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Full House for Free Introductory Nights -

At each of our two evenings, we had over 6 squares. The guests did extremely well and Glenn was able to introduce quite a few moves. In total, we had 24 new people attend the introductory dances. Of the 13 people who attended the first night, 7 of them returned the second night. By far, the most people who attended came because they were invited by a member of the club. This is awesome! The next most frequent reasons given was the MagnetSign boards at the side of the road and the internet.

Thanks to the Square Angels who came to dance and welcome the new people.



Blast Off! First Night of Dancing -

We had a very successful start to our season on Monday September 23rd. This was our first night for our new format:



- Lessons start at 7pm to review last week's moves until 8pm.
- From 8 to 8:30 Glenn will teach new moves. **This is where the Square Angels will be especially helpful.**
 - **Mainstream dancers with last names A-K bring treats in October; those with last names L-Z bring treats in November.**
- At 8:30, the new dancers will be done for the evening, and we plan to have a short social time with coffee and treats.
- From 8:45 to 10pm, we will have our full Mainstream dancing, and the new dancers are welcome to stay and watch how it all comes together.

Mainstream dancers will have the option to attend the entire evening or whichever portion of the evening they choose. We are very interested in how you feel about this new approach. Please be sure to provide us with feedback - either positive or negative.

Prepayment Options for Mainstream Dancers -

Did you know that Queens and Jacks has a prepayment plan? Yes, we do! If you find it inconvenient to bring cash to each dance night, you might consider using the prepayment method. Simply prepay a lump sum - either by cash at a dance or by e-transfer, and then when you attend a dance, just check in at the registration desk and your attendance will be recorded. The appropriate amount will be deducted from your prepaid balance. You can start and stop the prepayment system whenever you like. To pay by e-transfer, use your online banking app and set up the following email address, treasurerqueensandjacks@gmail.com.

Dance fees for 2024-25 are as follows:

1. Membership: \$15 per person
2. Monday dances: 7-10pm, \$7.50 per person
3. Friday special dances: 7:30 - 10, \$7.50 per person. Pre-rounds at 7:30, squares at 8pm.

Casino Fundraiser -

We were the first club to get their seven volunteers in to the casino coordinator so we are almost guaranteed the positions and dates we asked for. If you wish to submit your name as a "stand-by" there is a volunteer application form attached below.





Harvest Moon Dance -

Our first special event will be the Harvest Moon Dance being held on Friday, October 11th. This is an event where we invite members from other clubs to join us, so if you have friends in other clubs encourage them to come. Round dancing will begin at 7:30 and square dancing at 8pm. The dance will be followed by dessert and a social time. See attached poster.

Invitation from the Wheatland Whirlers -

Wheatland Whirlers ARE HAVING A PARTY! It's our 50th Club Anniversary and we want you to be there!

- Sunday Afternoon, October 20th, 2024
- Luncheon & Short Program - 12:30 pm
- Guest Caller/Cuer GARY WINTER, Pre-rounds 2:30, Mainstream 3-5pm

Gary is bringing a busload of dancers down from Edmonton and Red Deer area. It's gonna be a party, you don't wanna miss it! See the attached poster for details.

Important: To help with food quantities, we need you lunch RSVP's by Wed, Oct 16th. (Lunch \$5, Dance \$10, pay at the door)

Questions? Please contact Claudia Littlefair, Wheatland Whirlers.

Note: Nancy and Pat will have a Luncheon Signup sheet at our Queens & Jacks dances.

Get Acquainted Dance -

SAVE THE DATE! Friday, November 22nd, time TBA

The Get Acquainted Dance is for everyone - **particularly for our new dancers**. This is an event where we introduce each new dancer to the club members.

Update on Willow Ridge Community Centre -

The Willow Ridge Community Centre will remain partially closed until June 2025. The new section and the lower level of the old part of the building are still fully useable. Our hall is fully in the new section, but we have to access the building from the lower level east side. We can use either the stairs or the elevator. **Be sure to read the access sign - you need to push the Handicap Bar to open the door.** The upper floor areas that are closed off are the bathrooms, kitchen, other hall, front lobby, and office. Washrooms are available on the lower level across from the entrance. Plans are in progress for the repairs and the entire building will be closed for construction July, August and September 2025.

