



## Queens & Jacks Square Dance Club

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## Message from the President Couple

**N**ovember is going to be a busy month. Our big dance this month will be the **Get Acquainted Dance** on Saturday Nov 15<sup>th</sup>, where we introduce all of our new dancers and learn a little bit about them. The C & D Fill the Hall program will kick off with the **Movember Dance** hosted by the Rockyview Ramblers on Friday Nov 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be other dances in November – check out the attached Visitation schedule.

You might be wondering what the cover image is all about. Firstly, the style is called Retro Print. Retro prints refer to a design style that mimics the look and feel of mid-20th-century printed graphics, often characterized by:

- Halftone dots: Small dots used to create shading and gradients, a hallmark of older printing methods.
- Limited color palettes: Typically bold, flat colors with noticeable separation.
- Textured imperfections: Slight misalignments or ink bleed that evoke vintage printing processes.

Where did they originate? Retro print aesthetics draw inspiration from both newspaper printing and comic book printing, but their strongest association is with comic book printing of the 1940s–1960s. Newspaper printing introduced halftone technology for photographs and illustrations, but the style was utilitarian and monochrome. Comic books popularized vibrant halftone patterns and exaggerated color separations, which became iconic in pop art and retro design. So, while the technical roots lie in newspaper halftone printing, the visual identity of “retro print” as a design style comes primarily from comic book printing.

But what about the content of the image? These are drawn from events taking place in November: Remembrance Day (Nov 11), Leonid and other meteor showers, the Moon – Saturn Conjunction (Nov 2), Comet C/2025/R2 (SWAN), Comet C/2025 A6 (LEMMON), Day of the Dead (Mexico, Nov 1), Daylight Saving Time to Standard Time Change (Nov 2), and the US National Square Dancing Day (Nov 29).

Cheers,  
Nancy and Brent Daignault

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## Q & J Club Events

### Important Club Stuff

I am going to start with two 'asks' from everyone:

- First - a reminder to New Dancers who are paying quarterly that the Nov-Dec installment of \$50 per person is now due. Payment can be made at the door or by E-transfer to 'treasurerqueensandjacks@gmail.com'.
- Second – I'm going to ask that we all bring and wear 'indoor' shoes for dancing, and that we change into them out in the lobby. This helps keep the floor clean and dry so that we don't have to wet mop it at the end of the evening.
- Third – I'm going to ask that we all bring water bottles. It is more environmental, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to find plastic water glasses.

### Past Club Activities

We held our Harvest Moon dance on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. It was a very successful event with 34 people in attendance, including a square from other clubs. The evening ended with a variety of pies with whipped cream topping.

On October 27<sup>th</sup> we invited people to dress up in Halloween costumes. Lots of people took up the challenge and we had a wide assortment. We held a small competition and our 'incognito' judges chose 3 winners –



- Second prize: AnneMarie and Tim as Caesar and Cleopatra

- First prize: Murielle as the Queen of Hearts





- Third prize: Elaine and Colin as the Devil and Santa on Holidays

## Upcoming Club Events

Please 'save the date' for **Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**. This is when we will hold our annual **Get Acquainted Dance** where we introduce all new and returning dancers to the rest of the club. It will begin at 7:00 pm with dessert, followed by the programme of introducing the new people. The evening will end with square and social dancing led by Glenn. And if you're a new dancer, or a returning dancer, someone will approach you over the next weeks to gather some information about you for the introduction. Hope to see all of you there. Feel free to bring a plus 1. This event is complimentary for new dancers.

I'm still looking for 10 more people to make introductions. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are able to do this.

## Other Q&J Club News

### Club Membership

We have 68 members registered for the 2025-2026 season, plus 13 new dancers, for a total of 81 Queens and Jacks Members.

I am especially excited that our membership this year consists of:

- ALL OF OUR NEW DANCERS FROM LAST SEASON!!!
- 3 new members who are already mainstream dancers with affiliations to other clubs (Carlene and Iris and Kathy)
- 4 members who have been Q&J members in past years, but not recently (Marcia and Larry Lehew, Leo and Gladys Mendoza).

Thank you also to our members who continue to support the Club through



membership fees, even though they don't attend very often. We appreciate that you are thinking of us and continue to support the Club through your membership fees.

And lastly, thank you to our Mainstream dancers who support the Club through membership fees and by attending dances!

All of us together contribute to the success of our Club.

**If you have not submitted your registration form yet**, please bring it to a dance or email it to 'treasurerqueensandjacks@gmail.com'.

Your forms enable us to update an Emergency Contact List that we keep at the registration desk. Thank you!

## Visitations and Fill the Hall nights

The Executive decided that we will participate in two initiatives that will give us the opportunity to get out and dance at other clubs.

