



Coon Rapids, MN

The Chatter

November 2025



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Hotfoot Stompers Presidents

It's fall y'all, and the square-dancing season is in full swing. Be sure to check out the Roundup, calendars, emails and social media for upcoming events. The option for dancing is plentiful.

Lessons began on Monday, September 8, and our Fast Track was on Monday, October 6. Then, this past week, several more students joined our class who were invited by club members Mark and Denise Meuer. John Bittner worked to catch them up to where our lessons are currently on. We thank you for your help in growing our group of students.

At our October 11 Pumpkin Fest dance, 13 squares of dancers came out to square up to the calling styles of Bob Asp from Illinois. Cambridge Corners and Dan's P.A.C. earned banners. Hotfoot also held a pumpkin carving contest during the dance. After the votes were tabulated, Don and Lynn Shelton won the prize for the best entry. We delivered the announcements, and then made an early departure from the dance to attend Sandy's high school reunion.

Robert called a tip at the SDM Festival in Saint Cloud on Sunday, October 12. Sandy was planning to do backup on the singing call "Baker Street", but she unfortunately woke up that morning and discovered that she had an unwanted visitor called laryngitis. This was a major bummer for her, but Robert did a great job.

We also had an enjoyable time on our annual trip to the Chula Vista plus weekend in Wisconsin Dells with callers Bob Asp and Curt Braffet which was held from Friday, October 17 to Sunday, October 19. It was so wonderful to see so many first-time attendees there. This was also a trip to celebrate our 18th wedding anniversary, which was on Monday, October 20. Be sure to mark your calendars and join us for our Honor our Veterans dance on Saturday, November 8. Dan Sahlstrom will be at the caller's microphone and joining him on stage as the cuer will be Doug Brodeen doing rounds. See you there in a square.



Robert & Sandy Morgan
Hotfoot Stompers' Presidents

Hotfoot Stompers October Square Dance

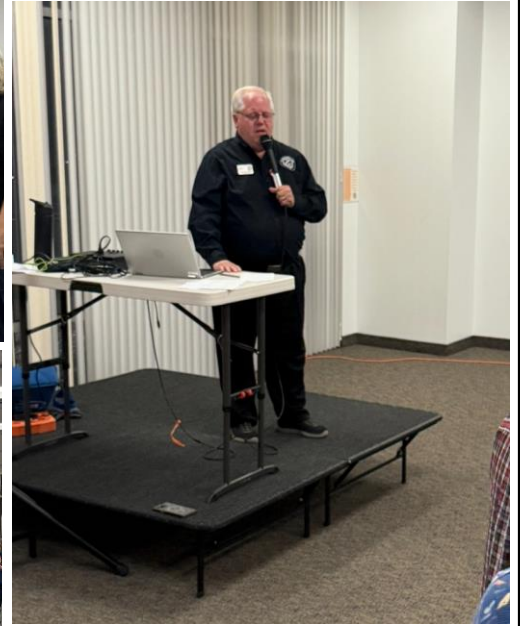
Hotfoot had a fun turn out at our October 11th "Pumpkin Fest" theme dance with Bob Asp calling and Sarah Klaphake cueing to 13 squares from 12 clubs and 103 dancers. Thank you everyone that helped with setup and take down.



Pumpkins carved for the Hotfoot dance



FAST TRACK brings in new students, and a new caller platform is unveiled.



Hotfoot at Cambridge corners for their October dance



Hotfoot at BnB for their October dance

Hotfoot hosted the social event, "Spring Brook Nature Center - Carving Pumpkins."

We all had a great time working together outside to carve around 15 pumpkins which will be used for a Pumpkin Night (fundraiser for the nature center). It was a rainy evening, but we were under a huge picnic shelter, and it added to the atmosphere of being together. Afterwards we all headed over to Panera Bread and visited for another hour or so. Great evening out with friends.

Join us for the next scheduled social events:

- December 2, 2025, Feed My Starving Children
- January 2, 2025, Game Day with board games and card games
- February 3, 2025, Feed My Starving Children



Debbie is proud of her pumpkin



Lee is focused on his pumpkin

Important Info

- On **November 4th** there is a Hotfoot general meeting, it is at Shoreview Library. It is from 5:30pm-8pm
- **November 12th** there is a 50th anniversary meeting. It is from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Please RSVP by emailing Marketing@Hotfootstompers.org
- All Hotfoot lessons this month are at the Northdale middle school (Normal location).
- This month's Dance is **November 8th** Honoring our veterans. If you are a veteran, please feel free to bring in an old picture of yourself for people to see. Plus starts at 7:30pm-8pm, with mainstream starting at 8pm-10pm, with a last tip being a plus one from 10-10:15pm. Dan Sahlstrom as the caller and Doug Brodeen as cuer.
- Daytimers is **November 4th & 18th** from 9:30am-11:30am at the Coon Rapids senior center Wayne Tauer is the caller it cost \$4. This is high level mainstream if you want a little bit of a challenge.

This Month...

November 4th is election day. Another day to mark on your calendar is November 11th which is veteran's day. Make sure you thank your veterans for their service and all that they did for us. We can't forget Thanksgiving on November 27th where everyone gets to stuff their bellies and be thankful for many different things.

Big News

- We are restarting the monthly Hotfoot breakfast everyone is invited to join. It is taking place at the Perkins in Blaine near Main Street on the first Wednesday of the month at 9am. The first meeting is happening November 5th. I can't wait to see everyone and see friendships blossoming.

- Hotfoot is having a T-shirt sale through Rebyl's, it is open until **November 3rd** this is the link to order them online,

<https://myteamsale.com/cart/?sn=Hotfoot%20Stompers>



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Little Bit About...

A little bit about your new chatter editor. My name is **Shylin Eichele**, I graduated from the class 2020 for square dancing. I have been around square dancing since I was 11 years old with my grandparents Roger and Carol Dahl as well as my sister Danielle Rust. I have made so many connections and enjoy getting youth and others into the squares. I graduated from High school in 2022; I am working on getting my bachelor's degree for elementary education and currently working in an elementary school. Some of my favorite hobbies besides square dancing are reading, painting diamonds, and crocheting. I have two dogs at home which usually explains why I have dog hair on me when I come to dances and lessons. This year I am helping the student coordinators and usually anyone else that needs help. I have started making little different puzzles, please feel free to

print them out and work on them. If you have anything you would like to add to the chatter, please let me know. I hope to see you in a square. I hope everyone has a great thanksgiving.

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| Grand Square | Linear Cycle | Load the Boat |
| Ocean Wave | Peel the Top | Promenade |
| Recycle | Relay the Deucey | Right Hand Star |
| Right Left Grand | Roll Away | Scoot Back |
| Shoot the Star | Zoom | |



Shylin Eichele
Chatter Editor

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www.HotfootStompers.org

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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

Nov 8 - Dan Sahlstrom MS, Doug Brodeen rounds-
Potluck-Theme: Honor Our Veterans - *Jerry & Nancy Knoth, __ **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: TBD - Cuer: Sarah Klaphake – Potluck- Ice Cream Social - * __, __, __, __
**Terry Cathers, __