HOTFOOT STOMPERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

The Chatter

Live Lively – Square Dance!

Coon Rapids, MN November 2024 0144

Hotfoot Stompers Presidents

Happy fall everyone!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the first of our fast track blasts on the 21st! We had ten new people show up to try dancing as well as many of our current students. We are so happy with the turnout that night! Hopefully most of them stick around and decide to finish learning with us. If you still have friends that want to check out square dancing, have no fear. We have another fast track blast coming up on November 23rd. That one will be a Saturday so please make sure to pay attention to the time, location, and all the details. Of course, angels are free and greatly appreciated.

Not a lot has happened in the past month, so life update! I (Anna) have been busy cleaning the house and preparing for the holidays. As has been previously mentioned, fall is my absolute FAVORITE time of year and lasts nowhere near long enough. I love decorating the house with red, orange and yellow accents and leaf decor, but with a toddler making a mess of all the floors and knocking things off any surface he can reach (which feels like most surfaces these days), there is a lot of cleaning that needs to happen before I can get to the decorating portion. Add on the fact that I am now 32 weeks pregnant and so moving and energy levels are not the most conducive to timely tidying! At this point fall decor might be more of a next year thing □. I might just have to get to making the house look festive once we get to winter. I do get a couple of breaks though. My husband Eric is learning Advanced (level above PLUS), so on Thursday nights my parents take Julian, and Eric and I are able to attend Advanced lessons and get a little baby break. Granted, still not much of a mental break. Haha!

My (Julie) days have been filled with quite a bit of dancing. Mondays are our Basic lessons. Tuesdays I sometimes help Cambridge Corners with their lessons. Wednesdays I am taking lessons for C3A (5 levels above plus. Trust me when I say it's quite challenging). Thursdays, I have been going to Advance lessons to help with those learning and on the weekends you'll find me at, at least one dance somewhere. My dad (John Bittner) has been calling quite a few dances lately that I have tagged along with as well. Can you tell that I like dancing!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at upcoming dances!

Julie Bittner & Anna Soland

Hotfoot Stompers' Presidents

Hotfoot September Dance

Our Ghosts & Goblins themed dance was called by Brad Nuetz to 11 squares of dancers fom 11 clubs on October 12th at Northdale Middle School with Ken LaBau cueing rounds.

….. and Louie leans into the turn

Jim & Judy McNeil from Brandon, Mississippi
Judy learned to square dance in Saudi Arabia.

B & B Squares retrieved their banner

Don’t Forget to Vote November 5th

Demo Dance at Gracewood

John Bittner called a demo to two squares of dancers at Gracewood Assisted Living in Lino Lakes, MN on Tuesday, October 8, 2024.

We danced a demo there in November, 2023 and they enjoyed it so much that they invited us back again this year.

From Hotfoot Queen Sandy

Queen Sandy & Escort Robert at Chula Vista, WI

For the second year in a row, Robert and I attended the Chula Vista Plus Weekend in Wisconsin Dells called by Bob Asp and Curt Braffet. They make for a phenomenal calling duo.

Bob Asp, Queen Sandy & Curt Braffet

During the 2023 Minnesota State Square Dance Convention in Austin, I was browsing the information table. Among the flyers was one for the square dance weekend at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. I noticed that that start date was our wedding anniversary, October 20, so I picked up a copy. We decided to go, and we had such a great time, that we made a return visit this year. This event is usually held on the third weekend in October. However, Mary Kay Cosmetics had already booked the entire place for that weekend. Therefore, they opted to have the event on the first weekend which was from October 4 to 6, 2024 instead.

Last year, when we arrived at Chula Vista, we found out that their computer system was down. There was a very lengthy line of people waiting to get checked into their rooms. Shortly after we took our place in line, it started to move. It took quite some time to get there, but we eventually made our way to the front desk and were able to get checked in. Thankfully, there was no repeat of that situation this year. Since nobody was waiting, we were immediately able to make our way to the front desk to get our room assignment.

When I made the reservation, I had specifically requested a room on the lowest level possible. Apparently, the memo wasn't passed on as they assigned us to a room on the sixth floor. Since I don't do elevators, for me that meant going up and down 6 floors every time I went to or from the room. I certainly got plenty of exercise going up and down the stairs. Another benefit was the gorgeous view out the window. Saturday morning had a spectacular sunrise!

