



County Line Squares News

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President's Message

With winter half over we must admit it has not been too bad this year (except for this week). We can only hope the rest of winter will be milder.

Our continued lessons are bringing us such joy as we watch these students strut their stuff. It is so much fun to go to lessons and dances with this great group of people (angels included)! We usually have around five squares just for lessons. What a great turnout! Thank you to everyone who come to enjoy our fellowship and dance.

I have been so blessed with this year's board and helpers. Big shout out to each and every one of you! Without your help, my job would be a lot more difficult. We have worked together and played together and it has been a very enjoyable year for square dancing with County Line. If any of our other members have a chance to work on the board, I would recommend it to anyone interested. It is really a pleasure to share this experience with truly dedicated people.

Hope to join you in a square soon!

Sandy

Anniversaries

- 19 Diane & Greg Olson
- 26 Mary & LeRoy Elfmann

Caller's Corner

Here it is February and Valentine's Day is upon us. I hope you are planning on giving your favorite person or persons something special. Let's follow St. Valentine's good gesture of giving: and do a random act of kindness on February 14.

And now this is another subject. Several square dancers have asked me what to do when our square breaks down. It's simple. If you are dancing a patter get into lines. Although it is best if one person would say at the time "Let's get into lines." Once in lines facing each other, begin dancing again. If you are in a singing call, take a girl, any girl in your square, back to the guy's home. In either case, there isn't time to vote on who is right or wrong! Just get back into the action and sort it out later. At least you are dancing instead of standing looking at each other.

Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Dancing!

Abe and Carol

Demos

Tuesday, February 19, 2019, 1:00-2:30 p.m.,
Caller Abe Maier, Stoney River Assisted Living
and Memory Care, 14401 Nowthen Blvd NW,
Ramsey, MN 55303 (see attached flier).

Saturday, February 23, 2019, 6:00-7:30 p.m.,
Caller Abe Maier, Nordvik family facilities,
19273 7th St SE, Princeton, MN 55371.

Promenade with Abe!

- 1 Cambridge Corners, Isanti (Dance)
- 2 Dakota Grand Squares, Inver Grove Heights (Dance)
- 4 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 6 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 7 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 8 County Line Squares, Monticello (Dance)
- 9 Hot Foot Stompers, Coon Rapids, (Dance)
- 11 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 13 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 14 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 17 Square & Twirl, St Anthony (Dance)
- 18 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 20 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 21 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 25 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 27 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 28 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 28 Wadena Whirlaways, Wadena (Dance)

SDM Winter Festival

The SDM Winter Festival is scheduled for Saturday, February 2, 2019, at the Whitney Center in St Cloud, MN. SDM Board meeting is from 1:00-2:15 p.m. Mainstream square dance is from 2:30-5:00 p.m., with a short awards program between tips at 4:00 p.m. Potluck during the dance. \$5 admission, with proceeds donated by SDM to the Whitney Center. Emcee is Caller Tom Allen and callers and cuers are invited to call or cue a tip or two. All square dancers are welcome!

Birthdays

- 15 John Ouellette
- 20 Carol Maier
- 25 Marcia Endres
- 28 Al Steinbach
- 28 Carl Vogt

Banner Raids

- Fri, 1 Cambridge Corners (new dancer), Isanti (Abe Maier)
- Sat, 2 Dakota Grand Squares, Inver Grove Heights (Abe Maier)
- Wed, 6 Beaux & Belles, St Cloud (Tom Allen)
- Sat, 9 Hot Foot Stompers (new dancer), Coon Rapids (Abe Maier)
- Sun, 10 Ar-Dale Dancers, White Bear Lake, (Mike Hogan)
- Wed, 13 Spares & Pairs, Bloomington (Larry Fruetel)
- Fri, 15 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Bryan Bush)
- Sun, 17 Square & Twirl, Roseville (Abe Maier)
- Wed, 20 Beaux & Belles, St Cloud (Tom Allen)
- Fri, 22 Gospel Plus, Hopkins (Tom Allen)
- Wed, 27 ETTA Square & Rounds, St Cloud (Tom Allen)
- Thu, 28 Wadena Whirlaways, Wadena (Abe Maier)

Square Dance

County Line Squares next dance will be Friday, February 8, 2019, theme is "Dancing in the Red," caller is Abe Maier, cuer is Jane Simpson. Plus from 7:30-8:00 p.m., New Dancer (Mainstream) from 8:00-10:00 p.m., with potluck finger food during the dance. The dance will be held at Pinewood Elementary School, 1010 W Broadway, Monticello, MN. Hosts and hostesses are Marlys and Larry Wilson, Pat and Richard Giebenhain, Rajah Wilson, and Barbara Hicks.

Alzheimer's Benefit Dance

More than five million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease, and every 65 seconds, someone in America develops Alzheimer's disease. Our fifth Friday dance, March 31, 2019, will be a special Alzheimer's benefit dance. Proceeds from the dance (after expenses) will be donated and we would also like to have gift basket donations for a silent auction.

Here are some ideas for gift baskets:

Garden Supplies – packet of seeds, garden gloves, potting soil.

Movie Night – popcorn, peanuts, pop, DVD

Baking – favorite muffin recipe, dry ingredients, muffin tin, cookbook.

Home Spa – bubble bath, scented soaps, hand/body lotion.

You get the idea. The basket size is up to you. Please include a list of the contents of your basket (smaller items may not show when the basket is assembled and displayed), the theme of your basket and who donated the basket. Also, please include a beginning bid for your basket. Forms will be available beginning in March to fill out to go with your baskets.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mary Elfmann. More details in the March newsletter.

Square Dance Etiquette

Have you ever gone to a square dance and the host club starts sweeping the floor, cleans off tables, and picks up chairs or other seating before the dance is over? You were having a great time enjoying the dance and then all of a sudden you feel like you're no longer welcome!

County Line Squares is known as a friendly club where everyone dances and is welcome. Let's make sure that we keep this reputation by continuing to treat our guests from other clubs as we would treat a guest in our home – because that is what they are, a guest in our square dance home.

Square Dance Conventions

The 67th Minnesota State Square and Round Dance Convention will be held in St Cloud, June 14-16, 2019. And, the 68th National Square Dance Convention will be held in Atlanta, GA, June 26-29, 2019. You can register on-line or registration forms are available if you are interested.