Upcoming Dances at Other Clubs -

- Saturday, October 12th - Dots & Dashers "Turkey Trot"
- Friday, October 18th - Rockyview Ramblers - "Dance a Tip" - in support of breast cancer.
- Sunday, October 20th - Wheatland Whirlers - 50th Anniversary Event
- Friday, October 25th - Rockyview Ramblers, Halloween Costume Dance

Information regarding these dances can be found on the C&D website, <https://www.squaredancecalgary.com/admin/events/>

Sunshine Committee –

Lots of sunshine for our Queens and Jacks members!
No cards were sent out in September.



Links for you –

Want to Review Dance Moves? – Do you want to 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>

Want to see events for Calgary and District?

<https://www.squaredancecalgary.com>

We've had a great start to our new season. Looking forward to seeing you across the square!

**Pat and Brian Bishop
Presidents**





Submit	
Clear	Print

Casino Volunteer Worker Application

CIRCLE ONE JAN. 15 DAY or NIGHT
 JAN. 16 DAY or NIGHT

Volunteers in Key Positions only must complete this form. This form must be completed in full. Please print clearly.

Name of Organization Calgary and District Square and Round Dancers Association	
AGLC ID# (if known) 87003	Date(s) of Casino January 15 and 16, 2025

Key Positions: (must check one)

- General Manager
 Alt General Manager
 Banker
 Count Room Supervisor
 Cashier

Paid staff of the licensed organization can work, provided:

- they are members of the organization as defined by their bylaws;
- they volunteer their services outside normal working hours;
- they do not fill the following positions: General Manager, Alternate General Manager, Banker, Count Room Supervisor;
- no individual shall work more than one position during the licence period of the casino; and
- all personnel shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older.

- CHIP RUNNER
 COUNT ROOM

Particulars of Volunteer

Surname	First	Middle (Full)
Other or Maiden Name	Contact Phone Number	
Date of Birth (yy/mm/dd)	Place of Birth	

Have you ever been charged or convicted of a criminal offence? Yes No

No individual is eligible to work in a casino if charged or convicted, within the last five years of a criminal offence related to narcotics or to acts of dishonesty, including but not limited to offences involving fraud, currency, or gaming and betting or those against the rights of property (such as theft, robbery, forgery), or fire arms and offensive weapons, or an indictable offence for an act of violence against a person. If five years after conviction an individual is still under sentence for such an offence, approval shall not be given under this application until completion of sentence. AGLC may contact police for relevant information about the applicant. If an individual has received a pardon under provisions of the *Criminal Records Act*, this policy will not apply.

I certify that the information in this application and any attachments are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement made in this application and any attachments may disqualify me from working at a casino.

I hereby consent to and authorize AGLC to undertake a criminal record check, with any police agency, to determine my eligibility to be involved in gaming facilities, in accordance with AGLC policies. An applicant may also be required to obtain and provide a criminal record check from a police agency.

NOTE: Any person enrolled in a Self-Exclusion Program is restricted from volunteering at a casino event.

Signature	Date
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Queens & Jacks Square Dance Club



Willow Ridge Community Centre
680 Acadia Drive SE

Caller – Glenn Watts
Cuer – Frances Levitt Byler

Pre-Rounds – 7:30 pm
Mainstream Dance – 8:00 pm

\$7.50 per person, \$15 per couple

Please bring your own water bottle



Wheatland Whirlers

Westmount School
220 Wheatland Trail
Strathmore
T1P 1B2

50th
Anniversary
Celebration

Sunday
October 20
2024

Luncheon & Program

12:30 pm *RSVP \$5 (Pay At Door)

Choice of Soups, Assorted Cold Buffet & Dessert

** Important to RSVP for Luncheon by Oct. 16th. Head count needed for food prep. Pay when you come.*

RSVP to Dixie: 403-901-5605 (text/call)
or Email: claudia.littlefair@gmail.com.

Mainstream Dance

Guest Caller **GARY WINTER**
from Sherwood Park, Alberta

Pre-Rounds: 2:30pm

Squares: 3-5pm

\$10/Person (Pay At Door)

