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New Dancer Ball this Sunday Feb 4 –

Don't let the name discourage you from coming to the New Dancers' Ball. There is nothing formal about this event but it will be lots of fun. Come in comfortable clothes and bring comfortable shoes. There are no tickets for this event – everyone pays \$7 at the door. So come 15 or 20 minutes early so you don't miss any of the dancing. The callers for the afternoon will be all the callers in Calgary & District who are currently teaching new dancers, including our Glenn. They will be calling calls that you have learned. See attached poster for full details.

Afterwards if you are able, please join us for an early dinner at the Carriage House in The Restaurant – just inside the front doors. Prices are reasonable and there is quite a variety of offerings. If you know you will be coming for dinner please let Nancy know (nancy.daignault@telusplanet.net). If you decide at the last minute that you can come that will be fine too.

Loonies & Toonies Dance –

On Friday January 26th, we held our annual Loonies & Toonies Dance, a charity event where all donations go to the Canadian Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation. This illness has affected members of Queens and Jacks Square Dance Club in the past and the present. We collected \$485 in donations. Thanks to Julie Bain, Brian Mahaffey, and Nora and Roy Yakula for organizing an excellent evening.



REMINDER: Mainstream Dances start at 7:30 pm –

Our regular Mainstream dances on Friday nights will now start square dance tips at 7:30 instead of 8:00 pm. Special Event dances (which are advertised to all Calgary and District clubs) will continue to have Pre-rounds at 7:30 with Square Dancing at 8:00.

New Dancer Celebration and Graduation Night –

Save the Date. Mark your calendars for Friday, April 26th. The special night will celebrate the graduation of our New Dancers, transitioning them to full scale Mainstream Dancers. More details to follow in the coming weeks.



More Square Dance Dresses –

Skirts and tops for sale. Size 18, able to be altered. Contact Dorothy May Patton at 403-257-8560.



Looking Forward to Next Year –

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on March 25th at 6:30 pm, ahead of the Monday night dance. All dancers, including New Dancers, have voting rights and we encourage all members to attend. We will have some bylaw changes that will need sufficient numbers at the meeting for the voting. The AGM agenda and the proposed bylaw changes will be distributed at the beginning of March.

This is also the night that the Executive and Committees for next year will be established. Nancy and Brent Daignault, as Past Presidents, have the responsibility to prepare a nomination slate for the AGM meeting. There are still a few vacancies to be filled. Below are brief explanations of the roles that are open. It takes many people to run a square dance club – strong leadership from the whole community is essential.

Vice President - The overall purpose and responsibility of this role is to assume the President's role in their absence and to share the President's workload.

Secretary - The overall purpose and responsibility of this role is to prepare accurate minutes of Executive Committee Meetings and Annual General Meetings to be stored in the Club Archives, and to file the Annual Return with the Alberta Government. This person in this role needs word processing skills.

Advertising - The overall purpose and responsibility of this role is to design posters and tickets for Queens & Jacks events. The person/people in this role need intermediate Word skills.

Membership - The overall purpose and responsibility of this role is to develop and maintain an accurate and up to date database of the members of the Queens & Jacks Square Dance Club in order to be able to produce an annual roster. The person/people in this role need intermediate Excel skills and be able to perform a mail merge in Word.

Social Media (Facebook) – The overall purpose and responsibility of the role is to give Queens & Jacks a presence on social media.

Winterfest –

The Winterfest dances were great dances and well attended by Queens & Jacks members - about 1 ½ squares on the Saturday night Mainstream dance and a square at the Plus dance. There were almost 2 full squares from Red Deer and Edmonton – Gary Winter Groupies they call themselves! Gary had us doing lots of unusual things including a left-handed Spin Chain Thru! Try that!!



National Square Dance Festival here in Calgary –

Canadian Square & Round Dance Festival, July 17-20, 2024
Hosted by The Alberta Square & Round Dance Federation
Website: <https://squaredance.ab.ca>

The festival is now sold out and there is a waiting list. The wait list is shorter than it was as 50 new places were opened up. If you still want to attend and you would be able to 'pivot' a few days before the festival in the event of last minute cancellations then don't hesitate to register.

Rockyview Ramblers New Dancers Jamboree –

This "jamboree" will be like the New Dancers Ball – the dancing will be called at the new dancer level by Dave Symington. Sunday, February 25th 2:30 to 4:30 pm, followed by a potluck meal. See attached poster for full details.

Sunshine Committee –

The overall purpose and responsibility of this committee is to let Club Members know the Queens & Jacks are thinking about them in sometimes difficult times.

Please let one of the executive know if any member would benefit from a "sunshine moment."

In January, our Sunshine Committee sent out get well cards to Bonnie Connolly and Marj Moon, and a speedy recovery to Carol Hutchinson.

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>

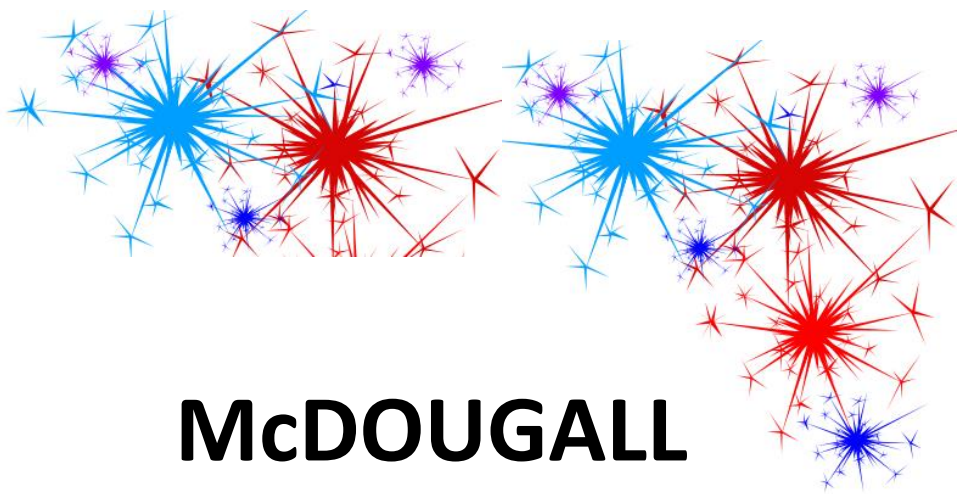
Looking forward to seeing you across the square,

