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Spring Fling Review –

Our dancers were in a Springtime mood at the Spring Fling Mainstream Special Dance held on March 8. Thanks to our convenors, Kathy and Paul Coates and Carol and Tom Hutchinson, we had a very enjoyable evening adorned with daffodils and tulips. Tables were set up for socializing and enjoying coffee and treats throughout the evening. **Photos** of the event are attached below.

Annual General Meeting –

Our Annual General Meeting was held on March 25 at 6:30 p.m., ahead of the Monday night's dance. We had an excellent turnout and good discussion.

Two bylaw changes were approved. The executive had approved a pilot program this year to allow a family to join as New Dancers. This was very successful and so a bylaw change has been made to allow Junior Dancers (Under 18) to join, with the condition they are accompanied by a parent or guardian. Youth Dancers are accepted across Canada and our insurance fully covers them and our club.

The second bylaw change allows for a Past President to remain for more than one year, if the current President remains for more than one year.

The new Executive was elected for the 2024-2025 Dance Season. The new executive will take on their duties on July 1, 2024, the start of our new fiscal year. A huge thanks to all who have stepped forward to take on an executive role and/or a committee head role.

Queens & Jacks Executive and Committees for 2024-2025

Position	Name
Executive	
President	Pat & Brian Bishop
Vice President	Lynette Ager
Past President	Nancy & Brent Daignault
Treasurer	Kathy Coates
Secretary	Fay Halverson
Directors	Julie Bain & Brian Mahaffy
Director	Paul Coates
Director	Marjorie Yarish
Directors	Carol & Tom Hutchinson
Directors	Jeannette & Jerry Thompson
Committee Heads	
50/50	Theresa Roy
Advertising	Tara & Roger Vickery
Archives	Julie Bain
Assistant Treasurer	Lillian Joslin
Auditor	Michael Doyle
Badges	Augusta Paul
C&D Reps	Nancy & Brent Daignault
Greeters	Nora & Roy Yakula
Membership	Lynette Ager
Photographer	Paul Coates
Promotions	Nancy & Brent Daignault
Social Media (Facebook)	Nancy & Brent Daignault
Sunshine	Marj & Alex Moon
Supplies	Bonnie Connolly
Website	Nancy & Brent Daignault



Year End Celebration -

Friday, April 26th. The special night will celebrate the graduation of our New Dancers, transitioning them to full scale Mainstream Dancers. We are very excited to be offering a catered sit-down meal for the first time in many years. This night is a designated club event, so please wear our club colours of **Red** and Black.



Our single members are invited to buy a ticket for a "plus one" for dinner. All members are welcome to invite guests for the program following dinner – no ticket required. Tickets are available from the registration table at the dances or by e-transfer to treasurerqueensandjacks@gmail.com. Cost for the dinner and dance is \$15 per person. Tickets must be paid for by April 19th and they can be picked up at door. See the attached poster below.

Mainstream Dances for April -

April 12th - Regular Mainstream Dance - Squares 7:30 - 9:30pm.
New dancers are welcome to attend.

Open MIC Night -

Wheatland Whirlers are hosting an 'Open Mike' night on Wednesday, April 10th in **Strathmore**. This is an opportunity for dancers to call a square dance or cue a round dance. Our own **Christine Maurette** has registered to take part. The dance will take place at Westmount School at 7:00 pm. Let's support Christine by attending this fun event! Maybe we can do some carpooling. See attached poster.



The Alberta Tour, Visiting Caller –

Tim Crawford from Hamilton, Ontario will be in Calgary as part of what is called The Alberta Tour on Thursday May 2nd (Plus) and Friday May 3rd (Mainstream). Tim will call in Calgary on Thursday and Friday, in Edmonton on Saturday for 2 dances, and on Sunday in Red Deer. There will be pre-rounds at 7:30 and Squares at 8:00 pm. The dances will be held at **Varsity Community Centre**. Brent and Nancy have tickets for purchase. See the attached poster below.



National Square Dance Festival, Calgary -

As most of you know, Brent and Nancy are the Registrars for the National Festival 2024 this July at the Glenmore Inn. They are going to need a fair number of volunteers to perform the registration functions before and during the festival. If you are available the week before to help fill the registration packages, or during the festival (July 17th to 20th), please speak with them, or email them at nancy.daignault@telusplanet.net.

Festival logowear is available for purchase at <https://squaredance.ab.ca/festival-logowear/>. Fill out the order form on the page and email it to Dawn Gilchrist or Brent and Nancy. Dawn's email address is on the form. Payment can be made by e-transfer (see form), or cheque mailed to Dawn (see form). The shirts will either be delivered to Brent and Nancy for Q&J members or picked up at the Festival during registration check-in. Dawn will also be displaying the shirts at various dances and can take charge card payments or cash in person. They are high quality shirts.

Mark Your Calendars for Future Events –

- Saturday, April 10th, Spring Dance for New Dancers and Mainstream, Rockyview Ramblers, North Haven Hall, 7:30pm.
- Saturday, April 27th, April Showers and May Flowers Mainstream Dance, Dots and Dashers, Sunalta Community Centre, 7:30pm.
- Friday, May 10th, New Graduates Ball, Dalhousie Community Centre, 7:30 - 10pm.
- Tuesdays in May, Western Squares are holding dances at the Winston Heights Community Centre, 7 - 9:30pm.
- Sunday, June 2nd, the C&D Annual BBQ, Winston Heights Community Centre, 4-9pm.
- C&D Summer Dances will happen on the following Tuesdays at Winston Heights Community Centre:
 - June 11th (hosted by Queens & Jacks), June 18th, June 25th, August 6th, August 13th, August 20th, August 27th.



