



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.

CALLERLAB

Please read the Caller’s Corner for an explanation of CALLERLAB.

Yellow Rock

Dancers know what “yellow rock” means, but sometimes we forget to explain the meaning to new dancers. One student came to the end of the lessons and said “What is a yellow rock”? Oh, it is a hug or greeting. I couldn’t believe we had left the words out of the lessons.

Christmas Party

Our Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday, December 7 at the Giebenhain Farm. We will gather at noon, and have a pot luck lunch at 12:30 p.m. Paul and Rita Sigafus are heading the committee for this event, with help from Steve and Helen Leinonen, Maria Carter, John and Pam Ouellette, and Tony Klingelhoets.

Sunshine

Lu Treague (luwellynt@yahoo.com, 763-218-6064) is our new Sunshine person. Please let her know if County Line Squares members need cards. And, a huge thank you to Mavis Johnson who did this job for several years.

Graduation

Graduation for our current class is scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2020. Paul and Rita Sigafus, as First Vice Presidents, are in charge of graduation.

Classes

New classes will begin on Monday, January 13, 2020 (first class is free, \$4.00 a person each evening). Learn square dancing with professional square dance caller Abe Maier. Get your friends and those that aren’t friends (yet) to join us at the Monticello Middle School (East Entrance, Door 20), 800 E Broadway St, Monticello, MN, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Square Dance

County Line Squares has a dance on Friday, November 8, 2019, theme is “Red, White & Blue,” caller is Roger McNeil, cuer is Bernadette McNeil. Veterans free. 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 Sandy and Dave Pearson, Kalina, Keanna, and Tiffany Scott, Mavis Johnson, Don Lundell, Barb Hicks, and Lora and Steve Loch.

There is no dance scheduled for November 29, 2019 (fifth Friday) due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Anniversaries

No anniversaries this month.

President's Message

Thank you to the more than seven squares of dancers that attended our October 11 dance. This night was cooler and there was some snow to the west; however, we were lucky to have only rain. Thank you to the hosts and hostesses for this dance. And, a big thank you to all the people who bring food, and who help with set-up and take down.

Depending on the size of the dance floor, chairs may be along the side walls. Later, tables can be set up for lunch. At County Line Squares we have room for tables and chairs to be set up at the back of the gym. The caller and cuer have a stage to use; this gives them sight to the whole dance floor. Some dancers go to the same area on the dance floor. I prefer to dance from different areas on the dance floor. Why? You get to dance with different people.

Our next dance is November 8 with Roger McNeil calling and Bernadette cueing. The theme for this dance is Red, White and Blue. All veterans attending this dance get in free.

Lot of dances listed in this newsletter. Hope to see you in many squares. November 2 is the Square Dance Minnesota, Inc. (SDM) board meeting at 1:00 p.m., at the Whitney Center in St. Cloud. We encourage all dancers to learn about our state organization, followed by a dance at 2:30 p.m. All tips are mainstream, with rounds between tips. Tom Allen and other callers and cuers alternate so it is a good way to experience callers and cuers you may not have danced to before.

Yellow Rocks to all!

Mavis and Don
Presidents

Caller's Corner

CALLERLAB is the International Association of Square Dance Callers. Abe Maier and most of the callers you know are members of this organization. The main office of this organization is located in Topeka, Kansas. All work to keep square dance thriving. CALLERLAB has a Board of Governors that meet annually at the CALLERLAB convention where all members and their partners can attend, including callers from other countries. At this convention, they have standardized the program list, which allows a square dancer to travel anywhere in the world and dance the same calls he/she learned at home. Before CALLERLAB that was not possible. The managing of the list is done by CALLERLAB members and continues to this date. CALLERLAB is a 501(c)(3) organization, it provides scholarships for new callers, there is insurance available for all callers in the U.S. Also BMI/ASCAP allows the licensing of each caller to play music through CALLERLAB.

One thing to remember: do not get CALLERLAB confused with Swingmasters. Swingmasters is a caller's organization in the Twin Cities area only. Abe is also a member of this group. Not all Minnesota square dance callers are members of Swingmasters.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving – and Happy Dancing.

Abe and Carol

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.

Promenade with Abe!

- 4 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 6 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 7 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 11 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 13 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 14 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 18 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 20 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 21 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 23 Faith Christian School, Foreston (Demo)
- 25 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 27 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)

Dues

If you have not paid your calendar year 2020 dues, please see Mary Elfmann. 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.

Birthdays

- 10 Nancy Blomgren
- 25 Gary Pfeifer
- 25 Bill VanBergen

Plus Blast

Square Dance Minnesota is sponsoring a Plus Blast on Saturday, December 28, 2019, at the Grandview Middle School cafeteria, 1881 Commerce Blvd, Mound, MN. Instructor is professional caller Dick Rueter. Pre-requisite is a solid knowledge of Basic and Mainstream calls. Blast starts at 10:00 a.m., potluck lunch at 1:00 p.m., instruction resumes approximately 1:30 p.m. until all calls are finished.

Demo

Saturday, November 23, 2019, 6:00-8:00 p.m.,
Caller Abe Maier, Nordvik, Faith Christian
School, 11818 160th Ave, Foreston, MN.

SDM Fall Festival

The SDM Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, November 2, 2019, at the Whitney Center in St Cloud, MN. Board meeting 1:00-2:15 pm; square dancing and rounds between tips 2:30-5:00 pm; and awards presentation @ 4:00 pm (between tips), 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!

Banner Raids and Dances

- Fri, 1 South Metro Stars, Burnsville
(Tom Allen)
- Wed, 6 Beaux & Belles, St. Cloud
(Tom Allen)
- Sat, 9 Triple T, St Paul
(Bob Maiden)
- Sun, 10 Ar-Dale Dancers, White Bear Lake
(Lanny Weaklend)
- Wed, 13 ETTA Square & Rounds, St Cloud
(Tom Allen)
- Sat, 16 Westonka Whirlers, Mound
(Larry Fruetel)
- Wed, 20 Beaux & Belles, St Cloud
(Larry Johansen)
- Fri, 22 Gospel Plus, Hopkins
(Tom Allen)

September Square Dance

The County Line Squares “*Harvest Time*” dance was held on October 11, 2019, with Caller Abe Maier and Cuer Tom Feneis. Seven squares with dancers from Ar-Dale Dancers, Cambridge Corners, County Line Squares, Hot Foot Stompers, Koronis Nite Owls, Single Circles, Spares & Pairs, Triple T, and Westonka Whirlers were in attendance.



Spares & Pairs retrieved their banner.



Triple T claimed a County Line Squares banner.



King's Club.