



Coon Rapids, MN

The Chatter

September 2022

Live Lively -



Square Dance!

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From Our Presidents

Thank you to all who came to the Annual Hotfoot Picnic! It was fun seeing so many and getting to eat some great food. Our new club caller Dan, our old club caller Wayne, and our up and coming caller John treated us to a few tips as well as a round (it might have just happened to be my (Anna's) favorite one. We've also been hearing good things from those who have been going to Daytimers with Wayne, as well as from those who went to Mid-Summer Magic.

Our first week of August was busy for the two of us



personally. We enjoyed a rainy camping trip in Grand Marais, full of hiking, rock skipping, tasting of the World's Best Donuts, and feeding our book-nerdiness by purchasing a couple books from a shop local to Grand Marais (it's easy to rationalize your spending when it's supporting local...). Immediately following this outdoor adventure was the

Wisconsin State Square Dance Convention that weekend! We did the two events back to back in an attempt to build up personal stamina - not sure if it worked. Oh well, it was fun anyway! We got to see several friends we hadn't seen for a few years due to covid. We also tried out our new outfits at the Convention with Danielle, our third triplet AND the Student Coordinator for lessons this year!



Speaking of which, our first lesson of the new dance season is less than a month away! If you've been procrastinating getting a hold of someone for this you're cutting it a little close now, heehee. Get them over to the school on Monday nights to learn a fun, social, exercise and hang out with all us dance nerds. Also in September, more geared towards Angels, Tom Allen is calling our club dance on September 10th! Plus at 7:30pm followed by Mainstream from 8-10. The theme is Back to School!

We look forward to seeing you all back at NMS school ;) Hey, no judging. School is allowed to be a little cringy :D Can't wait!

Anna Soland &

Julie Bittner

Hotfoot Stompers Presidents

From Our Hotfoot Queen Audrey



Queen Alert!

I procrastinated last month and didn't get my article in soon enough! So, to just recap where I have been, kind of like Where's Waldo", but, "Where's Queen Audrey" and where you might have seen her! In July, I attended Hotfoot Stompers "Root Beer

Float" dance July 11th with Dan Sahlstrom. Then I couldn't miss Dakota Squares dance with Mike Hogan from Nebraska. He always has a fun dance. I never danced to a live band before, so I was excited that the Westonka dance had Timbre Junction with Tom Allen calling.

Then off to Maple Lake, to Andy's dance! We traveled off road with the dust flying behind us as we drove past corn fields until we came to our destination. Andy has a group of 50 to 70 young adults. Besides square dancing, he taught line dancing and a couple of different variations of the Virginia Reel. It was a lot of fun!

As the month of July came to a close, I made it to the SDM Summer Festival in St. Cloud.

As I said goodbye to July and hello to August, I spread my wings and went to the Wisconsin State Convention for the first time. It was interesting to see how another state puts together their convention. It was a fun weekend and I met a lot of friendly people.

On August 1st Hotfoot had their final summer dance with Dan Sahlstrom calling. The school was fairly comfortable and we didn't over heat!

Westonka had another Amateur Night that was a lot of fun, giving our new caller's a chance to practice calling to a group of dancers. It was an enjoyable evening!

Lastly, I was off to the Threshing Show in Nowthen with my sister for a square dance demo with Abe. Well, that completes my last 2 months. In September we kick off into our regular dance season!

Audrey Cecko
Hotfoot Stompers Queen



Past Queen Sharon Marries Her Escort



Newly weds at their wedding dance 8-5-22



Sharon and Rick Nichols – dance partners forever

Photos of the newly weds by LeRoy Elfmann

Hotfoot Dance August 1st



Dan Sahlstrom called our summer dance
Selfie by Jason White

Granite Fest at Whitney Center



Sheryl, Ken LaBau and Jason at Friday,
August 5th PLUS Dance in St Cloud –
and it just happened to be Jason &
Sheryl White's 5th anniversary

Condolences to

Barry Downs' (77) family on the passing of Barry August 23rd. Barry & Jennifer were past members of Hotfoot Stompers.



<https://www.washburn-mcreavy.com/obituaries/Byron-DownsII/#!/Obituary>

Fred Quant's (66) family on Fred's passing on August 26th. Fred & Debbie were regular dancers at Hotfoot Stompers.



<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/fred-erick-quant-obituary?id=36348477>

Get well wishes to

Al Martin from Westonka Whirlers has cancer throughout his body. Caring Bridge link is: <https://caringbridge.org/visit/almartinsdance>. Al & Cindy are at most of Hotfoot dances so you may know them from being in a square with them.

Lessons begin Monday September 19

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



Hotfoot September Dance 2012

Hotfoot Marketing

Square dance lessons will be starting soon and everyone can do their part to grow and promote square dancing that takes little effort. You don't even need to leave the comfort of your home!

Some suggestions members can do:

1. Do you have Facebook? Copy and paste this link. This video was from Mid Winter Magic a few years ago.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fUashuaL2VO>
2. Are you on Next Door? If not, sign up at www.nextdoor.com ! Post this link or the link above for my flyer.
3. For members who have yard signs it's time to put them out. I suggest you avoid busy highways or roads, it's difficult to read or remember Hotfoot's' web address on the sign. I would suggest putting them in your front yard or residential areas, it's much easier for people walking or riding bikes to read them or take a picture.
4. Post flyers anywhere you are allowed to put them. Don't forget you may need to ask permission.
5. Tell family, friends, people at your church or anyone you can strike up a conversation with. Let them know our square dance lessons will be **starting soon** and you would love to have them try it out! The first two lessons, Monday September 19th and 26th are free!

Remember, "word of mouth" is always the best way to promote square dancing.

Don't forget Angels on the first day of lessons to introduce yourself to new students, smile, be friendly and make them feel welcome!

We want students to CONTINUE coming back!

Remember to let Dan do the teaching!

Audrey Cecko

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----- Coordinators -----
Community Ed Contact: Cathy Gates
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We are on the WEB

www.HotfootStompers.org

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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, Gary Kemmetmueller, John & Joanie Evans
_____, _____ **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 September

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

Sep 19 – Monday SD lessons begin at Northdale Middle School – 7-9:00PM- Dan Sahlstrom teaching

Sep 24 – Saturday **Hay Ride & Bonfire** - 3:30 PM
arrive at Bunker Park Stables, 550 Bunker Lake Blvd.
Prepay \$10- does **not** include Brats or Hotdogs for the potluck. Info: Fran Sorensen or Jerry Steinworth

Sep 28 - 4th Wednesday **Hotfoot Breakfasts:**
Women's and Men's, both 8:30 AM at Bakers Square at Riverdale in Coon Rapids across from CUB