HOTFOOT STOMPERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

The Chatter

Live Lively – Square Dance!

Coon Rapids, MN March 2026 158

Hotfoot Stompers President

Hello, fellow square dancers. Winter continues on, and the dancing opportunities are plentiful. Along with our fellow club members, we joined in earning/retrieving banners from B&B Squares, County Line, Cambridge Corners and Jolly Promenaders.

Singmaster's annual Mid-Winter Magic took place on Saturday, January 31 at Faith Lutheran Church in Coon Rapids. The event was well attended. Dancers had a variety of fantastic callers for their dancing pleasure, and the round dancers were led by the great cueing of Doug Brodeen.

Be My Valentine was the theme for our February 14 dance. Bill Van Bergen called a fun dance for the 13 squares from 10 clubs. Sarah Klaphake was amazing at cueing the round dancers. A great number of dancers enjoyed our selfie station.

There was a large turnout at our fast track on February 16 which brought some new students to join in our lessons. It is wonderful that we consistently have an amazing number of students and angels in attendance on Mondays. Another big thank you to those who bring treats and help with setting up. They are also an important part of making our lessons successful.

Another friendly reminder is that the kitchen will be closed at our dances due to no staff, so please have your food items ready to serve (serving spoons, tongs, pies sliced, etc.) and place them directly on the table.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our Luck of the Irish Dance on Saturday, March 10. It would be great to have you join us. Bryan Bush will be sharing his calling talents at the microphone, and Doug Brodeen will delight the round dancers with his cueing of the rounds. See you there in a square.

Robert & Sandy Morgan

Hotfoot Stompers' Presidents

Hotfoot Stompers February Square Dance

Our February dance was on Valentines Day February 14th. There was a lot of fun with Bill Vanburg calling and Sarah Klaphake as our cuer.

Hotfoot at County line

Midwinter Magic

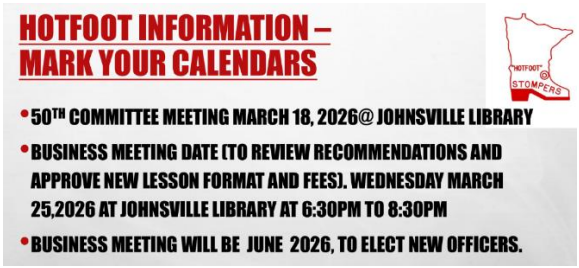
Hotfoot at BnB for their Olympic theme dance Robert won first place in the airplane contest.

North Shore trip

Hotfoot did 144 boxes at feed my starving children.

Important Info

- Daytimers is **March 3rd, 17th, & 31st** from 9:30am – 11:30am at the coon rapids senior center Wayne Tauer is calling and it is $4.
- Saturday, **March 14th** is our March dance themed "Luck of the Irish" Plus starts at 7:30pm – 8 p.m. and Star Tip Plus 10 – 10:15 p.m., MS 8 – 10 p.m. it is at Northdale Middle School being called by Bryan Bush and cuer Doug Brooden.
- On **Monday June 1st, 2026,** at 6pm hotfoot is having their annual banquet that is going till 9:30pm that day. So, make sure to save the date in your calendar you will have more information when the day gets closer.



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

Community Ed Contact: Cathy Gates
Dance Service Coordinator: _____
Student Coordinator: Danielle Rust, Anna Soland & Julie Bittner
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We are on the WEB **www.HotfootStompers.org**

