



March 2024

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Leap Year Badges –

Yes - it's Leap Year this year and thus we qualify for a special square dance badge. The Leap Year Badges will be available as of Monday, March 4th and will cost \$8.00 each.



Mainstream Dances in March –

March 8th - Spring Fling Special Event Dance - Pre-rounds 7:30 pm, Squares 8 - 10 pm.

March 22 - Regular Mainstream Dance - Squares 7:30 - 9:30 pm.

Annual General Meeting –

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on March 25th at 6:30 pm., ahead of Monday night's 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 (a quorum) at the meeting for the voting. The AGM agenda and the proposed bylaw changes will be distributed at the beginning of March.

Can you contribute for 2024 - 2025? –

We are a volunteer organization and can only be successful if people take their turns helping. As you can see below, we have some vacancies on the executive and committees. You don't have to go it alone. The executive will assist as much as needed to get you comfortable in the role, or you can sign up to be an assistant for any of the committee roles so you can get experience and possibly take on a role the following year. We can send you job descriptions if you would like more details. If you could help out the club in any of these roles, please chat with any member of the executive, or contact us at our email address queensandjacks2021@gmail.com, or phone President Pat Bishop at 403-519-6172.



Below are brief explanations of the roles that are open for next year:

- **Vice President** - Assume the President's role in their absence and share the President's workload.
- **Secretary** - Prepare accurate minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings and the Annual General Meetings to be stored in the Club Archive, and to file the Annual Return with the Alberta Government.
- **Membership** - Develop and maintain an accurate and up to date database of the members of the Club, and to produce an annual roster. They should have adequate skills in Excel and Word to perform this function.
- **Social Media** - Perform regular posts on Facebook to give the Club page a current and consistent presence on social media.



Save the Date Friday, April 26th -

Year End Celebration and Graduation of New Dancers is a special night. The new dancers transition to full scale Mainstream Dancers. More details to follow in the coming weeks.



Special Events for New Dancers are a huge success -

No less than 21 Q&J members attended the Calgary Callers New Dancer Ball including Glenn, and 20 of us went out for dinner afterwards. It was a fun time with 6 different callers. Our New Dancers had a lot of fun and we were very proud of how well they danced.

A dozen Queens and Jacks members attended the New Dancer Jamboree sponsored by the Rockyview Ramblers on February 25th. There were six squares up all the time and the dancing was fun. The potluck dinner following was fabulous, and we learned that Tim and Neil love Nanaimo bars!

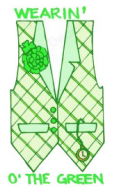
Open MIC Night -

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.



Wearing O' the Green -

Wheatland Whirlers are also holding a 'Wearing of the Green' dance on Sunday, March 24th at **Westmount School**, which is an afternoon dance, followed by a potluck supper. Always a good party! Information is on the trifold board and it's a dance for everyone so please put it on your calendars. In a few weeks Nancy will have mini-posters with the information on them. 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 and Friday May 3rd. 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 Mainstream or Plus at 8:00 pm. The dances will be held at **Varsity Community Centre**. Brent and Nancy will have tickets shortly.

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.



Sunshine Committee –

Our Sunshine committee sent out get well cards to Denise Watts and a sympathy card to Dave & Faye Halverson.



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 document which is attached below.

Mark Your Calendars for Future Events –

- Friday, May 10th, New Graduates Ball at the Dalhousie Community Centre from 7:30 to 10:00 pm.
- Tuesdays in May, the Western Squares are holding dances in the Winston Heights Community Centre from 7:00 to 9:30 pm.
- Sunday, June 2nd, the C&D Annual BBQ is being held from 4:00 to 9:00 pm at the Winston Heights Community Centre.
- 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.



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, Square Dance Etiquette PDF, Shamrock Swing Dance Poster, Wearing O the Green Poster, Open Mic – Wheatland Whirlers Poster, 2024 National poster and registration form

