HOTFOOT STOMPERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

The Chatter

Live Lively – Square Dance!

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Hotfoot Stompers Presidents

Hey everybody! Can anybody guess where we went based on the photo? Three guesses.

The answer is.... Bear Head Lake State Park! Oh my gosh. It was gorgeous. We did roughly a 5 mile round trip hike, though with the steepness of some areas it sure felt longer, haha. Most likely our favorite part was the very start and end of the hike, where we got to relax next to Norberg Lake. It's a rather small lake in the park, nowhere as big as the namesake lake of the park, but when we went, the reflection was perfect due to almost no wind. It made for some incredible photos. And the weather was nice too! Not ridiculously hot like it's been. It was a thoroughly enjoyable break from the temperatures we'd been having.

On the way there, we stopped at the Lazy Bear Restaurant in Barnum. Their Hot Wild Rice Meatloaf Sandwich was amazing, and we particularly loved the homemade Strawberry Lemonade.

We've had a good first two weeks of lessons, with 22 students the first night and then 20 the second night. Let's see how many of these students we can keep around! Thank you to all the angels who have been coming. It's SO helpful to be able to spread out the students among more squares. If you still have friends that want to check it out but missed the start of lessons, make sure to bring them to the first of our blasts! If you haven't heard about them yet, we will be having a few blasts that are more "catch up" blasts. Everything that has been taught at lessons by that point will be taught at the blast so people can jump on into lessons. The first one is Monday October 21, starting at 6pm (there will be no plus lessons that night).

Thank you also to everyone who came out for our first official dance of the season! Tom Allen does not disappoint. I was hoping to see a bit more for bling bling, haha. It will be fun to see what people come up with for our October dance, Ghosts and Goblins!

Lastly, Cathy is still waiting for dues from several people. If you need to pay her or have questions regarding dues, please get a hold of her right away. She would like to be able to check that off her To -Do List.

Thank you and see you in a square!

Anna Soland & Julie Bittner
Hotfoot Stompers' Presidents

Hotfoot September Dance

Our Viva LasVegas themed dance was called by Tom Allen to 13 squares of dancers on September 14th at Northdale Middle School with Ken LaBau cueing rounds. A fun dance indeed.

Music

Viking Cafe

Let's go Debbie – I think they are going to call our door prize number

Dans'Pac gets a banner

B & B gets a banner

Hotfoot Queen Sandy

Hope you all had a fun summer. The fall square dance season is underway. Club dances are resuming once again, and it's wonderful to square up with people we haven't seen since last spring. Tom Allen called our September dance and Ken LaBau cued the rounds.

Hotfoot Stompers was excited to welcome new students to our Monday night lessons. At the first lesson on September 16, there were 22 students and 10 squares of dancers on the floor!

Throughout the course of my numerous years of square dancing, I have spent a myriad of time angeling student dancers. As a family, we would return each year to assist with the lessons at our club at that time, Merri Parquers. After I joined Hotfoot in 1985, I continued to be an angel at lessons. Now, it's even more fun because I get to share the experience with my husband Robert. As some of you know, Robert is working towards becoming a caller and will be hosting some workshops to supplement the lessons.

During the summer, we attended the Minnesota State Square Dance Convention in Mahnomen, MN on June 14 -16, 2024. Once again, Robert insisted on preregistering for the 2025 convention to be held in Willmar, MN.

We also ventured to the National Square Dance Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on June 26–30, 2024. It was Robert's first National Convention and my third.

Our next adventure will be the Chula Vista Square and Round Dance Plus Weekend, October 4 – 6, 2024 in Wisconsin Dells. The callers will be Bob Asp and Curt Braffet. Last year was our first time at this event. We had an amazing time and are looking forward to attending again this year.

Now that the dance season is in full swing, we will have fun going out to various clubs and dancing to a variety of callers.

See y'all in a square soon.

Sandy Morgan
Hotfoot Stompers Queen

Octogenarian Couple Has Been Square Dancing Since 1956

Donald Hanhurst, 88, and his wife, Loretta, 85, credits Good Health, Happy Marriage to Dance.

https://www.theepochtimes.com/bright/octogenarian-couple-has-been-square-dancing-since-1956-credits-good-health-happy-marriage-to-dance-5728421?src_src=Bright&src_cmp=bright-2024-09-28&est=AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAZuM5bF0HzMzF6acDq2BVB7Fo60QDJiACm8Bib0Tdzv3gL9%2BFUsXeaU7wRzg%3D

Hotfoot Lessons

There were 22 square dance interested people at our September 16th lesson with Dan teaching. Thanks to all for inviting your choice friends to come to learn our fun activity.

On the second lesson night, Sept 23rd, there were 20 students of which 5 were first timers.

Condolences to ……..

Marion Rasmussen and family on the passing of

Hotfoot Past President Virgil Rasmussen, 81, on September 13, 2024. Virgil's funeral was at Anoka Methodist Church on September 27th. Virgil's brother Chris gave some touching recollections of he and Virgil's younger days. Thank you for all you've done for our square dance community. Farewell Virgil. And thanks for your US Army service, Virgil.

Yvonne Johnson on the passing of her father, **Oscar Johnson,** 94, on September 14, 2024. Oscar was a SD & RD teacher, caller and repaired SD equipment for callers. Thank you Oscar for your many contributions to our SD community and for your service in the US Air Force.

