HOTFOOT STOMPERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

The Chatter

Live Lively – Square Dance!

Coon Rapids, MN December 2024 0145

Hotfoot Stompers Presidents

Presidents Anna and Julie and Queen Sandy 11-9-24

Hey everybody!
Wimpy snow is no fun. At least not to me (Anna). Either give it to me thick and fluffy or not at all. None of this instant melt rain/snow business. Yuck.

Thank you to all the angels that helped with the blast on the 23rd. We only had 1 brand new person but several current students from both our club and Friendly Twirlers (all the way over in Balsam Lake, WI) came for some extra fun and floor time. We will be hosting one more blast Friday-Saturday, January 10-11th. Please share those dates with anyone who might want to join in all the fun of square dancing! That will be the last opportunity to pull in new students for the 2025 class.

Thank you also to everyone who not only came and danced with us at our November dance, but brought food for the food drive! We collected about 120 lbs worth of food for the Anoka County Food Shelf.

There are several New Dancer dances coming up here in December that our very own Dan Sahlstrom is calling. These are great since Dan knows what he has taught and can make sure our students will have a fun time. We highly encourage you to go to these dances if you are able to and support not only our students, but the other clubs' students. If you want, you can even ask some of our students to ride with you to encourage them to go!

With the start of new dancer dances, as per usual, we will be having a used clothing sale at our lessons in December. It will be Monday, December 16th, the final lesson night before the Holiday break. If you have any square dance outfits you haven't worn in a long time and would like to get rid of, pull them out and bring them on the 16th! It's a great chance for our students to pick out their first outfits and the rest of us to clean out our closets (and maybe find some new favorites too).

See you in a square!

Julie Bittner & Anna Soland
Hotfoot Stompers' Presidents

Hotfoot September Dance

Our November MS dance themed “Give Thanks” was called by Dan Sahlstrom to 14 squares of dancers from 19 clubs on November 9th at Northdale Middle School with Ken LaBau cueing rounds. They came from even Milwaukee area and Kansas.

…and more

Square Dancing to Dan’s snappy calling

Deidre saves the turkey

Hold that pose, Bill – Tammy is in the pink

VIKING'S

Viking Cafe

Caller Dan gives thanks to our Presidents Anna & Julie for running Hotfoot and to Queen Sandy

From Hotfoot Queen Sandy

Queen Sandy & Escort (husband) Robert Morgan at Monday night Halloween costume lessons 10-28-24

My husband Robert learned how to square dance in August of 2022, and he is already pursuing becoming a caller. Robert and I attended the North Star Caller School in Coon Rapids, MN November 18 to 21. The teachers were Ken Ritucci from Massachusetts, and local callers Barry Johnson and Dan Sahlstrom. There were 13 callers who participated in the event. A majority of them were from the Twin Cities area or Wisconsin. One guy flew here all the way from Texas to take part in the school.

The first day of the Caller School was a long one. For the first session on Monday afternoon, each of the participants had a chance at the microphone to call to a square of dancers comprised of the other callers and their spouses. Some of the participants had their first experience calling with a microphone. For others, it was their first time calling for actual dancers.

During the evening session, they all wrote modules (a sequence of calls) and then tested them out with the dancers. Glitches in some of the modules required a little tweaking, but overall, they did an amazing job. Since it took quite some time to get all 13 callers up to the microphone, so it a was about 10:00pm before things wrapped up for the night.

On day two, they divided the attendees into two groups. Robert and I were in the group that focused on modules with Dan teaching. Area dancers volunteered to come in and help with dancing to assist the callers and teachers with the education process.

For the Tuesday afternoon session, Barry continued discussing modules with our group, and then gave the callers an assignment to write more modules. Then, dancers squared up and gave them a whirl.

Wednesday, both groups worked on singing calls and later practiced teaching a call to which they were assigned prior to the caller school. They had to introduce themselves and pretend they were filling in for the caller who was scheduled to teach that evening.

Thursday, the sessions were focused on preparing for the dance that evening for the participants to practice the techniques they learned during the course of the caller school. Barry Johnson was the MC of the dance.

At the dance on Thursday at Faith United Methodist Church in Saint Anthony, MN, all 13 callers who participated in the school called either a full or partial tip. They all did a phenomenal job. Many dancers came out to support the new callers and had an enjoyable time. During the dance, they held a graduation ceremony and each participant was awarded a certificate.

It was an exhausting, busy, but fun week. Robert and I are excited about his future as a caller.

Sandy Morgan

Hotfoot Stompers Queen

Condolences to ……

The family of Hotfoot past President **Gwen Klaesges** (85) who passed away on November 2nd. Gwen was preceded in death by her husband, past Hotfoot President Jack. Gwen is survived by past Hotfoot granddaughter, Anne Klaesges. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday December 6, 2024 at 11am at The Church of St. Gerard, 9600 Regent Ave N, Brooklyn Park. Visitation one hour prior with luncheon to follow.

The family of **Edith Krause** (91) who passed away on November 20th. Edith was preceded in death by her Hotfoot Stomper husband, Ralph, in 2016. Memorial service for Edith at 11:00 AM Monday 01/13/25 with visitation one hour prior at: www.Washburn-McReavy.com Coon Rapids Chapel.

Caller School Graduates Hotfooters

North Star Caller School graduates 13 11-21-24

Robert Morgan proudly shows his graduate caller certificate after completing the callers' course 11-21-24

Hotfoot Halloween Costume Lessons

Banner Activity

Hotfoot takes banner at Cambridge Corners 11-1-24

Hotfoot takes banner at B&B Squares 11-2-24

What do Hotfooters do when not dancing?

Mark Brouhard as a human log splitter 11-4-24

Hotfoot Social Event at Feed My Starving Children

Tuesday, November 19, Hotfoot's Social Committee planned the evening of packing food for Kenya's starving children. The pictures below shows the results, Students even participated in the fun event.

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
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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: John Bittner

We are on the WEB
www.HotfootStompers.org

Hotfoot Stompers

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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

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, Jerry & Nancy Knoth, __ **__,__

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 December

Dec 2, 9 & 16 – Mondays –**MS Lessons**- 7-9:00 PM- **PLUS** lessons 6-7 PM- Northdale Middle School- Dan teaching – Exception: Dec 9th lessons are at Anoka United Methodist Church, 850 South St., Anoka, MN

Dec 3 & 17– Tuesday- **Hotfoot Daytimers** MS SD 9:30 AM – 11:30 – Coon Rapids Civic Center, Wayne Tauer calling (No dance on Tuesday, Dec 31)

Dec 8 – Sunday **– Hotfoot Social tour** of the **James Hill House** at 12:30 PM -

Dec 18 - Wednesday- **Hotfoot Breakfasts**: Women's and Men's, both 8:30 AM at Bakers Square at Riverdale in Coon Rapids across from CUB Foods

Dec 25 – Wednesday – Have a **Merry Christmas**