



Queens & Jacks Square Dance Club

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Message from the President Couple

Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the hall, Not a dancer was stirring, awaiting the call. The circle skirts hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that Caller Glenn soon would be there.

The members were settled on their backsides and faced, While visions of Grand Squares danced and raced; And Mom in her dance shoes, and I in my hat, Had just settled down for a long winter's nap—

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to witness the matter. Away to the window I flew like a Swing, Tore open the shutters and threw up the string. The moon on the blanket of new-fallen snow, Gave the look of sugar cookies on the snack table below.

When, what to my watering eyes should appear, But a miniature pickup, and eight tiny reindeer, With a bearded middle-aged driver, so lively and then, I knew in a moment it must be him - Caller Glenn! More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he shouted, and called them by move and by name:

“Now, CLOVERLEAF! Now, HALF TAG! Now, CROSS RUN and RECYCLE! On, SCOOT BACK! On, DIVE THRU! On, PROMENADE and HINGE!

To the top of the porch! To the end of the hall! Now Sashay away! Sashay away! Half Sashay away all!”

He was dressed all in velvet, from his head to his boot, He was styled like Elvis in his holiday suit. A bundle of records he had flung on his back, And he looked like a disk jockey opening his sack.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk. And laying a finger beside his red nose,

He gave us a nod, as everyone knows, "It's time to Square Up and twinkle those toes!" Then he sprang to his ride, to his team shared a chip, And away they all flew, like a hot hash tip. Then I heard him exclaim, as he raised his mic—

Merry Christmas to you, and keep practicing that SPIN CHAIN THRU.

Cheers,
Nancy and Brent Daignault

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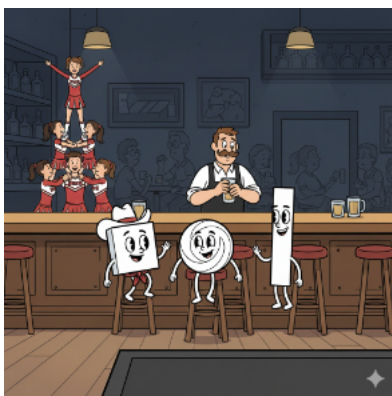
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Q & J Club Events

Past Club Activities

The Get Acquainted Dance was a huge success. The introductions were interesting and entertaining, and we got to know somethings about our new and returning dancers. The social and square dancing were well received particularly the square and line dancing.





Hey, Ralph, the Geometric Dance Convention must be in town again.



Upcoming Club Events

Christmas Party

Our **Christmas Party** is the next special event on our club calendar. It will happen on Saturday, December 13th. The evening will begin at 6:00 pm with a 'Snack and Chat' with an appetizer buffet – please bring your favourite finger food – savoury or sweet. Following this there will be square dancing to singing calls – Glenn has some great Christmas music! The evening will end with a sing-a-long of Christmas and holiday music. We will be collecting cash and food donations for the Calgary Food Bank. This event is complimentary for new dancers, and you are encouraged to bring a 'plus 1'.

Visitations

Our first visitation night is to the Dots & Dashers on Saturday January 10th at Sunalta Community Centre - 1627 – 10th Avenue SW. For those who can or want to we will meet beforehand at the Pegasus Restaurant - 4824 16 St SW - in Altadore at 5:30 for a shared meal before heading off for a night a dancing. Dots & Dashers start their dance nights with an hour of Plus dancing beginning at 7:00 and Mainstream at 8:00.

Our second visitation night is to the Banff Trailers on Friday, January 16th at the Cambrian Heights Community Centre – 600 Northmount Drive NW. We will meet beforehand at the 4th Spot Kitchen and Bar at 2620 4th Street NW for a shared meal. Banff Trailers begin their dances at 7:30 pm.

These are visitations so we will wear our **red** and **black** club colours. [Here is a link](#) to a spreadsheet where you can indicate if you are going to attend, and if you will be joining us for dinner so that reservations can be made.

Other Q&J Club News

New Year Session

Our lesson nights in the new year will begin on **Monday, January 5th**.

Snacks

For those of you whose last name begin with the letter **A through H** please bring a small snack to share for the month of December.

Sunshine

A sympathy card was sent to Tracy and Samantha Showwalter in November.



