

Queens & Jacks Square Dance Club

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Message from the President Couple

he 2025 Queens & Jacks Square Dance season is upon us! We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. Inside this issue of the Fanout, you'll read about the Past, Present, and Future activities for all three levels of our organization. You'll find the details of our season start-up, the Canyon Meadows Community Association event, the Ranchman's Roundup, more C&D Free Dance nights, upcoming provincial and national conventions. We predict there will be lots of square dancing in your future.

Cheers, Nancy and Brent Daignault

(Trail-In Dance, August 29th, 2025 Alberta Provincial Convention in Lacombe)





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Q & J Club Events

Past Club Activities

A special thank you goes to the Queens & Jacks members who volunteered to sell Kinsmen Lottery tickets at the Stampede this year. We received \$637.07 from C&D as our share of the shifts worked. This is one of our two fundraising activities we participate in with C&D.

Special recognition to Glenn and all the square dancers who participated in the Grandstand Show Square Dance performance. C&D received a donation of \$3,000 from the Calgary Stampede to recognize this event. Glenn has been working for years, literally, to get square dancing "on the stage" at the Grandstand Show. This year it all came to fruition, and dancers from many clubs in Calgary and area participated. It was a huge success, and we wish to congratulate Glenn on this fine accomplishment!!!!

Link to Alex Campbell's videos HERE.

Canyon Meadows September Stampede Performance

The Community Association asked us if we would participate in their September Stampede event. The event will be held on Sunday, September 7th between 4pm and 7pm. Our performance time is 4:30 to 5pm. We currently have 20 Q&J's performers but we invite everyone to come out and support our dancers. This is a great opportunity to show the entire Canyon Meadows community who we are and what we do, and how much fun we have.

September Start-Up Info

Our September 'start up' will begin with two free 'try it' nights on September 8th and 15th. The evenings will begin at 7:00 pm and we will have instruction and dancing from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. This is an opportunity to invite friends and family to try out square dancing with our club. Not only are these dances free for people who come to try out square dancing – they are free for Queens & Jacks members as well! We will follow the evening with a Mainstream demonstration, and coffee and treats. If you can, please bring a small snack to share.

If you haven't already done so, now is the time to hang up those posters you picked up in the spring.

Our lessons programme will start on September 22nd.

Membership and Payment for the coming year

Membership dues and registration forms are due in September. The cost remains \$15.00 per person. You may e-transfer to treasurerqueensandjacks@gmail.com, or pay at a lesson/dance in September. The registration form is attached below and will also be available at lessons/dances.



Other Club Events

Shop 'n Swap

Maxx and Sarafina held a Shop 'n Swap and dance on August 15th. There were fewer participants than last year but they plan to hold another one next year in the spring.

Ranchman's Roundup, A Night of Line & Square Dancing

Join us for a rootin' tootin' good time with modern square dancing and line dancing at Calgary's iconic country bar – The Ranchman's, 9615 Macleod Trail South. Thursday, September 11th from 5:00 to 7:30 pm. Glenn will be calling square dancing and Murielle will be instructing line dancing. It's a free event but donations are welcome to cover tips for Ranchman's staff. Food service begins at 5:00. This is an opportunity to bring family and friends who might not come out to a church or community centre to try square dancing.

C & D Events

SOLUMN DANCERS

Introductory Dance Party

This is a C&D Promotions-sponsored opportunity for the general public to try square dancing. It is being held at McDougall Church - 8516 Athabasca Street SE on Saturday, September 13th at 7:30 pm. Another opportunity to introduce people to modern square dancing in a fun and social environment. Please plan to attend and **wear club colours** so that we stand out in the crowd.

ASRDF Events

ASRDF

Save the Date - Convention 2026

Hot off the press – next year's annual square dance, round dance and clogging convention will be held on September 5th to 7th at the Memorial Centre in Lacombe, Alberta, with the Trail-In Dance on September 4th.



For registration information and other details, go to the C&D website.



Convention 2025

Convention 2025 – Dance is Alive in 2025 is now over – it was a blast for all that attended. There were five of us from Queens & Jacks and over 275 people in attendance for some part of the weekend. The music was fabulous and the energy was contagious! Hopefully we can have 10 Queens & Jacks participants next year.



National Events





The 24th Canadian National Square, Round and Clog Dance Festival is being held next summer in Penticton, BC. at the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre. July 15th to 18th, 2026.

Penticton is a tourist destination with many places of interest. Maybe you just want to relax on a beautiful beach, or take a ride on the Kettle Valley Train (there may even be a "robbery" while you are aboard), visit the radio observatory, take a tube ride down the local aqueduct, or visit a local winery to sample the local fare!

For registration and other information - https://squaredance.bc.ca/festival2026/





And Finally...

Sudoku Corner

If you like Sudoku, a great online site is https://sudoku.com/medium/

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Links

Do you want to brush up on some Mainstream moves? This is the #1 recommended website:

https://videosquaredancelessons.com/lessons/#mainstream

Do you want to check out other C&D events? https://www.squaredancecalgary.com/admin/events/

Cheers,

Brent and Nancy Daignault





Queens & Jacks Square Dance Club Registration Form – 2025 - 2026

Name/	's:
Addres	ss:
Email a	address/es:
Phone	number/s:
Emerge	ency Contact Information:
Name:	
Phone	number/s:
•	The Club may use photographs or videos that I/we appear in for promotional purposes including social media. The above personal information will be added to our Club directory which is distributed to Club members.
Signatı	ure/s:
Dated:	
Paid:	Date Payment Method



Today's Square Dancing

Mondays September 8th and 15th
7:00 to 9:00 pm

Canyon Meadows Community Centre 848 Cantabrian Drive SW

- o No Partner Required
- No Experience Necessary

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Ranchman's Roundup – a Night of Line and Square Dancing

Join us for a rootin'-tootin' good time with modern square dancing and line dancing at Calgary's iconic country bar – Ranchman's

Thursday, September 11th
5:00 to 7:30 pm
Square Dance Caller –
Glenn Watts
Line Dance Instructor –
Murielle Clements

Free - donations welcome

Food Service begins at 5:00 pm

9615 Macleod Trail South





Saturday 7:30 PM ● September 13th, 2025

"Sometimes it's just a great opportunity to socialize." – Mark Foreman

TRY IT OUT

- Step by Step Instructions
- Easy No Experience Required
- All Ages Singles and Couples
- Wear Comfortable Shoes

McDougall United Church Gym

8516 Athabasca Street SE, Calgary



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56th Alberta Dance Convention



September 5 to 7, 2026

Sponsored By

Calgary & District Square & Round

Dancers Association

In Lacombe, Alberta

- Square Dancing
 - Cued Ballroom
 - Clogging



Information & Registration online: www.squaredancecalgary.com







July 15th - 18th 2026

Canadian National
Square, Round & Clog
Dance Festival

squaredance.bc.ca





Come to Penticton, with its rich history of square dancing,
Host of the Peach Festival Square Dance Jamboree for over 60 years.
Enjoy square dancing in Okanagan Lake, floating down the canal joining two beautiful lakes, wine tasting tours, bountiful orchards and dancing with friends old and new.

Welcome to the Okanagan!!