C&D has set up a **Fill the Hall schedule** where each club has been assigned one night when all the other clubs will come to dance with them. The original idea behind this was to support all clubs with their expenses.

Pat Bishop then set up for us a 'visitation' schedule for the dance season. This is our own initiative where we go to visit other clubs on nights which are not their Fill the Hall night but may be one of their special nights. These ones are fun because we dress up in our red and black, and go out for dinner together beforehand.

These are all optional opportunities but those of us who go regularly have lots of good dancing! I encourage all Mainstream dancers to come out. Of course you are welcome to go out and visit any club at any time as well.

## Snacks

For those of you whose last names begin with L through Z please bring a small snack to share. Please take home the remainder of your food when you leave. Beginning in December we will divide the alphabet in thirds so that there is not so much food.

## Sunshine

The following cards have been sent to people during the month of October – a sympathy card to Collette McMullen, get well/thinking of you cards to Lynette Agar, Carlene Godin and Paul Coates and an anniversary card to Fay and Dave Halverson.



## C & D Events



### Upcoming Events

The first Fill the Hall night is at the Rockyview Ramblers on **Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**. This is their '**Movember**' Dance, where they are raising funds for the Canadian Cancer Society for men's cancers. You are encouraged to grow or wear a moustache.

## Events by Other Clubs

### Upcoming Events

Other upcoming dances include:

- |                  |                       |                         |
|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| ▪ Banff Trailers | Hexagon Night         | Friday, November 7th    |
| ▪ Dots & Dashers | Black and White Dance | Saturday, November 22nd |

## ASRDF Events



### 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 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> at the Memorial Centre in Lacombe, Alberta, with the Trail-In Dance on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

For registration information and other details, go to the C&D [website](#).



## National Events



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

## *Get Acquainted Dance*



**Saturday, November 15, 2025**

**Canyon Meadows Community Centre**

**848 Cantabrian Drive SW**

**Caller – Glenn Watts**

**Introduction to new dancers and treats – 6:00 pm**

**Mainstream and Social Dancing – 8:00 pm**

\$7.50 per person, \$15 per couple

Please bring your own water bottle

**Queens & Jacks Visitation Schedule 2025-26**

			QUEENS AND JACKS	QUEENS AND JACKS	C&D
Month	Date	Day	Special Dances	Our Visitations	Fill the Hall
October	18	SATURDAY	Harvest Moon		
November	14	FRIDAY			Rockyview Ramblers Movember Moustaches
November	15	SATURDAY	Get Acquainted		
December	13	SATURDAY	Christmas Party		
January	10	SATURDAY		Dots and Dashers	
January	16	FRIDAY		Banff Trailers	
February	14	SATURDAY			Dots and Dashers Valentines
February	21	SATURDAY	Loonie Toonie		
March	11			Wheatland Whirlers	
March	21	SATURDAY	Spring Fling		Queens and Jacks Spring Fling
March	29	SUNDAY			Wheatland Whirlers Wearing of the Green
April	10	FRIDAY			Banff Trailers
April	17	FRIDAY		Rockyview Ramblers	
April	25	SATURDAY	Year End Celebration		
May	11	MONDAY		Wild Rose Squares	Wild Rose Squares
July	11	SATURDAY	Stampede Dance		



# JOIN THE BANFF TRAILERS

## Hexagon Night

admission  
**\$8**

**come dance with Lorne Smith at the  
mainstream level and challenge your skills**

dancing is great hex-ercise  
do your best so you don't get hex-pelled  
the calls won't be too hex-treme  
and remember a hexagon is just a circle that decided to be edgy

**November 7, 2025 at 7:30pm**  
**Cambrian Heights Hall 600 Northmount Dr NW**

**ROCKYVIEW  
RAMBLERS'  
FILL THE HALL  
with  
MOUSTACHES!!**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14/25  
NEW DANCERS - 7:00 - 8:30 pm  
MAINSTREAM - 8:30 - 10:00 pm  
\$8.00/person**

**Donations for Cancer Society (for Men's  
Cancers) will be gratefully accepted**



**NORTH HAVEN COMMUNITY HALL  
5003 NORTH HAVEN DR. NW**

**Info: David or Joyce @ 403-293-0033  
Email: [rvr@telus.net](mailto:rvr@telus.net)**



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



**Saturday, November 22, 2025**

Sunalta Community Centre (1627 10th Avenue SW)

Doors open: 6:45 pm

**Plus** tips 7:00 to 8:00 pm

**Mainstream** tips 8:00 to 10:00 pm

Tom & Maureen Dakers calling

\$8:00 / person



Website: <https://ddsquares.ca>

