



Coon Rapids, MN

The Chatter

July 2020

Live Lively -



Square Dance!

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From Our Presidents



Greetings Hotfoot Members,

We would first like to thank Jerry Steinworth for his contributions and hard work being President over the last year. We also acknowledge his wife Fran who supported him through all this, especially since they went through a move, not to mention all the unknowns he faced with the Covid-19 pandemic. We also thank the many volunteers of our wonderful club (whether holding official positions or not). We know that Hotfoot Stompers could not continue without all of you doing what you do!

(Les) When I considered the prospect of being club president, it seemed a bit overwhelming as I was already pressed for time. I'm still working full time and juggling many home projects simultaneously, not to mention still being on the Hotfoot Stompers Marketing committee and maintaining the TryDancingNow.com website for the benefit of all

potential new dancers. In working with Audrey Cecko on the many marketing committee projects over the past year, I learned that we work well together and think alike, so we discussed working as a team since I wasn't sure I could manage it alone. Well, you know the outcome, here we are, and boy am I glad she was willing to help! We are looking to pass the Marketing committee baton off to new volunteers now (hint, hint!).

So here we are, the 2019-2020 dance season has come and gone and now we face an uncertain season ahead. You've been hearing for months now "that we're all in this together", but are we? Most of us have not seen each other for the past three months and we're all feeling a little restless and missing our Square Dance friends.

For those of you that are comfortable with it, we want to encourage you to reach out and plan some small group "get togethers", of course while practicing social distancing guidelines. We will discuss other club sponsored group activities that we can engage in safely until the guidelines are lifted and dancing is allowed to resume.

We both look forward to serving you to the best of our ability and welcome any thoughts, suggestions, comments or concerns! We are also looking for volunteers to fill many other positions! Let's hope we can all get back to dancing and life as normal soon!

Best regards,

Les Marier & Audrey Cecko

Presidents, Hotfoot Stompers

Spotlight on Caller Mike Driscoll

I began calling around 1965. I was dancing with a teen group and all the kids in the group tried their hand at calling. I remember the caller of the group telling me "You will never make a caller". I am stubborn so I had to prove him wrong and 55 years later I still love calling and singing.

I have met many wonderful people while calling and dancing including my wife Sandy, whom I met at Spares & Pairs 49 years ago in December.



We both love the square dance community and have been privileged to call for many of the clubs in Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and many other places during the National Conventions. I must admit one of my favorite accomplishments during my career is helping new callers begin their career. I have helped many and enjoy seeing them calling. I am still willing to assist any caller that may want my advice, listen to them and help them succeed.

I am retiring from calling now as Sandy has retired from her work at MEA and we can now go dancing

more. We are still planning to attend square dance week-ends, conventions and support all the clubs.

We hope to see everyone in a square.

Mike and Sandy Driscoll

From Hotfoot Queen Sharon

I don't know what I am suppose to write about. So this is what I have been doing while I am waiting to where my crown at a square dance and seeing all our dancers.

I spend a lot of time in my flower gardens -mostly pulling weeds. I have been practicing round dancing on my patio a couple times a week with my round dance partner Rick Nicols from County Line. He is a good leader and I am trying to become a good follower! I also walk at the dam a couple days a week.

Sharon Bahma,
Hotfoot Stompers Queen

Get Well Wishes to

Colette Kilber's daughter Nicole. For info:

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/nicoleteske>

To Coni Winterfeld while healing he broken wrist.

Out of the Past - 2001



Elaine Barnier, Dubs Decker, Sharon & Jerry LeTour

Even Ken LaBau is in this picture below in the back row, Leroy & Linda, Audrey & Paul Allen, Sharon & Jerry LeTour, Betty Lou & Jerry Elfert, Elaine Barnier, Gary and caller Wayne & Betty Kubicek



Hotfoot Banner Raid to Dakota Grand Dec 2, 2000

Condolences



Elaine Barnier, passed away on January 12, 2020



Harold Grotte, passed away on April 18, 2020

To **Beth Horak** on the loss of her mother, Darlene Louise (Dunn) Henderson (94) on June 1, 2020



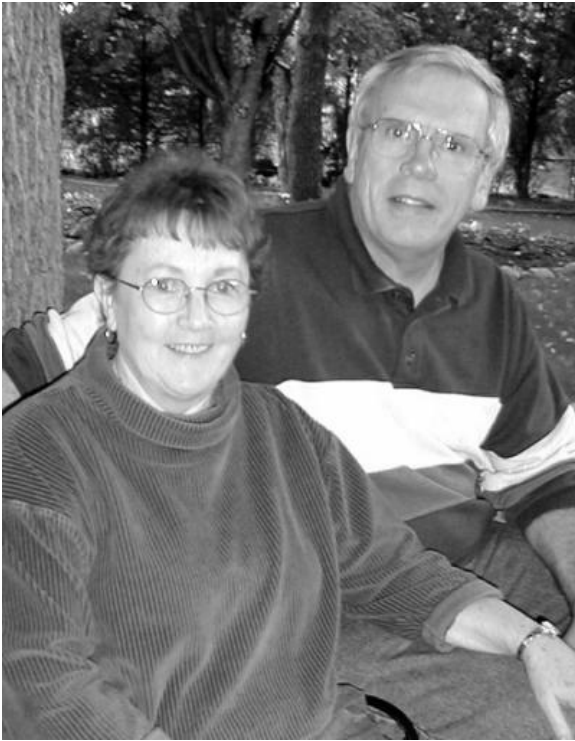
Beth and Mom at Hotfoot October 12, 2019 dance

Hotfoot Stompers Past Caller

Here is a Spotlight article that I wrote in 2001 while on The ROUNDUP board. For our newest members, Dean was Hotfoot Stompers' caller/teacher for over 20 years prior to his retirement and Wayne Tauer taking his place.