On Saturday afternoon as we were getting ready to go to dinner, the toilet in our room decided it was going to plug up and slightly overflow. Thankfully, they were able to send somebody up to return it in functional order again.

During the final tip on Sunday, Curt Braffet's granddaughters Esther and Hannah wanted to take part in the fun, so they stood in the middle of our square, and we danced around them. Then they joined us in the big "thank you" circle. It was soooo adorable and cute.

On the way home, Robert decided to take the scenic route. We made a meal stop at the A & W restaurant in Winona, MN. While we were sitting down enjoying our meal, I heard a voice say "Sandy!". I turned to look, and it was a couple from our church who happened to be in town visiting family.

We look forward to attending again in 2025. It would be amazing to have some of our fellow Twin Cities area square dancers join in on the fun. It will be held on October 17-19, 2025.

See y'all in a square soon.

Sandy Morgan

Hotfoot Stompers Queen

Hotfoot Social at MN Arboretum

We had an awesome day at the MN Landscape Arboretum today!! We saw the beautiful flowers, fall colored trees, and gardens. We walked through the sculpture garden and learned about bees and honey. We made it through the maze. We even had a square dance tip in the big red barn! We enjoyed dinner afterward at the Sunshine Factory.

Hotfoot Social Committee (That would be Colette)
10-13-24

Bee-wildered Audrey

Cary got a buzz on

In Memory

Phil Novack 86, died July 19, 2024. Some may remember Dean Libby saying, “turn around, Phil” at lessons. We remember Phil and his late wife Bonnie 73, who died Feb 19, 2019. Phil would help Dean take down his calling equipment and Bonnie would bring roast beef sandwiches or the like to Dean since he came from his work to call SD lessons for Hotfoot.

Daytimers at Mississippi Library

Wayne calling at alternate location due to elections activity at Coon Rapids Civic Center 10-15-24

Queen Sandy wins door

prize from Koronis Nite Owls 10-26-24

Hotfoot Banner Activity

Cambridge Corners lost a banner to Hotfoot 10-4-24

Hotfoot steals a banner from B & B Squares 10-5-24

Hotfoot acquired a banner from Dan’s Pop-up dance with Canada’s caller Don Moger joining Dan calling 10-6-24

Hotfoot steals County Line banner at their 1970s themed dance 10-11-24

Hotfoot Volunteers 2024-25

President: Anna Soland & Julie Bittner
Vice President: Robert Morgan
Treasurer: Renee Hogan
Vice Treasurer: Mary Jensen
Secretary: John Bittner
Past President: Keith & Tammy Lakeman
Sunshine Contact: Keith & Tammy Lakeman
Queen: Sandy Morgan
Banner Chief: John Bittner & Julie Bittner
Chatter Editor: Gary Kemmetmueller
Historian: ___
Photographer: Sandy & Robert Morgan
The ROUNDUP Reporter: Julie Bittner
The ROUNDUP ads & dance listings: Audrey Cecko
Spotlight Editor: _____
Website Webmaster: Rachel Katkar & Cathy Gates
Caller Booker: Les Marier

---------- Committees ----------

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

Hotfoot Stompers

Minnesota Square Dance Club
Coon Rapids, MN
Presidents Anna Soland 763-768-3002 or
Julie Bittner 763-276-8425

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

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 November

Nov 5 – Tuesday **- Hotfoot Daytimers-** MS SD **–** **CANCELED –** Mississippi Library, Fridley, MN

Nov 4, 11, 18 & 25 – Mondays **–MS Lessons**- 7-9:00 PM- **PLUS** lessons 6-7 PM- Northdale Middle School- Dan teaching

Nov 19– Tuesday- **Hotfoot Daytimers** MS SD 9:30 AM – 11:30 – Coon Rapids Civic Center, Wayne Tauer calling

Nov 19 - Tuesday – **Feed My Starving Children** 7:15 PM to 8:45 - 401 93rd Ave NW, Coon Rapids Sign up at lessons

Nov 23 – Saturday – **Basic Catch up Lessons** by Dan - 9 AM to 5 PM Faith Lutheran Church - Coon Rapids

Nov 27 - Wednesday- **Hotfoot Breakfasts**: Women's and Men's, both 8:30 AM at Bakers Square at Riverdale in Coon Rapids across from CUB Foods