



# November 2024

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## Getting to Know You –

We would like to introduce you to our new dancers, so that you can know their names when they are in your square. We are so proud of the excellent progress they are making.



Karen Bailey



Murielle Clements



Ron Clements



Seonaid Jenkins



Dawn Jones



Carol Nix





Samantha Showalter



Tracy Showalter



Nola Voth



Willie Winsa



### Get Acquainted Dance -

On Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will officially welcome all our new dancers. This is a special dance night where we focus on our new dancers and introduce them to the rest of the club. The square dancing will only use moves that our new dancers have learned. And we'll have treats and social dancing time. Our single members are invited to bring a "plus one". AND it is a FREE night for our New Dancers and their guests. See attached poster for full details. Members - please wear club colours.

### Update on Our New Venue -

As most of you know the original part of the Willow Ridge Community Centre was inspected by the City of Calgary and found to be structurally unsound. While the part of the building that we use is not under the order, using only the remaining part of the building has become inconvenient, and the City could close the entire building down at any time.

So we felt it was in our best interests to find another venue and we were lucky to come upon Canyon Meadows Community Centre – 848 Cantabrian Drive SW. It is available for all of our Monday evenings and for our special events. Our first night is November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Just a bit about the facility - there are two buildings that make up the complex. The one we will be using is on the west side and set quite far back from the street - number 848. There is plenty of parking on the west side. There will be a twinkling sign in front of the entrance.

Thanks to Kathy and Paul Coates who spearheaded this move, and thanks to all who have helped and will help with the transition.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the new place on November 4<sup>th</sup>.



## Oct 28<sup>th</sup> Halloween Dance Night -

Our regular Monday night with lessons and mainstream squares was anything but regular, what with the addition of Halloween attire worn by club members as well as new dancers. Winners of the costume draw were Samantha, Lynette, and Murielle.



## Harvest Moon Dance -

What an incredible night! We had great attendance, including 11 guests from 3 other clubs - the Dots and Dashers, Banff Trailers and Wheatland Whirlers. It's always a pleasure to have dancers from other clubs join us. Our convenor, Sue Chester and her assistants, Madeleine Armstrong and Pat Bishop put together an excellent evening, with a great atmosphere and a delectable choice of pies. Some of us enjoyed more than one!



## Weekly Lessons and Mainstream, Feedback Requested -

Our new format:

- Lessons start at 7 p.m. The plan is to review what has been taught in previous weeks from 7- 8.
- Then at 8 p.m. Glenn teaches the new moves for the new dancers. **This is where the Square Angels will be especially helpful.**
- At 8:30, the new dancers will be done for the evening, and we have a short social time with coffee and treats.
- Then we move to full Mainstream dancing from 8:45 – 10:00. Round Dancing tips will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month.

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

### Snacks -

Would those of you whose last names begin with the letters **K through Z** please bring snacks for our Monday nights for the month of November.

### Visitations to Other Clubs for Mainstream Dancers -

We're organizing a series of visitations to other square dance clubs in the area for the 2024-2025 season, and we would love for you to join us. It's a great opportunity to meet fellow dancers, support other clubs, and, of course, have a fantastic time dancing together. One dance per club has been selected as a focused "Visitation Night" for Queens and Jacks as a group. In addition, we certainly encourage all dancers to attend any or all of other clubs' dances. We will continue to promote all of those dances on our Trifold board at our dances.

#### Visitation Schedule:

- Dec 6<sup>th</sup> (Fri), 2024 Banff Trailers - Toy Dance\*\*
- Feb 8<sup>th</sup> (Sat), 2025 Dots and Dashers - Valentine's Dance
- Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> (Sun), 2025 Rockyview Ramblers - New Dancers Jamboree
- Mar 30<sup>th</sup> (Sun), 2025 Wheatland Whirlers - Wearing of the Green

\*\*The Banff Trailers Toy Dance includes a full meal so tickets must be purchased in advance for \$20.00 per person. Tickets must be purchased before November 29<sup>th</sup>. This event always sells out so don't waste time thinking about it! See Nancy for tickets.



**Here's how you can help:**

We are seeking volunteers to attend and represent our club during these visitations. Your participation will help foster strong relationships within the square dance community, and we'll all have the chance to dance to different callers and enjoy new venues. To participate, please sign up at the following link:

[Queens and Jacks Visitation Sign Up Sheet](#)

**What to Expect:**

- Friendly dancing and fellowship
- Meet new people and reconnect with familiar faces
- Opportunities to show off your skills and support the hosting club

We appreciate your support in making these events successful and fun for everyone!

**Upcoming Dances at Other Clubs -**

- Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> - Banff Trailers, Hexoween Dance
- Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> - Dots & Dashers, Black & White Gala

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 October.