In the Spotlight December 2001

by Gary Kemmetmueller



Dean & Lori Libby, CE Region square dance caller and teacher, President of Swingmasters.

Dean and Lori Libby's life in square dancing is long and interesting. It started in 1976 with a history of being involved in many aspects of the sport. Dean's humor and multi-talents are quite fascinating. Dean has held every position in the Minnesota Square Dance Callers Association.

Dean and Lori graduated from square dance lessons in 1977 with Left Footers Square Dance Club in Woodbury with George Pulju teaching.

The fall of 1978 started with calling for Rolling Squares. In 1979, Dean called his first dance but not by intent. "During the 1979 season, Lori and I went to Westside Steppers to dance to a national caller. He didn't show up because of a snowstorm in progress. The club asked me to call a tip while they waited for the caller to show up. With borrowed

records and with a nervousness, I called that first tip. Their caller never did make it. That was the first time I called the whole dance, and to a crowd expecting a national caller," Dean explains.

Dean has called and taught lessons for Key Squares, Left Footers, West Side Steppers, ArDales, Square Bears & now Hotfoot Stompers.

They have one daughter, Crisanne & Iv who have given them 3 grandchildren, and one son, Lt. Jason Libby of the US Army at Fort Knox. Dean & Lori have been married for 36 years this past Sept 25.

Dean says, "Calling is a hobby. I don't want it to be a job" as he works with graphic arts in sales and marketing at a millwork company. They designed and built their home. Dean likes woodworking and they have a beautiful home and yard in Oakdale with lots of scenic yard décor.

Besides singing and calling, Dean enjoys playing guitar, woodworking and gardening.

I asked Dean what makes lessons fun for him. He replied, "I enjoy seeing nervous people come in the first night, not knowing if they want to learn and then seeing them start having fun and really enjoying square dancing." Dean uses humor at lessons to react to situations (and he is constantly looking for situations.) The students love him as their smiles emerge after they catch on to his dry, straight-faced joking.

You used to write articles in The ROUNDUP as executive secretary of MSDCA when I started square dancing. "Yes, I drew a couple covers for The ROUNDUP, too. That was fun to do. The ROUNDUP used to be assembled by local clubs who volunteered to help. One sheet at a time and then stapled them until all The ROUNDUPS were assembled, around a ping pong table in someone's home."

Dean has three brothers that square danced and another that doesn't. No sisters. His parents had square dances in their basement. Back then, the moves were learned at the dances and there were only 9 basic calls.

What would you like to say to our “new dancers?” Don’t take square dancing too serious. You have enough of that in your lives. Take it for what it is: good clean fun.”

What do you think deters new people from square dancing? “Super busy lives. Length of lessons (24 weeks.) Too tired as both (couples) work. Clothes may have something to do with it and cost of clothes. That’s why we stress prairie dresses as an option.”

What positives do you see for potential new square dancers? “You don’t see too many smiling joggers. Square dancing helps you forget your troubles and your friends are there,” Dean explains, as a matter of fact.

What about some clubs folding or getting smaller and merging with another? Is that what we can expect to see more of? “My parents had a drawer full of badges from at least 20 folded clubs. New clubs may start

“...you have to step back and look at the whole activity.”

up like before as the need arises. The activity will survive. If it’s alive, it will change.” Dean says. “It’s discouraging when YOUR club folds, but you have to step back and look at this whole activity. People have other things to do besides square dancing. Enthusiasm breeds enthusiasm.”

Thank you to Dean and Lori for their years of service to Hotfoot Stompers, providing fun activity and exercise for students, members and angels leaving us with many fond memories.

Hotfoot Volunteers 2020-21

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2020-21 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

*Service Committee **Ticket vendors

Sept 12, 2020 Caller: Larry Fruetel MS

* _____ **Rose Valentine, _____

Oct 10, 2020 Caller: Noah Siegmann trio MS

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Nov 14, 2020 Caller: Dean Dederman MS

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Dec 12, 2020 Caller: Mike Hogan MS

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Jan 9, 2021 Caller: Brian Freed ND

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Feb 13, 2021 Caller: Abe Maier ND

*Terri Axelson _____ ** _____

Mar 13, 2021 Caller: Tom Allen MS

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Apr 10, 2021 Caller: Dan Sahlstrom MS

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May 8, 2021 Caller: Dee Dee Dougherty-Lottie MS

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Upcoming Event Reminders for June

July 22 - 4th Wednesday Hotfoot Breakfasts:

Women's, 8:30 AM at Bakers Square in Northtown;

Men's, 9:00 AM at Keys, Spring Lake Park **if the
restaurant is open by then**

We are on the WEB

www.HotfootStompers.org

