.

Judy Rosene, past Hotfoot Stomper**,** on the loss of her husband and past co-president of Hotfoot, **Ron Rosene,** 76. Per Ron's wishes, there was no service.

Jim Heinz and family on the loss of Jim's wife, **Denise C. Heinz**, 66. A Square dance teacher and caller from Balsam Lake, WI. Passed away June 12, 2022. Memorial visitation was in Farmington, MN on June 20, 2022.

Lessons begin Monday September 19

Invite your friends and past graduates – 7- 9:00 PM
Northdale Middle School - Dan Sahstrom teaching/Calling - First two Lessons Free

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Enjoy Your Freedom – July 4, 2022

Single Square Dancers USA Ends

by Judy Hale

Even before I was president in 2004, I remained an active member of Single Square Dancers, USA for many years. The major event each year is Dance-A-Rama held over Labor Day weekend all over the country. Minnesota sponsored DAR with "Loons and Lakes in 98". SSDUSA celebrated 50 years in 2021. Sadly, it was also the last convention for this organization. My personal feeling it was due to no single clubs large enough to take on the responsibility of a convention.

Mardel Jensen from Mankato and I attended the last DAR in Des Moines, IA. The chairperson, Susan Lee, was hoping for an attendance of 150 dancers. Much to her surprise 213 dancers participated. Although I no longer dance, I was able to have many conversations with friends and renew old acquaintances. Over the years I have attended 31 Dance-A-Ramas.

A pleasant surprise was two young ladies from Hotfoot Stompers were also there, Julie Bittner and Danielle Rust. We all agreed it was a fun time. Too bad DAR had to end.

Judy Hale

No Banners

Hotfoot at Westonka Whirlers 6-18-22

Hotfoot Volunteers 2022-23

President: Julie Bittner & Anna Soland
Vice President: _____
Treasurer: Jocelyn Borgan
Vice Treasurer: Guy Trudeau
Secretary: Terri Axelson
Past President: Audrey Cecko & Les Marier
Sunshine Contact: Audrey Cecko & Les Marier
Queen: Audrey Cecko
Banner Chief: Bill Bump
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Decorating Committee: Peggy Decker, Jim & Sandy Quasbort, Bob Johnson (storage)
Door Prizes: Margaret Theisen
Greeters: Queen Audrey Cecko, _____, _____
Lesson Set Up Committee: Jim & Sandy Quasbort
Lesson Cleanup Committee: Renee Hogan
Marketing Committee: Audrey Cecko, ___, ___
Mystery Bus Committee: Jerry & Nancy Knoth, ___
North Shore Weekend: Lee & Peggy Kohl
Pop Committee: _____, _____
Sign Placer: _____
Social Committee: Lee & Peggy Kohl, Colette Kilber, Cary Hebert, Dave & Mary Dahlheimer
State Conv Dinner Planner: _____
Summer Campout Planners: _____
Telephone Committee: 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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2022-23 Dance Schedule

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

Sept 10, 2022- Tom Allen – MS - Back to School - Potluck
* Bill Bump,Michele & Gary Kemmetmueller,__,__,__,__,__**Renee Hogan,__

Oct 8, 2022- Phil Miller – MS - Octoberfest – Potluck
* Bill Bump, __,__,__,__,__,__** Renee Hogan, __

Nov 12 – Charley Huhtala - MS - Patriotic - Potluck
* Bill Bump, __,__,__,__,__,__** Renee Hogan, __

Dec 10 – Mike Hogan – MS- Holiday Dance - Potluck
* Bill Bump ,__,__,__,__, __,__** Renee Hogan, __

Jan 14 – Brian Freed - **ND** - Winter Wonderland - Potluck
* Bill Bump, __,__,__,__,__,__ **Rose Valentine, __

Feb 11 – Abe Maier – **ND** - Mardi Gras - Potluck
* Bill Bump, Rose Valentine, __,__,__,__, __ **__, __

March 11 – Brian Bush – MS - St. Patrick - Potluck
* Bill Bump, __, __,__,__,__,__ **__, __

April 8 – Dan Sahlstrom– MS - Royalty – pie & ice cream
* Bill Bump, __,__,__,__,__, __ **__, __

May 13 – DeeDee Dougherty- MS-Sports Night -Potluck
* Bill Bump, __,__,__,__,__, __ **__, __

Upcoming Event Reminders for July

July 5 & 19 - Tuesday **Hotfoot Daytimers** SD - MS
9:30 – 11:30 AM - Wayne Tauer calling
Coon Rapids Civic Center
11155 Robinson Dr NW, Coon Rapids, MN

July 11 – Monday **Hotfoot Stompers MS Dance**, caller Dan Sahlstrom- 7-9:00 PM- Root beer floats provided- Northdale Middle School, Coon Rapids- Info: Julie Bittner 763-276-8425 or Anna Soland 763-248-3002

July 18 – Wed Fran & Jerry's **Bike Ride** at Coon Rapids Dam, 6:00 PM- see article above.

July 27 - 4th Wednesday **Hotfoot Breakfasts**: Women's and Men's, both 8:30 AM at Bakers Square at Riverdale in Coon Rapids across from CUB