Celebration of Life at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, 5025 Knox Ave S, Minneapolis on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 2:00 pm, visitation one hour before.

Update on Bill Bump

Bill is not dancing for now. I encouraged Bill to prove the doctor wrong – again. Nurses are coming to the house for his medical care three times a week. He said if anyone would like to talk with him to call at his son's home, 651-955-7484, Bill's cell.

Banner Raids

Hotfoot at B & B Squares 9-7-24

Hotfoot at County Line 9-13-24

Hotfoot at Jolly Promenaders 9-21-24

Don Bauer's free 90th birthday dance at Kaposia Park, So. St. Paul 9-7-24

Hotfoot Games at Aquatore Park

Here are some pictures from the outdoor games social event. There were 10 of us that played Mölkky, ladder ball, corn hole, washers, and yard Yahtzee. Mary and Dave brought their popcorn machine. Seven of us ate at Clive's after the games. 9-22-24

Game photos by Colette Kilber

Time to eat at Clives after games work out 9-22-24

Audrey Marketing Square Dance at Blaine World Fest September 14, 2024

Future square dancers? 9-14-24

Hotfoot Lessons Have Begun

Teacher Dan and President Anna 9-16-24

They learn fast how to have fun 9-16-24

Catching on quickly to Dan's teaching 9-16-24

Whew, they are back for more 9-23-24

20 students came to the 2nd lesson to learn how to have fun square dancing 9-23-24

Square dancers provide reality to John Bittner's practice calling in his garage 7-31-24

And again on 9-7-24

Hotfoot Volunteers 2024-25

President: Anna Soland & Julie Bittner
Vice President: Robert Morgan
Treasurer: Renee Hogan
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Decorating Committee: Peggy Decker, Margaret Theisen (Bob Johnson storage)
Door Prizes: Terri Axelson, Fran Sorensen
Greeters: Queen Sandy Morgan, Audrey Cecko
Lesson Set Up Committee: Sandy & Jim Quasbort
Lesson Cleanup Committee: Mark & Sheila Brouhard, Rosemary Valentine
Marketing Committee: Audrey Cecko, Tammy Lakeman
North Shore Weekend: Peggy and Lee Kohl
Pop Committee: _____
Sign Placer: Mel Wallner
Social Committee: Peggy & Lee Kohl, Colette Kilber, Cary Hebert, Fran Sorensen, Jerry Steinworth
Social Media: Tammy Lakeman
Telephone Committee: Marilyn Vialle, Cathy Gates (leader + Hotfoot News + roster + communicator)

---------- Coordinators ----------

Community Ed Contact: Cathy Gates
Dance Service Coordinator: _____
Student Coordinator: Danielle Rust
Demo Coordinator: _____

We are on the WEB
www.HotfootStompers.org

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2024-25 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 by **Ken LaBau**
*Service Committee **Treasurer Assistant
Oct 12 – Brad Neutz - MS- Ghosts & Goblins- potluck
* Jim & Sandy Quasbort, Jerry & Nancy Knoth, __, __
**Rose Valentine,__
Nov 9 – Dan Sahlstrom - MS - Give Thanks – potluck
* Jim & Sandy Quasbort, Fran Sorensen, Jerry Steinworth __, __ **__, __
Dec 14 – Mike Hogan - MS - Christmas Tidings – Potluck
*Don & Monica Keyes, Jim & Sandy Quasbort, __,__ **__, __
Jan 11 - Abe Maier - ND - Starry Night – Potluck
*Rose Valentine, Jim & Sandy Quasbort, Jerry & Betty Lou Elfert ,__ **__,__
Feb 8 – Bryan Bush - ND - Red, White, & Blue - Potluck
*Margaret Theisen, Jim & Sandy Quasbort, __ **__, __
Mar 8 - Bill VanBergen - MS - Mexican Fiesta – potluck
*Jim & Sandy Quasbort,__ **__,__
Apr 12 - Siegmann Trio - MS - Royalty - pie & ice cream -
**Don & Monica Keyes, Jim & Sandy Quasbort, __ **__,__
May 10 - Dee-Dee Dougherty-Lottie - MS - Sports Night - Potluck
**Don & Monica Keyes, Jim & Sandy Quasbort, __,__ **__,__

Upcoming Event Reminders for October

Oct 1 – Tuesday **- Hotfoot Daytimers-** MS SD **–** 9:30-11:30 AM - Coon Rapids Civic Center 11155 Robinson Dr NW, Coon Rapids, MN

Oct 7, 14, 21 & 28 – Mondays **–MS Lessons**- 7-9:00 PM- PLUS lessons 6-7 PM- Northdale Middle School- Dan teaching (no PLUS Oct 21)

Oct 8 – Tuesday - **SD Demo –** Gracewood Assisted Living – 675 Market Place Drive, Lino Lakes, MN John Bittner calling

Oct 15 – Tuesday- **Hotfoot Daytimers** MS
Oct 29 PLUS –10 AM – 12:30 - **Mississippi library –** 410 Mississippi St NW, Wayne Tauer calling

Oct 23 - Wednesday- **Hotfoot Breakfasts**: Women's and Men's, both 8:30 AM at Bakers Square at Riverdale in Coon Rapids across from CUB Foods