



County Line Squares News

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Mid-Summer Magic

Swingmasters 8th Annual Mid-Summer Magic will be held on Friday, August 19, 2016, 6:30-9:00 p.m., casual attire, at Phalen Picnic Pavilion, 1615 Phalen Dr, St Paul, MN. Contact any Swingmasters caller for tickets.

Workshops

We have two workshops scheduled in August. Mondays, August 1 and August 15, 2016, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the Commons Area, Monticello High School, 5225 School Blvd, Monticello, MN.

Dues

Mary and LeRoy Elfmann are collecting the dues this year. County Line Squares – \$3, SDM – \$10 (which includes \$5 for USDA insurance), total – \$13. Cash or make checks payable to County Line Squares. New this year is the requirement to pay your insurance through a SDM organization. Also new is the use of SDM Form 005, Individual Membership Application (copy on the website) which needs to accompany your payment, be sure to complete and sign the form.

Anniversaries

- 13 Kristine and Dale DeWitt
- 16 Terry and Steve Lewis
- 22 Ruth and Rick Lehn
- 27 Jan and Mel Tadych

Demos

Friday, August 5, 2016, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Clearwater Heritage Days, Clearwater Shopping Center, 740 Clearwater Center, Clearwater, MN, Caller – Abe Maier.

Sunday, August 21, 2016, 12:15-2:00 p.m., Nowthen Threshing Show, Threshing Show Pavilion, 7415 Old Viking Blvd NW, Nowthen, MN, Caller – Abe Maier.

Wednesday, August 24, 2016, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Monticello Community Center, Pie Social, 505 Walnut St, Monticello, MN, Caller – Abe Maier.

Saturday, August 27, 2016, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Askov Rutabaga Festival and Fair, Askov Town Picnic Shelter, Brogade and Kobmagergade, Askov, MN, Caller – Abe Maier.

SDM Summer Festival

Square Dance Minnesota celebrated its second anniversary at the Summer Festival which was held July 23, 2016, at the Whitney Center in St Cloud. Congratulations to Jim Egerman who received his “Live Lively” Octogenarian award, Mary and LeRoy Elfmann received their third “Traveler” award, Mavis Johnson and Don Lundell received the second “Most-Active” dancer award with 124 events, Willard Leinonen received the fourth “Most-Active” dancer award with 75 events, and Gerlene and Tony Klingelhoets received the sixth “Most-Active” dancer award with 54 events.

Promenade with Abe!

- 1 County Line Squares, Monticello (Workshop)
- 4 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins
- 5 Clearwater Heritage Days, Clearwater (Demo)
- 11 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins
- 12 Dakota Grand Squares, St Paul
- 15 County Line Squares, Monticello (Workshop)
- 18 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins
- 21 Nowthen Threshing Show, Nowthen (Demo)
- 24 Community Center Pie Social, Monticello (Demo)
- 25 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins
- 27 Rutabaga Festival & Fair, Askov (Demo)

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Banner Raids



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| Aug 3, Wed | Beaux & Belles, St Cloud,
(Larry Johansen) |
| Aug 10, Wed | Spares & Pairs, Bloomington
(Dick Rueter) |
| Aug 12, Fri | Dakota Grand Squares, St Paul
(Abe Maier) |
| Aug 17, Wed | Beaux & Belles, St Cloud,
(Roger McNeil) |
| Aug 24, Wed | ETTA Square & Rounds,
St Cloud (Tom Allen) |
| Aug 31, Wed | Spares & Pairs, Bloomington
(Dick Rueter) |

Plus Class

ETTA Square and Rounds have tentatively scheduled Plus classes, with Caller Tom Allen, for Sunday afternoons, beginning date to be determined. Prerequisite is one year dancing Mainstream. If you are interested, please let Mary or LeRoy Elfmann know.

Square Dance Manners

1. Arrive on time whenever possible.
2. Form a circle or set up square promptly when the music starts or at the caller's request. Bear in mind that one can be prompt without running. A square dance is not the proper place for a 50-yard dash! In fact, such attempts usually turn out to be an obstacle race with dancers as obstacles.
3. Join the nearest square that is forming. If all the nearby squares are filled, hold your hand up high so that the caller can either guide you to a square where you are needed, or get some other couples to join you.
4. It is considered very bad manners to walk thru the middle of one square to get to another. It is equally as bad to bypass a square in need of a couple. Even worse as a breach of etiquette, is to leave a square once you have established your position in that square. If, for any reason, you find it necessary to leave a square just make a quick word of explanation before you take your hasty departure.
5. If time permits, introduce yourself and others within the square. You will not only acquire a reputation for being friendly, but you will also acquire many new and interesting friends.

More Square Dance Manners next month!

Picnic

Fifty-two members and guests enjoyed our annual picnic which was held on Saturday, July 16, 2016, at the Giebenhain Farm. Thanks again to Pat and Richard for letting us use their facilities.

Birthdays

Apologies to Lorraine Wilson for indicating that it was Marlys Wilson's birthday instead of hers on July 21.

- 2 Gael Zachman
- 7 Arlie Manz
- 9 Terry Lewis
- 11 Don Lundell
- 15 Wendy Walker
- 16 Brice DeWitt
- 16 Richard Giebenhain
- 20 Leo Endres
- 27 Lisa Murphy
- 31 Robert Meyer

President's Message

As we start August, I want to thank all the dancers who have been coming to the workshops. Our skills get better every time we get out on the dance floor. Always remember this is supposed to be fun, so smile and have fun.

This month we have a lot of demos: Clearwater, Nowthen, Monticello Pie Social, and Askov. These demos are one of the ways that we get new dancers. And remember you know more than they do when we bring people from the audience onto the dance floor.

Keep your calendars marked for September 19 when our lessons will start again this fall. We need lots of enthusiastic angels to fill in the squares at lessons and bringing a friend is good too.

August is supposed to be hot so thank goodness for air conditioning.

Smile and keep dancing.

Your Presidents.

Doug and Gael Zachman