



# County Line Squares News

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## President's Message

Thank you to the hosts and hostesses at our dances. February 14 was cold; however, this is Minnesota and the cold weather does not keep us from dancing and having fun. There were 6 squares from 9 clubs at this dance.

A big thank you to all the dancers who ask our new dancers to dance and help in their squares. We are all here to have fun. Every dancer has made a wrong turn. Our next dance is Friday, March 16. This is a new dancer dance. The theme is green.

Monday, March 16 is our spring general membership meeting. We will have lessons for an hour; then set up and our meeting will begin at 8:15. All students are invited to stay and observe. We will be looking for a 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, a new king and/or queen, and a new historian. There will be a container at lessons for submitting nominations. If you cannot attend lessons, but would like to nominate someone, you can send your nominations to [clsquares@aol.com](mailto:clsquares@aol.com). All members are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Yellow rocks to all!

Mavis and Don  
Presidents

## Classes

Classes at the Monticello Middle School (east entrance, Door 20), 800 E Broadway St, Monticello, MN, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2020.

## Caller's Corner

Greetings!!

Recently, we taught the call, Do Paso to our class. There has been a lot of talk over the years that we don't need certain calls. That is, a lot of calls can be called "directionally" without actually giving the call name. Quite often, we simply say do a Do Paso, turn the partner by the left, your corner by the right and partner by the left to the center. Do Paso has a lot of history. It was written to honor a caller living in El Paso thus the name Do Paso. (The Texas callers feel strongly in favor of keeping it.) I use it quite frequently. However, if I just say do a Do Paso and don't follow up with prompting or directionally calling, a lot of dancers just stand there waiting for the follow-up prompting or directional calling. That is our summary of that call.

Keep dancing!!

Abe & Carol

## Bi-annual Meeting

County Line Squares bi-annual membership meeting will be held on March 16, 2020, 8:15 p.m., Monticello Middle School. A copy of the agenda and the minutes from the October 21, 2019 bi-annual meeting are attached (please review before the meeting). Agenda items include election of second vice president, selection of royalty (queen and/or king), selection of historian, and summer picnic. You can volunteer yourself or nominate someone to serve in these positions:

## Second Vice President

- Serves as first vice president and president in their absence.
- Schedules callers and/or cuers for the year of presidency (two years ahead).
- Assists in annual membership drive.

## Royalty

- The queen/king is the organization's "Good Will Ambassador(s)" at all dances – our dances and when they visit others.
- The queen/king represent(s) the organization by wearing the crown or other approved symbol to all square dance functions they attend.
- The queen/king represent(s) the organization through friendliness and making other dancers feel welcome.
- The queen/king should visit other organizations as much as possible and invite dancers to come back to our dances.
- The queen/king greets all guests at the door of home dances and thanks them for their attendance as they leave.

## Historian

- Keeps a written and pictorial history of the organization and its activities.
- Keeps organization scrapbook and brings it to all dances.
- Submits supply costs to the treasurer for reimbursement.

## Summer Picnic

The County Line Squares summer picnic is usually held in July. We want as many members to attend as possible but fairs, town events, or vacations may prevent you from coming. The date and location is dependent upon caller and facility availability. We also need volunteers to organize this event – so don't be shy, volunteer!

## February Square Dance

The County Line Squares "Bring Your Sweetheart" dance was held on February 14, 2020, with Caller Abe Maier and Cuer Sarah Klaphake. Six squares with dancers from Afternoon Squares, Cambridge Corners, County Line Squares, Hotfoot Stompers, Jolly Promenaders, Single Circles, South Metro Stars, Spares & Pairs, and Westonka Whirlers in attendance.



Banners on display.



Barry and Jennifer Downs celebrated their 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary with us.

## Promenade with Abe!

- 2 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 4 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 5 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 9 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 11 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 12 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 13 County Line Squares, Monticello (Dance)
- 16 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 18 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 19 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 22 Friendly Twirlers, Balsam Lake (Dance)
- 23 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 25 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 26 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)

## Square Dance

County Line Squares next dance is Friday, March 13, 2020, theme is "Green Dance" caller is Abe Maier, cuer is Ken LaBau. Plus from 7:30-8:00 p.m., new dancer/mainstream dance from 8:00-10:00 p.m., rounds between tips, with potluck during the dance. Hosts and hostesses are Carol and Abe Maier, Gerlene and Tony Klingelhoets, and Carmen Fesenmaier.

## Birthdays

- 3 Bruce Anderson
- 24 Mary Elfmann
- 25 Willard Leinonen

## SDM Plus Workshop/Review

SDM is hosting a plus workshop/review on Saturday, March 7, 2020, 12:00-3:00 p.m., Grandview Middle School, 1881 Commerce Blvd, Mound, MN, with Caller/Instructor Tom Allen. Pre-requisite: attendance at a plus class or blast – sorry no new plus dancers. Great opportunity to practice your plus skills.

## Banner Raids and Dances

- Sun, 1 Kaleidoscope Squares, Rochester (Monte Guenzler)
- Wed, 4 Beaux & Belles, St Cloud (Tom Allen)
- Fri, 6 South Metro Stars, Burnsville (Vic Diller)
- Sun, 8 Ar-Dale Dancers, White Bear Lake (Dean Dederman)
- Wed, 11 Spares & Pairs, Bloomington (Larry Fruetel)
- Sat, 14 Koronis Nite Owls, Paynesville (Dean Dederman)
- Sat, 15 Westonka Whirlers, Mound (Bryan Bush)
- Wed, 18 Beaux & Belles, St Cloud (Tom Allen)
- Fri, 20 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Tom Allen)
- Sun, 22 Friendly Twirlers, Balsam Lake (Abe Maier)
- Wed, 25 ETTA Square & Rounds, St Cloud (Caller Tom Allen)
- Fri, 27 Gospel Plus, Hopkins (Caller Tom Allen)
- Sun, 29 Dance for the Heart, Waubun (Caller Charley Huhtala)

## Conventions

The 68<sup>th</sup> Minnesota State Square and Round Dance Convention will be held in Mankato, June 12-14, 2020. And, the 69<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention will be held in Spokane, Washington, June 24-27, 2020. You can register on-line or registration forms are available if you are interested.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Ariel Farnum and Abhijit (Abi) Patil on their February 14, 2020 marriage.

## Anniversaries

29 Doug and Gael Zachman

## Out and About

County Line Squares members are always busy dancing and claiming or retrieving banners from other organizations. Some of their February activities are featured below:



Dakota Squares – February 1  
(Claimed a banner)



Beaux & Belles – February 5  
(Claimed a banner)



Cambridge Corners – February 7  
(With Caller Bryan Bush)



Hotfoot Stompers – February 8  
(Claimed a banner)



Westonka Whirlers – February 16  
(Already had their banner)



Single Circles – February 21  
(Retrieved our banner)



Wadena Whirlaways – February 27  
(Claimed a banner)