**Pat and Brian Bishop
Presidents**



ATTACHMENTS:

Spring Fling Poster
Calgary Callers New Dancer Ball Poster
Rockyview Ramblers New Dancer Jamboree
National Festival 2024 Poster and Registration



**Sunday New Year's Eve
2-4pm Dance
McDougall's
Ball**

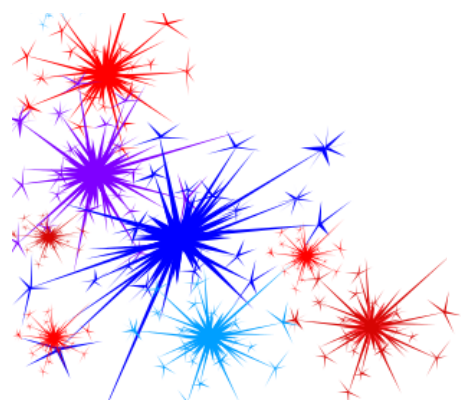
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Rockyview Ramblers Square Dance Club

New Dancers Jamboree

Sunday February 25, 2024

2:30 – 4:30 PM Potluck to follow.

\$8.00 per person

North Haven Community Hall

5003 North Haven Dr. NW Calgary AB,

Contact: David Allen PH 403-293-0033

David Symington PH 403-276-5706

RVR@telus.net

<https://www.facebook.com/RockyviewRamblers>

Note: This Dance will be new dancer level

Queens & Jacks Square Dance Club

Spring Fling Dance

Willow Ridge Community Centre
680 Acadia Drive SE

Friday, March 8th, 2024

Pre-Rounds – 7:30 pm

Mainstream Dance – 8:00 pm

Caller – Glenn Watts

Cuer – Frances Levitt Byler

\$7.50 per person or \$15.00 per couple

Dancing will be followed by dessert

Please bring your own water bottle



Information & Registration: www.squaredance.ab.ca

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Festival Headquarters: Glenmore Inn but
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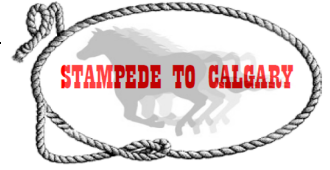
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Canadian Square & Round Dance Society Festival 2024
23rd National Festival, July 17 - 20, 2024
 Glenmore Inn, 1000 Glenmore Court SE, Calgary, Alberta T2C 2E6
 Email: csrds2024festival@gmail.com / www.squaredance.ab.ca



Please Print Clearly				DANCERS - PLEASE COMPLETE						
Name (one person per registration)				Please use only one checkmark per dance type to indicate your preferred dance level. You are free to attend other dance levels.						
Street Address				<input type="checkbox"/> Solo Dancer (for planning purposes)						
City/Town Province / State				Squares		Rounds		Clogging		
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Area Code & Phone Number				PROGRAMMING (Deadline February 1, 2024)						
				Callers, cuers and leaders willing to take part will be contacted later with details. Please indicate the level or levels in which you are willing to participate.						
Email Address (for important information updates and the newsletter)				Partner Name						
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				Clogging <input type="checkbox"/> Contra <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair <input type="checkbox"/>						
REGISTRATION & BADGES				Please select preferred programs						
				Availability						
Item	Qty	Fee	Total	Dance Form	Call/Cue	Teach	Thu	Fri	Sat	
Early Bird Adult		\$ 125.00		Squares						
Early Bird Youth (<18)		\$ 65.00		Rounds						
Adults		\$ 150.00		Clogging						
Youth (<18)		\$ 75.00		Contra						
Souvenir Book		\$ 10.00		Wheelchair						
Maple Leaf Badge		\$ 7.50		Education						
Alberta 2024 Bar		\$ 2.50		Are you willing to lead a panel or discussion? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>						
Round Dance Syllabus		N/C		Privacy Policy:						
Clogging Syllabus		N/C		This information will be used solely by the Festival Committee for programming and statistical purposes.						
Trail In Dance		Included		Privacy - Photographic and Video Images:						
				By registering for this event, the attendee agrees that his/her photo/video may be taken and published on Canadian Square & Round Dance Society sanctioned social and/or public media.						
		Grand Total		Accommodation:						
Payment Options: (If paying for more than one, add names to cheque or e-transfer)				All dancers are responsible for making their own hotel/motel/camping reservations. Information to follow.						
Cheque and Money Order				Link to Hotel Blackfoot Room Booking Form (alternate accommodations)						
Payable to: Alberta Square and Round Dance Federation				https://bookings.travelclick.com/13627?groupID=4033721&hotelID=13627#/guestsandrooms						
E-Transfer				Cancellation Policy:						
Email to: csrds2024festival@gmail.com				A 20% refund charge will be collected for cancelations prior to Feb 29, 2024, and no refunds for later cancellations. Exceptions include health and family bereavement.						
Mail to: CSRDS Festival 2024 Registrar				Liability: The CSRDS Festival 2024 Committee accepts no liability or responsibility for illness or injury whatsoever to persons or loss of their property while participating or attending as a spectator, any activity associated with the Festival including all forms of travel or accommodation.						
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