



Coon Rapids, MN

The Chatter

September 2025

Live Lively -



Square Dance!

154

Hotfoot Stompers Presidents



Tom Allen, Presidents Robert & Sandy Morgan and Dick Rueter at Westonka Whirlers dance 8-16-25



We hope that all of you are getting out and enjoying all of the things our Minnesota summers have to offer. Fall is just around the corner.

Our deepest condolences go out to our founding member Wayne Tauer on the loss of Dianne, his beloved wife of 62 years who passed away at home on July 24. Wayne and Dianne started Hotfoot Stompers in their garage in 1979.

Hotfoot's final dance of the summer was Monday, August 18. There were 8 ¾ squares promenading to the calling styles of Bill Van Bergen and cuer Sarah Klaphake kept the round dancers vining the evening away. Six clubs were represented. One dancer was visiting from Clinton County Squares in Ohio.

August has been quite a month for us. We called our first square dance to 6 squares at Cambridge Corners on Tuesday, August 19. Robert did a fantastic job on the patters. Sandy sang backup on most of the singing calls, and she was so able to fulfill a childhood dream by calling one of her favorites that she



Six squares danced to Robert Morgan's first dance of his square dance calling career 8-16-25

enjoyed dancing to back then, "Rock'n in Rosalie's Boat". A big thank you to Cambridge Corners for giving us this opportunity.

Lessons begin on Monday, September 8 at Northdale Middle School. Be sure to invite your family and friends.

Mark your calendars and join us for our first dance of the season on Saturday, September 13 at Northdale Middle School. Tom Allen will be calling, Sarah Klaphake will cue the rounds. The theme will be School Days. See you there in a square.

Robert & Sandy Morgan

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Hotfoot Stompers July 14th Square Dance

Hotfoot had a great turn out at our August summer dance at Faith Lutheran Church in Coon Rapids on Monday evening, August 11th, with Bill VanBergen calling and Sarah Klaphake cueing to 8 ½ squares. That ends our summer dance schedule. Our regular dance schedule begins with our September 13th dance, "School Days" theme with Tom Allen calling and Sarah Klaphake cueing.



Sarah Klaphake and Bill VanBergen at Hotfoot August 11th dance



Oh, we're having fun now



And some round dancing, too



Okay then, here are Cuer Sarah, Hotfoot Queen Mary who has been busy being Queen, Hotfoot Treasurer, Hotfoot Ambassador and more, Caller Bill VanBergen and Presidents Sandy & Robert Morgan – a swell looking group, eh?

Banner Activity



Hotfoot (well at least I see Coni) at Cambridge Corners with 1st time caller Robert Morgan 8-19-25

Thoughts and Prayers for

Jim Quastbort recovering from back surgery.

Jeannette Boxeth recovering from back surgery.

Les Marier recovering from shoulder surgery.

Hotfoot at 50th Tennessee State Square & Round Dance Convention

The convention hosted over 1,500 dancers! We carpoled and took in sites along the way. Dan Sahlstrom shared his talents and called for the event.



Keith & Tammy Lakeman, Audrey Cecko & Les Marier - July 31-August 2nd by Tammy Lakeman



Minnesota attendees at the Tennessee Convention

Minnesota State Fair

I went to the MN State Fair on opening day August 21, 2025, and got one picture of dancers. There are a few Hotfoot members dancing. They did a great job, and... all of us got out over 300 flyers at the fair on Thursday alone! -Tammy Lakeman



Hotfoot set up a booth at Coon

RapidsTexas Roadhouse event called "The Great Summer Tailgate" on August 19, 2025. The event had been postponed due to bad weather in July, but it drew in crowds of well over 1,000 local residents. Debbie Almen, Audrey Cecko, Tammy Lakeman, Les Marier and the Sahlstrom family all worked at the booth and engaged the crowds, handing out more than 250 flyers. It was a success! Thank you everyone! *Tammy Lakeman 8-19-25*



Debbie & Audrey



Janet and Sarah

Square Dance Work Shop at John Bittner's Garage on August 25th



Peggy says, "Give me a break"



Hotfoot Picnic at Aquatore Park



Happy Labor Day

Labor Day is a federal holiday in the United States that honors and recognizes the contributions of workers to the country's social and economic achievements. It serves as a reminder of the labor movement's history and the rights that workers have fought for over the years.

Hotfoot Volunteers 2025-26

Presidents: Robert & Sandy Morgan
Vice President: _____
Treasurer: Mary Jensen
Vice Treasurer: Doug Brodeen
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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, 7:30-8:00 pm Plus, star tip at 10:00 PM, 8:00-10:00 PM MS, potluck



Northdale Middle School, 11301 Dogwood St NW
Coon Rapids - Rounds between tips

*Service Committee **Treasurer Assistant

Sept 13 - Tom Allen MS, Sarah Klaphake rounds

Potluck -Theme: School Days

* Fran Sorensen, Jerry Steinworth, John & Joanie Evans **Terry Cathers, __

Oct 11 - Bob Asp MS, Sarah Klaphake rounds – Potluck –

Theme: Pumkin Fest *Rosemary Valentine, __, __, __, __

**Terry Cathers, __

Nov 8 - Dan Sahlstrom MS, Doug Brodeen rounds-

Potluck-Theme: Honor Our Veterans - * __ **Terry Cathers

Dec 13 - Mike Hogan MS - Sarah Klaphake rounds –

Potluck- Theme: Jingle Bells

**Terry Cathers, __

Jan 10 - Dan Sahlstrom MS- Sarah Klaphake rounds

Potluck - Theme: Red, White, & Blue

**Terry Cathers, __

Feb 14 - Bill VanBergen MS- Sarah Klaphake rounds-

Potluck – Theme: Be My Valentine **Terry Cathers, __

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

Theme: Movie Night **Terry Cathers, __

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

Ice Cream – Theme: Royalty Night- * __, __

** Rosemary Valentine

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

Klaphake – Potluck- Ice Cream Social - * __, __, __, __

**Terry Cathers, __

Upcoming Event Reminders for September

September 2 & 16 – Tuesday- Hotfoot Daytimers -

MS SD - **September 30 – Tuesday Daytimers PLUS**

All three dances are at 9:30 AM – 11:30AM at the Coon Rapids Civic Center - Wayne Tauer calling 11155 Robinson Dr NW, Coon Rapids, MN

September 8, 15, 22, 29 Monday Square Dance

Lessons – 7-9:00 PM - Dan Sahlstrom teaching

Northdale Middle School – 11301 Dogwood St N

September 20- Saturday - Stillwater Trolley

11:15 AM – reserve by 7-13-25, See Audrey Cecko