



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.

Insurance

County Line Squares obtains General Liability and Accident Medical Expense coverage while conducting and sponsoring its dance activities. The General Liability insurance protects the organization and its members and officials from financial loss due to unforeseen incidents which may develop into litigation against members and the organization. The Accident Medical Expense insurance (is secondary to your own insurance coverage) helps protect members from financial loss due to a covered accidental bodily injury.

Individuals are required to obtain insurance by paying a \$5.00 premium (as part of their membership dues) for the insurance year January 1 through December 31. All members must have insurance for County Line Squares to have general liability insurance.

Beginners in a County Line Squares sponsored class will automatically be covered while attending classes. Insurance coverage ceases after graduation from class unless the class member joins an insured organization and pays the insurance premium.

Etiquette of Square Dancing

Below are some etiquette tips for square dancing:

- Never leave a square early.
- Do not cut through a square to get to another square.
- Always say “thank you” before you leave your square.
- A lighter hand touch for hand holds is preferable.
- Personal cleanliness is important.
- Thank the caller and/or cuer before you leave the dance.
- Refrain from talking once the tip starts.
- When the music starts, get on the floor.
- Be on time and don’t leave early.
- Always introduce yourself and your partner to others in the square.

Positive Self-Talk

Some days you have to be your own best friend. There are days some people talk before they speak and things come out wrong (not intending to) and hurt your feelings. That is why God gave us two ears and one mouth. So, when you make a wrong turn do positive self-talk: I have done the lessons, I can dance, I deserve to be at the dance, and every dancer started with the first call and all have made a mistake.

Anniversaries

There are no County Line Squares anniversaries this month.

President's Message

We have two workshops in August: the 12th and the 26th. There are also other dances this month. Keep dancing!

Our first dance is September 13, 2019 at 7:30 p.m., at Pinewood Elementary School. Abe Maier will be calling and Jane Simpson will be cuing rounds. The theme is "Back to School." County Line Squares will be accepting school supplies or cash donations at this dance.

How do dancers choose which dance to go to: is it location; is it the caller; is it the time of the dance; is it the day of the week; or is it how friendly the club is? We like to say County Line Squares is the friendliest club and has the best callers. We have one or more greeters as guests come in – our queen and/or king, plus the hosts/hostesses for the dance are greeters and if needed other members step in without being asked; and, at the end of the dance we have one or more members thanking our guests for coming to the dance. This all means a lot to our visitors.

We try to greet as many people as possible at every dance. More on this next month.

Mavis and Don
Presidents

Dues

Mary Elfmann is collecting the dues for calendar year 2020. County Line Squares – \$3, SDM – \$10 (which includes \$5 for USDA insurance), total – \$13. Cash or make checks payable to County Line Squares. SDM Form 005, Membership Application, needs to accompany your payment. Be sure to complete and sign the form.

Caller's Corner

Hi, Everybody:

Summer is flying by, but we still have the month of August to enjoy the weather, and square dancing at several outdoor demos. Did you take some beginner class flyers and put them out at your favorite business yet? Remember: September 9th is the big day. It will be here before we know it!

Speaking of flyers, Marlys Wilson designs most of our flyers. Make sure and thank her whenever you have a chance. I am sure you will agree with us, she does a wonderful job.

Our workshops this summer have been well attended. We are happy to see the interest of sharpening your square dance skills, and enjoying the friendship there.

Let's keep square dancing alive!

Abe and Carol

Picnic

County Line Squares annual summer picnic was held at the Giebenhain Farm on Saturday, July 20, 2019. Twenty-seven members and guests (from Single Circles) enjoyed the potluck meal and danced in the adjacent shed.

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

Friday, August 2, 2019, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Caller Abe Maier, Heritage Days, Driftwood Golf, 1100 Main St, Clearwater, MN.

Saturday, August 3, 2019, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Caller Abe Maier, Lund Party (Former Block Party), 11130 Clementa Ave NW, Monticello, MN (close to Lake Maria State Park).

Friday, August 16, 2019, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Caller Abe Maier, Nordvik Party, Faith Christian School, 11818 160th Ave, Foreston, MN.

Sunday, August 18, 2019, 12:15-1:00 p.m., Caller Abe Maier, Nowthen Threshing Show Pavilion, 7415 Old Viking Blvd NW, Nowthen, MN.

Wednesday, August 21, 2019, 2:30-4:00 p.m., Caller Abe Maier, Pie Social Fund Raiser, Monticello Community Center, 505 Walnut St, Monticello, MN.

Saturday, August 24, 2019, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Caller Abe Maier, Rutabaga Festival and Fair, Askov Town Picnic Shelter, Brogade & Kobmagergade, Askov, MN.

Birthdays

- 2 Gael Zachman
- 7 Steve Loch
- 7 Arlie Manz
- 10 Sandee Blanchet
- 10 Larry Sampson
- 11 Don Lundell
- 15 Wendy Walker
- 16 Richard Giebenhain
- 20 Leo Endres
- 27 Lisa Murphy
- 31 Robert Meyer

Promenade with Abe!

- 1 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 2 Heritage Days, Clearwater (Demo)
- 3 Lund Block Party, Monticello (Demo)
- 8 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 12 County Line Squares, Monticello (Workshop)
- 15 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 16 Nordvik Party, Faith Christian Church, Foreston (Demo)
- 18 Threshing Show, Nowthen (Demo)
- 21 Community Center, Monticello (Demo)
- 22 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 24 Rutabaga Festival, Askov (Demo)
- 26 County Line Squares, Monticello (Workshop)
- 29 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)

Banner Raids

- Wed, 7 Beaux & Belles, St. Cloud (Roger McNeil)
- Sun, 11 Koronis Nite Owls, Paynesville (Dean Dederman)
- Wed, 14 Spares & Pairs, Bloomington (To be announced)
- Wed, 21 Beaux & Belles, St Cloud (Tom Allen)
- Wed, 28 ETTA Square & Rounds, St Cloud (Tom Allen)

SDM August Events

SDM is hosting a number of events in August at the Maple Lake High School North Gymnasium, Door H, 200 Highway 55 E, Maple Lake, MN. From Highway 55, take Co Rd 8/37 North, turn right on Co Rd 37, take first right at Bethlehem United Church of Christ, Door H is the first door on the right. All new dancers are welcome and angels are needed. More information at www.squaredancemn.com.

Thursday, Aug 8 – ABC
 Saturday, Aug 10 – Basic Blast
 Saturday, Aug 17 – Basic Workshop/Dance
 Thursday, Aug 22 – Basic Workshop/Dance
 Saturday, Aug 24 – Mainstream Blast
 Thursday, Aug 29 – Mainstream Workshop/Dance

SDM Summer Festival

The SDM Summer Festival square and round dance, annual membership meeting, and awards presentation was held on July 28, 2019, at the Whitney Center in St Cloud, MN. SDM celebrated its fifth anniversary. Board members for the next year are: Chair – Barry Downs, Vice Chair – LeRoy Elfmann, Treasurer – Gael Zachman, Secretary – Linda Carlson, and Education Director – Terry Orton. Staff officers are: Historian – Al Martin, Marketing Director – Dee Scott, and Membership Director – Mary Kay Amberg. Awards were presented for the following programs:

“Traveler” – to recognize those that travel to other organization events as follows:

- 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.

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



Gael and Doug (not present) Zachman – “Traveler Seventh Award”



Willard Leinonen – “Sixth Most-Active Dancer”



Mavis Johnson – “Second Most-Active Dancer”



Don Lundell – “Most-Active Dancer”