



## Queens & Jacks Square Dance Club

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**January  
2026**

## Message from the President Couple

Happy New Year and welcome to 2026 and the winter half of this dance season. May the year ahead be filled with good health, peaceful moments and countless reasons to smile. May every new day bring hope, happiness and warm memories to cherish.

Cheers,  
Nancy and Brent Daignault



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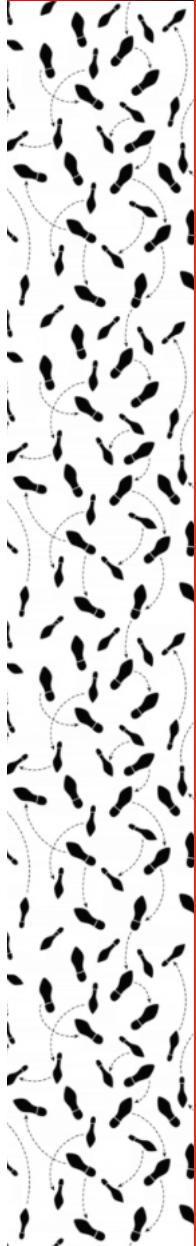
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## Q & J Club Events

### Past Club Activities

Wasn't that a great Christmas Party? Thanks to Julie and all of her helpers for organizing such a grand event! We raised \$265.00 plus some bags of groceries for the Calgary Food Bank.





## Upcoming Club Events

Our first night of dancing in the new year is Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. See you there!

Our **first visitation** night is to the Dots & Dashers on Saturday January 10<sup>th</sup> 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 pm for a shared meal before heading off for a night of dancing. Dots & Dashers start their dance nights with an hour of Plus dancing beginning at 7:00 and Mainstream at 8:00 pm.

Our **second visitation** night is to the Banff Trailers on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 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. This will be at 5:30 pm. 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. Or you can speak with Pat.

Our next big event will be our annual **Loonies & Toonies Charity Dance** being held on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. The charity that we will be supporting will be decided at the Executive meeting on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Snacks

For those of you whose last name begin with the letter **J through P** please bring a small snack to share for the month of January.

### Sunshine

A wedding congratulations card was sent to Nola and Elwyn.



### End of the Evening Cleanup

As an Executive we decided that we don't want to be clearing things away at the end of an evening or event until it is over. This includes stacking chairs and removing decorations.

I know sometimes people are eager to get home and want to be able to help with the take down but we are quite firm on this decision that we have made. It is disruptive to the people who are still enjoying the evening or event, and it is distracting to Glenn.

Nothing can go into the storage cupboard until Glenn has packed up his equipment and the stage has been put away. There is no rush to stack the tables as, unless we have been using table cloths, they all have to be wiped. Please wait until after our 'thank you' circle is completed.



## C & D Events

### Upcoming Events

January 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 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 Groups

### Upcoming Events

Other club special events in January – see [www.squaredancecalgary.com](http://www.squaredancecalgary.com)

- A Chance to Dance – an opportunity to try round dancing – Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>
- Dots & Dashers Robbie Burns dance – Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

### SAVE THE DATE – Sunday, February 8th – New Dancers' Ball

This is for all new dancers to experience the wider square dance community. It is an event sponsored by the Calgary Callers & Cuers Association. It takes place at McDougall United Church at 8516 Athabasca Street SE from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. We have a tradition at Queens & Jacks where we go out for an early dinner afterwards to the Carriage House café. The dance costs \$7.00 a person. Nancy will be organizing this closer to the date.

There is also a **New Dancers Jamboree** sponsored by the Rockyview Ramblers on Sunday, February 22nd. More information in the February Fanout.

## 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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5	3	9	8	6		4	1
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		1	6		3		7
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	3					1	2
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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



# LINE & SQUARE DANCING

- step-by-step instruction
- no partner required
- no experience needed



first-saturday-of-every-month

# DANCE PARTY



## HIGHWOOD HALL

16 harlow avenue nw, calgary

**adult \$10**

**youth (12 yrs+) \$8**

**family (3+) \$25**



**Saturdays 7pm**

**JAN. 3**

**APR. 4**

**FEB. 7**

**MAY 2**

**MAR. 7**

**JUN. 6**

**Gary  
Winter  
Sherwood  
Park, AB**

**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*

**BRACE YOURSELF**



**WINTER IS  
COMING**

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

# NEW Sunday 2-4pm Dancers Ball, February 8, 2026

FOR ALL DANCERS

Currently Taking Lessons? Don't Miss Out! This Dance Is Designed With YOU In Mind!

McDOUGALL UNITED CHURCH  
8516 Athabasca Street SE, Calgary  
\$7/Person



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Hosted By

**CALGARY CALLERS & CUERS ASSOCIATION**

More Info? Call Dave Littlefair 403-620-5131



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## ROCKYVIEW RAMBLERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

**New Dancers Jamboree**  
**Sunday February 22, 2026**  
**2:00 – 4:30 PM Potluck to follow,**  
**\$8.00 / per person**

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**Alexandra Centre Society**

**922 9Ave SE Calgary AB.**

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