**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're out of the country right now, with plans to attend a night of square dancing in Adelaide Australia with the Sunset Twirlers! Looking forward to catching up with everyone in mid-November.

**Pat and Brian Bishop  
Presidents**





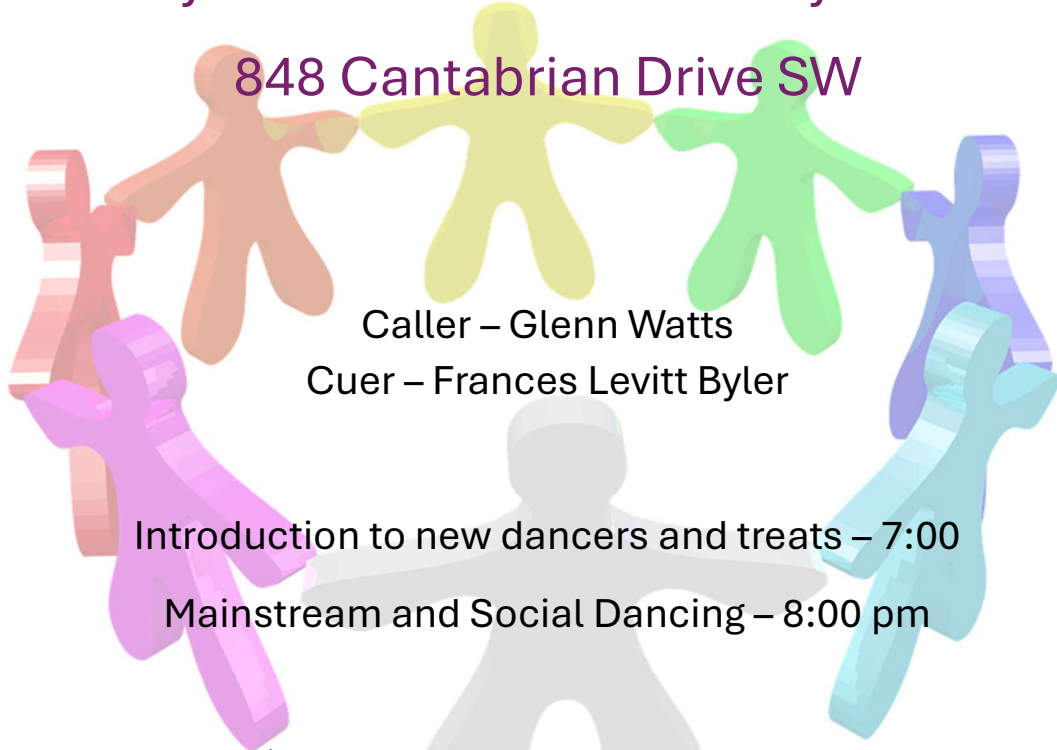
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# Get Acquainted Dance

Friday, November 22, 2024

Canyon Meadows Community Centre

848 Cantabrian Drive SW



Caller – Glenn Watts  
Cuer – Frances Levitt Byler

Introduction to new dancers and treats – 7:00

Mainstream and Social Dancing – 8:00 pm

\$7.50 per person, \$15 per couple, free for new dancers and their “Plus1”

Please bring your own water bottle

This is a **Red** and Black event, please wear club colors.

*Party animals from all over the world  
are coming to the Dots & Dashers*

# ***Black & White Gala***



**Saturday, November 23, 2024**

Sunalta Community Centre (1627 10th Avenue SW)

Pre-Rounds 7:30 pm, Mainstream 8:00 - 10:00 pm

Tom & Maureen Dakers calling

\$7.50 / person



Website: <https://ddsquares.ca>





# BANFF TRAILERS

# TOY DANCE

**6** DEC  
2024

CHRISTMAS DINNER \* \$\$TBA  
**STARTS AT 6:00 PM**

**MUSIC . DRINKS . FOOD . 50/50 TIX**

join Lorne Smith on the dance floor at 7:30  
dance will be called at SSD level with Mainstream tips as the floor allows

**we are accepting toy & cash donations for CUPS  
and food donations for the Food Bank**

**Cambrian Heights Hall 600 Northmount Drive NW, CALGARY**



*New Year's Eve Dance*  
*Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024*

*Mainstream & Rounds*  
*8:30pm - 12:05 am*

**NORTH HAVEN COMMUNITY HALL**  
**5003 North Haven DR NW, Calgary, AB**

*Finger Food Potluck @ 10:30pm*  
*Please bring your own Water Bottle.*  
*\$12.50/person*

*Caller/Hosts:*  
*David, Marlene & Travis Symington*  
*403 276-5706 (H) or 403 966-5706 (C)*