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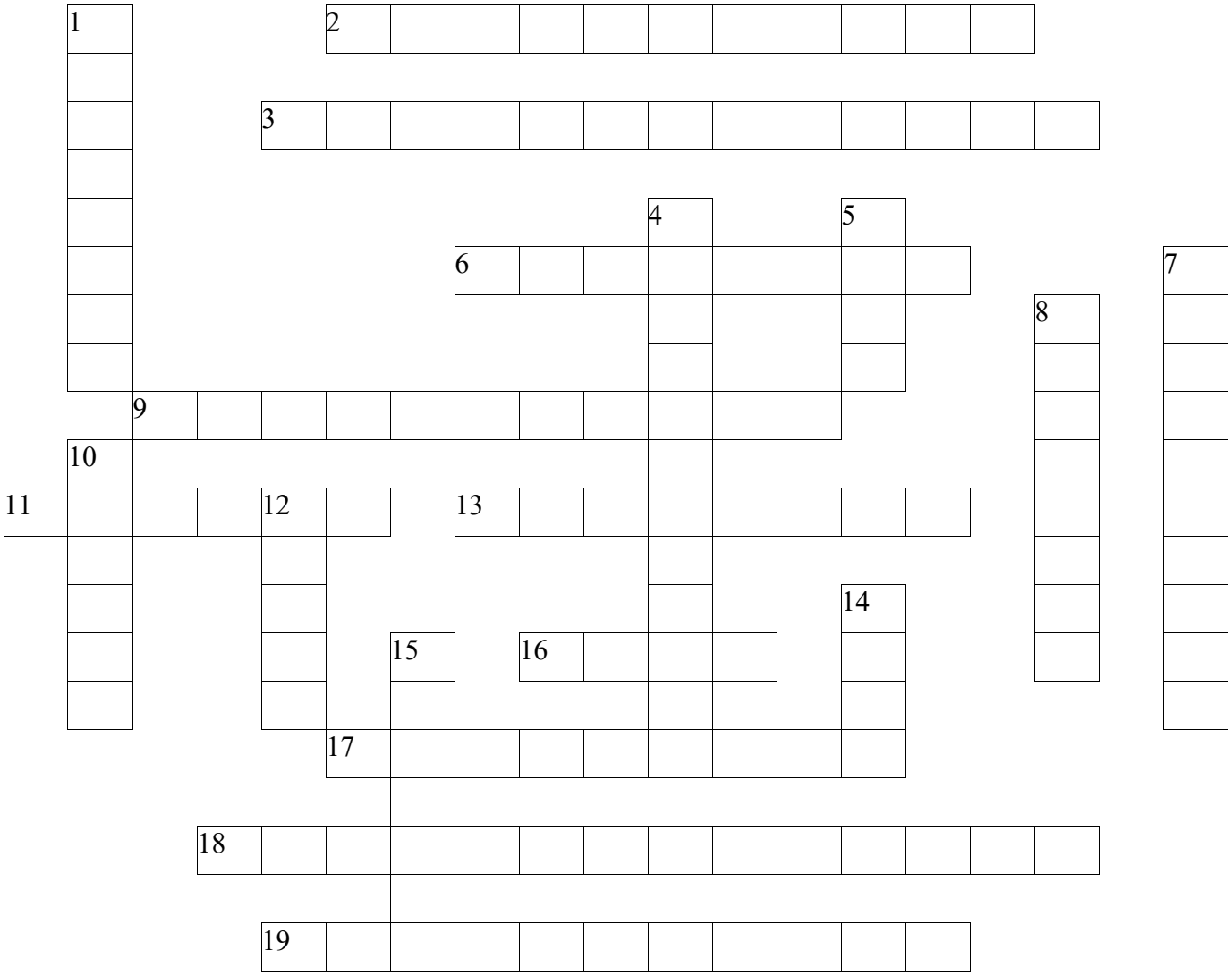
2025-26 Dance Schedule

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

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 3 – Dan Sahlstrom ND – Potluck- *_,_
May 9 - Caller: TBD - Cuer: Sarah Klaphake – Potluck- Ice Cream Social - *__,__,__,__,__
**Terry Cathers, __

Answers to the riddle from Februarys' chatter
Heads feel 25 cents and marmelade (Heads Touch 1/4 And Spread)
Side men about face (Side Men U Turn Back)
What a door swings on (Hinge)
It's a backgammon varient (Acey Deucey)
Tailgate the guy next door and hold the mayo (Follow Your Neighbor)
Stroll and evade (Walk And Dodge)
Crease the shortest distance between 2 points (Bend The Line)
Prepare for a sailing voyage (Load The Boat)
Female deer observes female deer (Do Si Do)
Go like a southerner to a small tsunami (Dixie Style To A Wave)
Awesome jive thru (Grand Swing Thru)
Make a breeze on the Driedel (Fan The Top)
Kareem Abdul Jabar and Robert Parish angrily sprint (Centers Cross Run)
Liberal Jive Thru (Left Swing Thru)
Banana ice cream sundae circulate (Split Circulate)
Lengthen, and a conservative and liberal big piano (Extend, And A Right And Left Grand**)**

Square Dance



Across

2. The directed dancers move forward between two inactive dancers (splitting them). The inactive dancers move apart to let them through and then move back together

3. Left-hand dancer faces corner, grasps corner with a left-forearm grip, walks around corner, and returns to partner

6. The right-hand partner directly across the set

9. Dancers do a light walking step on the ball of the foot, holding the body upright and moving in time with the music

11. Left arm turn with partner until facing corner, right arm turn with corner until facing partner again

13. Dancers move forward, passing right shoulders with each-other and end up back to back

16. Number of couples in a perfect square

17. Couple walks side by side, right hand joined to right hand and left to left in a crossed-arm position. They

Down

1. All eight dancers join hands and circle towards the direction indicated

4. The man takes the ladies left hand in his left and places his right hand in the small of the ladies back. Working as a unit the couple turns around with the man walking backwards and the lady walking forward

5. Dancers step forward and place appropriate hand into the middle of the circle and walk around the circle

7. The two dancers of a couple exchange places while retaining their original facing direction

8. Left-hand dancer turns partner with a right-arm swing, using a forearm grasp

10. Dancers walk forward, pass right shoulders, step to the right and walk backwards passing left shoulders

12. Partners stand right hip to right hip in a social dance position and walk around each other with a slight lean away from each other until home

walk around the square once and return to home position

18. Face partner and join right hands, pull through and grab the next persons left hand and so on until you reach your partner again

19. Dancers join hands with those next to them, walk forward 3 steps, pause, walk backward 3 steps

14. The position that you start from and always return to after a command

15. The other dancer of the couple