



December 2024

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New Dance Schedule -

With the renovations at Willow Ridge and the move to the new hall, we have had to make some changes to our original dance schedule. Note: The Christmas Dance is Friday December 13th. The coloured lines are the dates that have changed. **Note the late change: Dec 2nd lesson has been changed to 7:30, with Mainstream dancing from 9 to 10pm.**

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Canyon Meadows Community Centre (Effective Nov 1, 2024)					
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	11		Lessons & Mainstream		7-8:30, 8:30-10
	18		Lessons & Mainstream		7-8:30, 8:30-10
	22	FRIDAY		Get Acquainted	7:00-10:00
	25		Lessons & Mainstream		7-8:30, 8:30-10
December	2		Lessons & Mainstream		7:30-9, 9-10
	9		Lessons & Mainstream		7-8:30, 8:30-10
	13	FRIDAY		Christmas Party	6:30 - 10:00
January	6		Lessons & Mainstream		7-8:30, 8:30-10
	13		Lessons & Mainstream		7-8:30, 8:30-10
	20		Lessons & Mainstream		7-8:30, 8:30-10
	27		Lessons & Mainstream		7-8:30, 8:30-10
February	3		Lessons & Mainstream		7-8:30, 8:30-10
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	15	SATURDAY		Loonie Toonie	7:30-10:00
	24		Lessons & Mainstream		7-8:30, 8:30-10
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	14		Lessons & Mainstream		7-8:30, 8:30-10
	21		Lessons & Mainstream		7-8:30, 8:30-10
	25	FRIDAY		Year End Celebration	6:00 - 10:00
July	12	SATURDAY		Stampede Dance	7:30-10:00

Snacks -

Would those of you whose last names begin with the letters A through C please bring snacks for our Monday nights for the month of December.



Christmas Dance, Friday December 13th -



Party Time! Our Christmas Party will be a Potluck Dinner starting at 6:30pm. Please bring a food item to share - appetizer, salad, main course, or dessert. Dancing will begin at 7:30pm and finish out the evening with Carol singing - I mean carol singing at 9pm. This Christmas party is for ALL dancers. It is free for our New Dancers and their "Plus One". **A box for the Food Bank will be available at reception to accept food and cash donations.** Come dressed in your favourite Christmas finery!

Get Acquainted Dance -

On Friday, November 22nd, we welcomed all our new dancers. A huge thank you to our Convenors Nancy and Brent, and Lisette and Augusta, and to all their helpers. The hall looked wonderful and the evening was very well planned. All the Red and Black is so stunning! Thank you to all of the presenters for taking the time and effort to provide us with entertaining and enlightening introductions.



Want to dance in the Stampede Grandstand Show? -

Glenn Watts, caller with Queens & Jacks, has been communicating with the Calgary Stampede Grandstand Show producer about having square dancing as part of next year's Grandstand Show.

Glenn will need a minimum of 24 dancers who will be willing to participate in the adventure. The 'gig' would involve two squares of dancers performing on the Grandstand Stage in between the chuckwagon races and when the back stage is in place and then joining the Young

Canadians in the Grandstand Show finale each night. There would likely be two pre-events - one at the end of April and one at the end of June - which could be seen as dress rehearsals for the main event.

Glenn is looking for the participation of the Mainstream clubs who comprise Calgary & District Square & Round Dancers Association (C&D). This participation would be both by having dancers perform, and possibly others to help with the organization and administration of these events.

The benefits for C&D and clubs would be stipends that would be payable to participating clubs, the considerable advertising that the Stampede would do as part of promoting the Grandstand Show, as well as the awareness generated about the activity of square dancing. Each participant would get free admission to the grounds and the possibility of a costume.

The commitment would be as follows:

- Practices on the Stampede grounds - possibly late in January and in May - possibly on Saturday afternoons
- Performance at the pre-events
- Attendance on performing nights from about 7:00 to 11:30 pm

Recruitment of participants will begin in the near future. If you are interested or have any further questions or clarification about this endeavour please contact Glenn directly at wattsganda@gmail.com.



Weekly Lessons and Mainstream -

We've tried out the new combined format for two months now. The evening begins with lessons for our new dancers and then we hold our Mainstream Dance.

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

Visitations to Other Clubs for Mainstream Dancers –

Queens & Jacks have organized 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 as we visit these other clubs. It's a great opportunity to meet fellow dancers, support other clubs, and, of course, have a fantastic time dancing together.


Visitation Schedule:

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

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

Upcoming Dances at Other Clubs -

See attached posters for:

- December 6 (Fri) Banff Trailers - **Toy Dance** 
 - **Late change: Doors open 6:15pm, dinner begins at 6:30**
- December 21 (Sat), Dots & Dashers - **Elves Night Out**
- December 31 (Tue), David Symington – **New Year's Eve Dance**

Information regarding dances for any other club, can be found at

<https://www.squaredancecalgary.com/admin/events/>

Sunshine Committee –

Cards were sent out to Denise Watts, Murray Peterson, and Ron Turner. Email cards were sent to Carol Nix and Wendy Campbell.



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>

**Pat and Brian Bishop
Presidents**



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CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, December 13, 2024

Canyon Meadows Community Centre

848 Cantabrian Drive SW

Caller – Glenn Watts

Cuer – Frances Levitt Byler

Keyboards – David Crocker

Snack and Chat Potluck – 6:30 pm

Mainstream and Social Dancing – 7:30 pm

Christmas Carol Sing-a-long – 9:00 pm

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

Please bring a food item to share for the potluck and your own water bottle

Bring your "Inner Elf" to the Dots & Dashers

Elves Night Out



Saturday, December 21, 2024, 7:30 pm

Sunalta Community Centre (1627 10th Avenue SW)

Student dancers from all local clubs are invited!

Alternating Beginner & Mainstream Tips

Tom & Maureen Dakers calling

\$7.50 / person



Website: <https://ddsquares.ca>





New Year's Eve Dance
Tuesday, December 31st, 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)

