



County Line Squares News

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Word(s) of the Month

If you know everything that is in “Word(s) of the Month” wonderful. However, we have found dancers, who have been dancing for years, do not know everything.

501(c)(3)

County Line Squares is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization exempt from federal income tax. Our mission is to promote and teach square dancing in all its heritage forms (by promoting square dancing and training new people in the activities of square dancing). Contributions (donations) from individuals or companies are tax deductible.

County Line Squares bylaws are on our website – www.countylinesquares.com. Please take time to read and if you don’t have a computer or don’t want to go to the library call the president(s) and they will get a hard copy to you.

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How does it work? We have no building, no office space, nor employees. Volunteers! Our famous volunteers doing the work behind the scenes from home for no pay, just the joy of being a part in seeing square dance continue.

County Line Squares is a member of Square Dance Minnesota (SDM) and obtains its nonprofit status through SDM’s Federal group exemption. Every board member must sign an “Annual Conflict of Interest Certification” (SDM Form 009). Board members certify that they understand that County Line Squares is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities, which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes. County Line Squares also submits an “Annual Report and Financial Certification” and “Annual Financial Statement” to SDM.

County Line Squares is a registered nonprofit corporation with the Minnesota Secretary of State and is required to renew its registration annually. It has an Employer Identification Number (EIN) and is required to submit the appropriate Internal Revenue Service Form 990, “Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax” annually (submitted by SDM if County Line Squares authorizes in its annual certification).

ABC

At an ABC the new dancer will learn dancer naming (partner, corner, heads, sides, and couples numbering) and 11 common calls. At each dance the caller will introduce four to six additional calls.

Basic/Mainstream

There are 51 Basic calls in square dancing and 17 Mainstream calls. After learning the Basic calls a dancer is welcome to attend a new dancer (ND) dance. County Line Squares has its first ND dance on December 31 – New Year’s Eve.

Plus

After you become proficient at the Basic/Mainstream level there are another 30 Plus calls. Most dancers and callers say to wait a year before signing up for a Plus class. Some dances have a half hour Plus before the Mainstream dance so you can see what it is like.

A1, A2, C1, and C2

Each one of these is a higher level of dance. Most dancers do not go above Plus. However, after dancing a few years you can sign up for classes if you wish.

Round Dance

Round dance is choreographed and cued ballroom dance that progresses in a circular counter-clockwise pattern around the dance floor. County Line Squares usually has round dances between tips at its dances. Lessons are available to learn round dancing.

Picnic

County Line Squares annual summer picnic will be held at the Giebenhain Farm on Saturday, July 20. This is potluck. Plan to arrive at noon and we will eat at 12:30 p.m. There will be some planned activities. Details to follow in the July newsletter.

Square Dance Conventions

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

President's Message

Did you know Sandy Pearson started dancing in 1989? She has been president of several square dance organizations; she was secretary for the Tractor Square Dance organization. We have enjoyed getting to know Sandy with her time on the board. Thank you, Sandy for being president of County Line Squares.

County Line Squares has a board of officers and every member has a voice in this organization. We (Mavis and Don) will continue to ask board members for their "voice" as well as asking all County Line Squares members to express their "voice."

Summer is on the way and that means fun workshops and demos. These are fun and the best way to keep up your square dancing skills. Square dancing is great for the brain, physical exercise, and forming friendships. Demos get added to the schedule during the summer, so be sure to periodically check the website for new information. We talk to new people to join our lessons starting on September 9, 2019.

Mavis and Don
Presidents

Wow this is Fun

You will be in a square, all the calls go well, the music flows at a comfortable speed and keeps moving. You will say to yourself, "Wow this is fun." When will this happen? It is all up to you – the more you dance the sooner it will happen.

Birthdays

10 Rita Sigafus
13 Helen Leinonen
13 Larry Wilson
19 Carmen Fesenmaier

Caller's Corner

Hi, Everybody:

Did you have a good Memorial Day week-end indoors?

Workshops are finished now at the Monticello Middle School. For the summer months we'll be having them at the Sr. High School which is right off School Blvd. starting June 3. If you haven't been there before, entrance is through the west or east main doors. And remember, we'll be teaching PLUS part of the evening at each session.

Thanks to all who participate, and who keep the group going on a positive note. Remember, it takes team work to succeed (not just the work of a few.)

We have a question for you. What job requires more decisions to be made in a shorter period of time than any other job in the world? Let us know.