Sunshine Committee –

Our Sunshine committee had a very sunny March! We did not have a need for any cards this month.



Square Dance Etiquette –

The Calgary & District Square & Round Dancers Association (C&D) is a non-profit organization which coordinates the activities of the square and round dance clubs in Calgary and surrounding area. At the last meeting, a document on Square Dance Etiquette was distributed to all the clubs. Please take a moment to review the PDF document which is attached below.

Links for you –

Want to review dance moves? Do you want brush up on some mainstream moves? Learn a new one? Catch up on ones you missed? This is the #1 recommended website.

<https://videosquaredancelessons.com/lessons/#mainstream>

Check our website, www.queensandjacks.com, on the “Programs” page to see a full list of the mainstream moves.

Want to see events for Calgary and District?

<https://www.squaredancecalgary.com>

Looking forward to seeing you across the square,

**Pat and Brian Bishop
Presidents**



ATTACHMENTS:

Spring Fling Photos
Year End Celebration
Open Mic – Wheatland Whirlers Poster
Alberta Tour - Tim Crawford
Square Dance Etiquette PDF







Queens & Jacks Square Dance Club

Year End Celebration

Willow Ridge Community Centre
680 Acadia Drive SE

Friday, April 26th, 2024

Caller – Glenn Watts
Cuer – Frances Levitt-Byler

Catered meal and dessert – 6:00 pm
Awards and presentations – 7:00 pm
Dancing – 8:00 pm

\$15.00 per person

Tickets must be Purchased by April 19th, 2024
eTransfer to treasurerqueensandjacks@gmail.com

This is a **Red** & **Black** Affair – please wear club colours

**Wheatland
Whirlers
Presents**

OPEN MIC

Wednesday, 7pm

APRIL 10

Westmount School Gym

**220 Wheatland Trail
Strathmore**

**Your CHANCE to Call a Square
or Cue a Round Dance!
NOT a Contest – Just an
OPPORTUNITY for Fun!
EVERYONE welcomed to
participate!**

**To Register, Have Questions, or
Need Help Choosing a Song
Contact Dave 403-620-5131
davidmlittlefair@gmail.com**

CALGARY



Featuring
**Tim
Crawford**
Burlington, ON

PLUS: Thursday, MAY 2

MAINSTREAM: Friday, MAY 3

ROUNDS: 7:30pm & every 2nd tip

SQUARES: 8-10pm

Varsity Community Hall

4303 Varsity Drive NW, Calgary

(Note: No street shoes on dance floor)

ADVANCE TICKETS: \$10 per Dance OR \$15 for BOTH Dances

AT THE DOOR: \$14 per Dance OR \$23 for BOTH Dances

Tickets Available from C&D Reps

or Al Moody 403-256-8738 almoody@nucleus.com

**** Tim Will Also Be Calling In ****

EDMONTON – www.communitydance.net

PLUS 2pm & MAINSTREAM 7:30pm, Saturday, May 4

RED DEER – Contact Al Turton 403-845-3579

ROUNDS 1:30pm, MAINSTREAM 2:00-4:30pm, Sun. May 5

ABOUT TIM

Tim started dancing when he was 8 years old and called for the first time at the age of ten. He calls Basic thru to C2 and is a recording artist.

Tim is an international caller appearing at festivals and special events across Canada, most of the United States, Europe and Japan.

He served on the CALLERLAB Board of Governors for 10 years on various committees and the executive. He is a Caller Coach, instructing at numerous caller schools, the most recent in Germany.

For Tim, calling is an incredible opportunity to meet, get to know and work with wonderful people.

For dancers, Tim's quick wit, sense of humor and engaging choreography makes him a pleasure to dance to.



Graduates Ball

Friday, May 10, 2024

7:25 pm Club Banner Parade

7:30-10 pm Square Dance

*** CUE STEPS CLUB Round Dance Demo ***

DALHOUSIE COMMUNITY HALL

5432 Dalhart Road NW, Calgary

**** FREE Admission ****



**Note: Banner Parade forms at 7:15 pm.
Two people per club banner. Bring own hangers.**

**Hosted by
CALGARY & DISTRICT SQUARE & ROUND DANCERS ASSOCIATION
Al & Carol Moody almoody@nucleus.com 403-256-8738**

Square Dance Etiquette

1. Arrive on time.
2. Form a square promptly when the music starts.
3. Join the nearest square that is forming. Hold your hand up to show the caller if you need more dancers. Avoid walking through the middle of a square or passing by a square in need of dancers.
4. If time permits introduce yourself to the other dancers in your square.
5. In an instructional setting listen quietly during all instructions from the caller. Let your fellow dancers hear the professional instruction that they have come to hear.
6. Hand holds are very important while dancing but please be gentle. When doing arm turns lightly grip the forearm not the elbow. When in waves gently touch fingers and palms to adjacent dancers – avoid holding thumbs.
7. At the end of every tip be sure to thank the other dancers in your square.
8. Square dancing is a “scent free” activity – avoid wearing perfume or cologne.
9. Avoid consuming alcohol or other drugs that may impair your coordination or memory before dancing.

Etiquette and good manners are simply meant to create an atmosphere where people can feel safe and secure.