C & D Events



Past Events

Some of us went on our first Fill the Hall night on Friday, November 14th to the Rockyview Ramblers Movember Dance. We all wore real or fake mustaches for the evening and had lots of fun. This was their charity dance and they were raising money for men's cancer programmes.



Upcoming Events

If you're looking for something to do on **New Year's Eve** David and Marlene Symington are hosting a dance at the North Haven Community Centre – 5003 North Haven Drive NW. The party starts at 8:30 pm and goes to midnight. Please bring an appetizer or sweet to share at a pooled lunch about 10:30 pm. Several of us go each year and it is a great time.

January 3rd is the first of the **monthly dance parties** being organized by a small committee of dancers and callers. The aim is to attract new people to an evening of square and line dancing using digital marketing – a website, social media and emails. It is a perfect event to bring family and friends to who you think would enjoy the evening. There will be small posters to take home and give to people you want to invite. The parties will be held at the Highwood Community Centre at 16 Harlow Avenue NW starting at 7:00 pm. Dress is casual and we won't wear club nametags. Our own Murielle will be leading the line dancing. Come out and make these dances a success.

Gary Winter from Sherwood Park is coming for his annual winter dance – this year called "Winter is Coming". There will be a Mainstream dance on Saturday, January 31st at McDougall United Church – 8516 Athabasca Street SE - with rounds at 7:30 pm and squares at 8:00. There will also be a Plus dance on Sunday, February 1st with rounds at 1:30 pm and Plus dancing at 2:00. I have tickets available for \$10.00 per person. Tickets at the door will be \$15.00.

Events by Other Clubs

Upcoming Events

Other upcoming dances include:

- Dots & Dashers Robbie Burns dance Saturday, January 24th



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 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](#).



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



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CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 13

Snack + Chat with Appetizers + Punch – 6:00

Square Dancing, all singing calls– 7:00

Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long – 9:00

****Please bring your favourite finger food appetizer,
savory or sweet****

**We will be collecting cash and food donations for the
Calgary Food Bank**

Canyon Meadows Community Centre

848 Cantabrian Drive SW

Caller: Glen Watts

Keyboard: David Crocker

\$7.50 per person, \$15 per couple

Free for new dancers and their “plus 1”

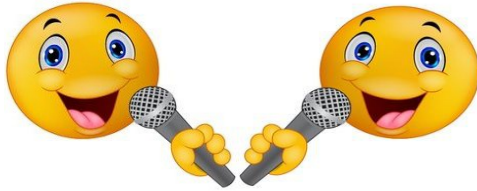
Please bring indoor shoes

Please bring your own water bottle, water provided at the hall





New Year's Eve Dance



Tofield, AB

David Symington & Shane Lieber

Mainstream & Duets

Wednesday, December 31st, 2025

8:30pm - 12:05 am

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

\$15.00/person at the door
Finger Food Potluck @ 10:30pm
(NUT Allergy)

Hosts: David & Marlene Symington
403 276-5706 (H) or 403 966-5706(C)



2026



Learn to Line & Square Dance



DANCE@ PARTY

first-saturday-of-every-month



NEEDED: Experienced Square Dancers!

Help make these monthly C&D Try-It dances a success.

Guide new dancers in the square.

Invite family and friends.



Note: Casual dress and no club name tags please.

For more info: www.SquareDanceCalgary.com



HIGHWOOD HALL

16 harlow avenue nw, calgary

adult \$10

youth (12yrs+) \$8

family (3+) \$25

Saturdays 7pm

JAN. 3

APR. 4

FEB. 7

MAY 2

MAR. 7

JUN. 6



Gary Winter Sherwood Park, AB



BRACE YOURSELF



Mainstream

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

7:30pm Rounds; 8-10pm Squares

Plus



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

1:30pm Rounds; 2-4pm Squares

TICKETS

Advance: \$10

At Door: \$15

*For Presales: C&D Reps or
Bud Sedman 403-452-3656*



WINTER IS COMING

**McDougall United
Church Hall
8516 Athabasca
Street SE, Calgary**

Canny Scots are coming to the Dots & Dashers

Robbie Burns Dance



Saturday, January 24, 2026

Sunalta Community Centre (1627 10th Avenue SW)

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

Tom & Maureen Dakers calling

\$8:00 / person



Website: <https://ddsquares.ca>