God Bless You.

Abe and Carol

Banner Raids

- Wed, 5 Beaux & Belles, St Cloud
(Denise Heinz)
- Fri, 7 Rays Promenaders, Brainerd
(Tom Allen)
- Wed, 12 Spares & Pairs, Bloomington
(Dick Rueter)
- Wed, 19 Beaux & Belles, St. Cloud
(Tom Allen)
- Fri, 21 Westonka Whirlers, Mound
(Dick Rueter)
- Wed, 26 ETTA Square & Rounds, St Cloud
(Tom Allen)

Promenade with Abe!

- 3 County Line Squares, Monticello
(Workshop)
- 6 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 13 County Line Squares, Buffalo (Demos)
- 13 Convention Trails End Dance, St Cloud
- 14 MN Square Dance Convention, St Cloud
- 15 MN Square Dance Convention, St Cloud
- 16 MN Square Dance Convention, St Cloud
- 17 County Line Squares, Monticello
(Workshop)
- 20 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 27 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)

Hosts and Hostesses

County Line Squares resumes its monthly dance schedule in September. At our summer workshops, there will be a sign-up sheet available for choosing a dance where you can help with the hosting. Sign up early and get a date that works best for you.

Demos

Thursday, June 13, 2019, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.,
Caller Abe Maier, Lake Ridge Care Center, 310
Lake Blvd S, Buffalo, MN 55313.

Thursday, June 13, 2019, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.,
Caller Abe Maier, Buffalo Days, Sturgis Park
(in front of the Band shell), 2nd Ave S, Buffalo,
MN 55313.

Workshops

Basic/Mainstream workshops are Monday June 3 and 17, 2019, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Commons Area, Monticello High School, 5225 School Blvd, Monticello, MN.

May Square Dance

The County Line Squares “*Sports Night/King’s Club Recognition*” dance was held on May 10, 2019, with Caller Abe Maier and Cuer Sarah Klaphake, Guest Caller Tom Allen. Nine squares with dancers from Ar-Dale Dancers, Beaux & Belles, County Line Squares, Dakota Grand Squares, Hot Foot Stompers, Jolly Twirlers, Koronis Nite Owls, Spares & Pairs, and Westonka Whirlers enjoyed the evening. Ar-Dale Dancers, Beaux & Belles, and Dakota Grand Squares retrieved their banners.



Queen Carmen Fesenmaier and King David Wilde with former Queen Gael and King Doug Zachman



King’s Club awardees included
Doug Zachman – second most active
Barry Downs (Spares & Pairs) – most active
and Jim Egerman – third most active

Anniversaries

- 1 Leo and Marcia Endres
- 6 Arlie and Joan Manz
- 13 Abe and Carol Maier
- 22 Bob and Deborah Meyer
- 27 Carl and Sally Vogt
- 29 Arlan and Vi Schlagel

SDM Spring Festival

The SDM Spring Festival was held Saturday, May 4, 2019, at the Whitney Center in St Cloud, MN. Awards were presented for the following programs:

“Live Lively” – to recognize chronologically enriched dancers who remain active within their organization.

“Traveler” – to recognize those that travel to other organization events.

- 4 different organizations located 50 miles or less (one way)
- 4 different organizations located 51 to 100 miles (one way)
- 4 different organizations located 101 to 150 miles (one way)
- 4 different organizations located 151 miles or more (one way)

“Most-Active Dancer” – to recognize those that participate in the most events for six-month periods ending June 30 and December 31.

“New-Dancer Graduate” – to recognize recent graduates and to encourage them to improve their dance skills by dancing with SDM and its associate organizations.

- Level I – Four organization dances
- Level II – Eight organization dances
- Level III – Twelve organization dances
- Level IV – Remaining organization dances

County Line Squares members receiving awards
 (presented by SDM Chair Linda Brotherton)
 were:



Barbara Hicks – “Live Lively
 Octogenarian”



Lorraine Wilson – “Fourth Most-Active
 Dancer, July-December 2018”
 Presented by SDM Treasurer
 Gael Zachman



Mary Elfmann – “Live Lively
 Septuagenarian”



Brad and Michelle Neutz –
 “New-Dancer Graduate – Level I”
 Presented by SDM Treasurer
 Gael Zachman



Gael Zachman – “Live Lively
 Septuagenarian”



LeRoy and Mary Elfmann –
 “Traveler Ninth Award”