



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.

County Line Squares

We have a website – countylinesquares.com. If you are looking for information on what calls were introduced or reviewed at our lessons on Monday nights, go to the website and click on “Learn to Dance.” Usually you will see the class date, number of squares, number of new dancers, followed by the calls covered.

There are also links for two websites where you can see demonstrations of the calls. The website is updated every week, so you if miss a class you can still review what was included during the class.

Coming into a New Group

Think of different groups you have been associated with or of moving to a new neighborhood. At first, it is natural to feel like an outsider. County Line Squares has existed for 43 years, but most of the members have only been part of the organization for a few years.

A good way to introduce yourself to new dancers is to ask how they became interested in square dancing, tell them how long you have been dancing, and what you enjoy most about square dancing. Try to make everyone feel welcome, especially our new dancers and guests.

Don't Hold Up the Back Wall!

You came to dance, so if you want to dance get up, walk to the dance floor, and look for a partner. Better yet, ask someone to dance before the music starts. This isn't just for the men. Ladies – there is nothing wrong with you asking a man to dance. If the person you asked is not available, “book” them for another tip, and ask someone else. If you think your dancing is not the best, the only way to improve is get out and dance.

Snow or Storms

If it snows and the school is closed, we will not have class or a dance. We notify everyone via e-mail or phone (check your voicemail) as soon as possible.

Demos

Friday, October 18, 2019, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Caller Abe Maier, Park Terrace Assisted Living (Chapel), 613 Montrose Blvd, Buffalo, MN 55313.

Saturday, October 26, 2019, 6:15-8:00 p.m., Caller Abe Maier, Youth With A Mission, 8150 20th St SE, Buffalo, MN 55313. (Eat – 6:15 p.m., Dance – 7:00 p.m.)

Anniversaries

7 – Pat and Richard Giebenhain
8 – Char and Bill VanBergen
20 – Wendy and Sid Walker
28 – Pam and John Ouellette

President's Message

Don and I would like to thank all the dancers who came to our September dance. The theme was "Back to School," and we collected two boxes of school supplies and \$45.00. Carol Maier delivered the supplies to Pinewood Elementary School (where we dance). The school was most appreciative of the supplies as some of the students did not have supplies to begin the new school year. We had 10 squares from 11 organizations at this dance.

Another thank you goes to members who volunteer to host each dance, those members who bring food, and those members who help with set up and take down.

Each month when the dance listing comes out, I get out my calendar and mark all the dances I think I would want to attend. I can then plan my day or week with square dancing and other activities I am interested in. I don't want to miss anything that I really want to do.

Mavis and Don
Presidents

Hosts and Hostesses

There are still a few vacant spaces that need hosts and hostesses. Please look at the sheet and sign up where hosts and hostesses are needed. Sign up now and get a date that works for you.

Birthdays

14	Michelle Neutz
17	Paul Sigafus
24	Dave Pearson
29	Sandy Pearson
30	Jennifer Hartmann

Caller's Corner

We hope our club members (angels) are enjoying themselves on Monday nights by meeting the new dancers and excited about welcoming them into our beloved activity. County Line Squares have the best angels in the state, but we'd still like to remind them of a few guidelines:

1. Be a good listener.
2. You're never through learning.
3. Be on TIME for class and dances.
4. Be courteous.
5. Do your share in making the square go smoothly.
6. Personal cleanliness is important.
7. Applaud after each tip before the (circle) Thank You.
8. Have fun and don't forget to smile!

Abe and Carol

More Floor Time

Beaux and Belles in St. Cloud held a Basic Blast on September 28, 2019. Many County Line Squares members were there to help the new dancers as angels. If you would like to get more floor time, there are more opportunities to angel at the following events, which will be held at the Whitney Center, 1527 Northway Dr, St. Cloud, MN:

Thursday, October 3, 2019, 7:00-9:00 p.m. –
Basic follow-up workshop

Saturday, October 12, 2019, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00
p.m. – Mainstream Blast

Thursday, October 17, 2019, 7:00-9:00 p.m. –
Mainstream follow-up workshop

Promenade with Abe!

- 2 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 3 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 4 Rays Promenaders, Brainerd (Dance)
- 7 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 9 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 10 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 11 County Line Squares, Monticello (Dance)
- 14 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 16 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 17 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 18 Park Terrace Assisted Living, Buffalo (Demo)
- 18 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Dance)
- 19 Jolly Promenaders, Forest Lake (Dance)
- 21 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 23 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 24 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 26 Youth With A Mission, Buffalo (Demo)
- 27 Pairs & Squares, Battle Lake (Dance)
- 28 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 30 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 31 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)

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.

September Square Dance

The County Line Squares “Back to School” dance was held on September 13, 2019, with Caller Abe Maier and Cuer Jane Simpson. Ten squares with dancers from Ar-Dale Dancers, Beaux & Belles, Cambridge Corners, County

Line Squares, Dakota Grand Squares, Hot Foot Stompers, Jolly Promenades, Koronis Nite Owls, Single Circles, South Metro Stars, Spares & Pairs, Triple T, and Westonka Whirlers were present.



Square Dancing.



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Dakota Grand Squares claimed a County Line Squares banner.



Spares & Pairs retrieved their banner.

Square Dance

County Line Squares has a dance on Friday, October 11, 2019, theme is "Harvest Time," caller is Abe Maier, cuer is Tom Feneis. Plus from 7:30-8:00 p.m., Mainstream dance from 8:00-10:00 p.m., Rounds between tips, with potluck during the dance. Hosts and hostesses are Barb and Bill Gulbrandson, Nan and Dan Blomgren, and Tammy and Craig Blomgren.

Fall Membership Meeting

County Line Squares Fall membership meeting will be held on Monday, October 21, starting at 8:15 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

Attached are the draft minutes from our spring meeting. Please read for content and any corrections that need to be made. Also attached is the proposed agenda for the meeting. Hope to see you all at the meeting.

Banner Raids and Dances

- Wed, 2 Beaux & Belles, St. Cloud
(Larry Fruetel)
- Fri, 4 Rays Promenaders, Brainerd
(Abe Maier)
- Sat, 5 Dakota Grand Squares, Inver Grove
Heights (Dan Sahlstrom)
- Wed, 9 Spares & Pairs, Bloomington
(Larry Fruetel)
- Sat, 12 Koronis Nite Owls, Paynesville
(Charley Huhtala)
- Wed, 16 Beaux & Belles, St Cloud
(Tom Allen)
- Fri, 18 Single Circles, Maple Grove
(Abe Maier)
- Sat, 19 Jolly Promenaders, Forest Lake
(Abe Maier)
- Sun, 20 Rockin' Country Dancers, West
Union (Larry Johansen)
- Wed, 23 ETTA Square & Rounds, St Cloud
(Tom Allen)
- Fri, 25 Gospel Plus, Hopkins
(Tom Allen)
- Sun, 27 Pairs & Squares, Battle Lake
(Abe Maier)