



Coon Rapids, MN

# The Chatter

October 2020

Live Lively -



Square Dance!

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## From Our Presidents

Welcome Hotfooters!

Well, it's hard to believe autumn is upon us and we are usually gearing up for a fun year of square dancing. So far, we have made the decision to cancel the September and October dances since the school has not approved our return. The state mandate is also still in place... As far as lessons go, since we have not started on time and are still uncertain about the coming months, we have made the decision to postpone lessons until January. Some clubs (including Hotfoot Stompers) have tried running two separate lesson sessions where the second session starts in January. This may be our only chance to have lessons, so we will remain hopeful that we can get back to dancing by then!

### Past Events:

- Our "Gathering at the Park" was a success, we had 25 people show up (pew, right at the legal limit).
- As we know, Clay Harris celebrated his 90th birthday on Saturday, September 5th. What he wasn't expecting was all the cards members sent him congratulating him!
- The Barn Dance at Ivory North September 11th was 3+ squares and Larry Freutel

substituted for Dan Sahlstrom. The venue was beautiful and everyone had a great time.

- The Minnesota State Federation Annual meeting and dance was held on September 26th and had a few squares.



### Coming Events:

- October Hotfoot Dance - Cancelled
- October lessons - Cancelled until 2021 (possibly January)
- Virtual Square Dances, for more information and/or the link to the Zoom meeting, e-mail [mhollatz@sytekcom.com](mailto:mhollatz@sytekcom.com).

When: Mondays from 8:00 to 8:30 p.m. CDT (as far as we know)

Where: Wherever you want!

Caller: Myron Hollatz

Cost: Free

- Line Dancing/Lessons (weather permitting)

When: Thursdays at 6 PM (usually about 90 minutes)

Where: Peace Lutheran Church, 20 Northdale Blvd. NW, Coon Rapids MN 55448, in the parking lot. Beth is looking into moving it inside if the church grants permission.

Hosts: Beth Boatz and Andy Hybben

Cost: Free

- 69th Minnesota State Square & Round Dance Convention

When: June 11-13, 2021

Where: Breezy Point Resort - Brainerd  
Featured Caller - Mike Hogan  
For more information and Registration,  
[www.mnsquaredanceconvention.com](http://www.mnsquaredanceconvention.com)

**Insurance and COVID-19:**

Insurance through the USDA is for organization liability and medical benefits associated with an accident at any regularly scheduled and sponsored activity. USDA insurance has never covered any type of virus. Organizations are insured if the state is opened up for public gatherings and allowing groups to gather and the organization is following Centers of Disease Control and Prevention and state guidelines. If the state says no public gatherings and your organization meets, then the law has been broken and there is no insurance coverage.

We understand that everyone has different concerns and opinions about this pandemic. There are mandates, restrictions and all sorts of guidelines in place, (many of which change often) and there is not always a clear answer however, we do support and respect the choice of each Hotfoot Stompers' member to do what is best for them and the safety of others alike. While there are some non-sanctioned events going on, we are not necessarily endorsing them as safe events; however, we are honoring the individual's right to make their own choices.

**Reminders:**

- Regarding Hotfoot Stompers and Federation dues, if you have already paid your dues, Thank You! At the Federation Meeting this past Saturday, a decision was made where the Federation is waiving the 2020/2021 dues for all its members. Since this makes things a little more complicated, look for an email explaining the details from Cathy soon.
- Volunteers PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE sign up for a volunteer position so in the event that we CAN dance again soon, we will be ready! We can always cancel if need be. You can contact us or visit the website for the latest updates.
- We still have 40th Anniversary T-Shirts for sale, \$10 each! By the way, we still plan on having our 40th Anniversary Dance in May (assuming we are dancing again).

All around us we are seeing the signs of frustration, boredom and apathy, but not us, we are square dancers and we dance!

Regards,

*Les Marier & Audrey Cecko*  
Presidents, Hotfoot Stompers

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**Condolences to .....**

**Jocelyn Borgan** on the passing of her father in June.

The family of **Chuck Bowes**, MN SD caller and Navy Veteran, passed away Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>.



**Chuck Bowes (far right) behind Dean at the 2009 Midwinter Magic at Northdale Middle School**

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**Get Well wishes to .....**

**Les Marier's wife, Karen.** Her status can be found on [www.caringbridge.org/search?q=Karen+Marier](http://www.caringbridge.org/search?q=Karen+Marier)

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## From Hotfoot Queen Sharon



I as queen have been continuing to round dance with Rick on my patio a couple days a week and square dancing at a one square dance on Rick's deck Friday nights. We enjoyed dancing with John Bittner calling a few tips on a couple of Fridays.

I am going to miss working in my flower gardens soon, as the frost puts all my flowers to sleep.

I pray that all our Hotfooters are staying safe and will be finding things to do to stay active during this time and hope we will all be together next year.

**Sharon Bahma,**  
Hotfoot Stompers Queen

## Aquatore Park Get Together

Hotfoot Stompers presidents organized an informal meeting on August 31<sup>st</sup> at Aquatore Park in Blaine.



**Bob and Bob do the elbow greet**

A Prize Summer Blossom Award for our district in Brooklyn Park. Since they were not able to square dance this summer they spent their time making their yard beautiful for their neighbors to enjoy.



ABOVE: Nancy and Jerry Knoth, District 3 first prize winners

**Queen Sharon's neighbors Nancy & Jerry Knoth**



**Four strangers- oh wait – it's Carol, Peggy, Queen Sharon and Coni**



**Gloria is smiling – can you tell – we’re getting good at reading one’s eyes now**



**We’re talking Sunshine committee here – you can hide Fran and Jerry but we see you**



**President Audrey, Kelly, Jocelyn and Cheryl**

Photo submitted by Audrey Cecko



**Kerry and Jocelyn resisting the distance**

## Hotfoot Volunteers 2020-21

**President:** Audrey Cecko & Les Marier  
**Vice President:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Treasurer:** Terry Cathers  
**Vice Treasurer:** Margaret Theisen  
**Secretary:** Terri Axelson  
**Past President:** Jerry Steinworth  
**Sunshine Contact:** Jerry Steinworth  
**Queen:** Sharon Bahma  
**Banner Chief:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chatter Editor:** Gary Kemmetmueller-open  
**Historian:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Photographer:** Gary Kemmetmueller-open  
**The ROUNDUP Reporter:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Spotlight Editor:** Michele Kemmetmueller  
**Website Webmaster:** Rachel Katkar  
**Caller Booker:** Jerry & Nancy Knoth  
 -----Committees-----  
**Decorating Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_, Bob Johnson  
 (storage)  
**Door Prizes:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Greeters:** Queen Sharon Bahma, \_\_\_\_\_  
**Lesson Set Up Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Lesson Cleanup Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Marketing Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mystery Bus Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**North Shore Weekend:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Pop Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sign Placer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Social Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Hotfoot Stompers



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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

**Oct 10, 2020 Caller: Noah Siegmann trio MS**

**Canceled**

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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, Rose Valentine, \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 October

**Oct 21** – Monday night lessons – **Canceled** – see  
 presidents' article.

**Oct 28** - 4th Wednesday **Hotfoot Breakfasts:**  
 Women's, 8:30 AM at "Please tell me"; Men's, 9:00  
 AM at Keys, Spring Lake Park – maybe, maybe not :o(



We are on the WEB

[www.HotfootStompers.org](http://www.HotfootStompers.org)