



## Queens & Jacks Square Dance Club

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## Message from the President Couple

**M**arch already! The calendar never stops and the dances keep appearing on the horizon. In this issue of the Queens & Jacks Fan Out, you will find out where some of the members have been in February - with photographic evidence. Nancy and I continued to take part in the dinners but not dance, however, starting with the Loonies and Toonies Charity Dance I am back in the square once again.

You will also read about upcoming club events - our next scheduled visitation to Wheatland Whirlers in Strathmore, with a dinner at the Strathmore Station prior to the dance; our Fill the Hall Spring Fling Dance, and our Annual General Meeting prior to lessons. We keep it down to 30 minutes and you get to meet the new club executive.

There are other dances on the schedule: the National Oreo Cookie Day Dance by the Rockyview Ramblers, the Monthly Dance Party, the Shamrock Swing Dance by the Dots & Dashers. Cue Steps is also having a St. Patrick's Day Round Dance. And always of Special Note are the two conventions this year: the National Festival in Penticton BC, and the Alberta Provincial convention in Lacombe (Nancy and I are the registrars for this one this year and I can tell you that we are at 25% expected attendance so far).

Rounding out the Fan Out is the monthly Sudoku. I've drawn this one from the EASY level this time, so give it a try.

Cheers,  
Nancy and Brent Daignault

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# Q & J Club Events

## Past Club Activities

### New Dancer Ball



A prime number of Queens & Jacks members (23) attended the New Dancer Ball on February 8<sup>th</sup> at McDougall United Church. Afterwards 16 people gathered for dinner at the Carriage House – AnneMarie and Tim joined us there!

### Loonies & Toonies Charity Dance





The Loonies & Toonies Charity Dance was a successful dance. There were 31 attendees – 19 Queens & Jacks and 12 visitors. We collected \$327.00 for our charity – Alzheimer Calgary. The decorations reflected the charity – turquoise ballons and forget-me-not flowers. Pat read a message she received from someone at Alzheimer Calgary and there was literature and “stress brains” to take home. Glenn called all singing calls “all night long” (but not Lionel Richie) and some of the visitors were very impressed.

### **Upcoming Club Events**

Robin and David Biggs are joining us for the rest of our dance season. Robin has some crinolines she would like to sell, and will have them at our new dancer night on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. She will be there at 6:30pm so come early to shop.

Our next visitation is to the **Wheatland Whirlers** in Strathmore on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the Strathmore Station Restaurant and Pub at 6:00 pm and join them for Mainstream dancing at 8:00. If you are interested in attending, or are interested in carpooling out, please speak to Pat. Remember to wear club colours.

### **Spring Fling Dance**

We’re holding our Spring Fling Dance this year on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Hopefully, being the first day of spring, there won’t be a blizzard as there has been in the past! We invite all new dancers to join us at this dance. It starts at 7:30 with round dancing and 8:00 for square dancing. This is our Fill the Hall night so we hope that members of other clubs will attend.

### **Annual General Meeting**

Our Annual General Meeting is being held on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is an event for everyone. We start the AGM at 6:30 pm and aim to be finished by 7:00. I will be sending out the details and the documents 2 weeks prior to the meeting. Please print out any reports you want to have available at the AGM as there will be no paper copies at the meeting. Plan to arrive about 6:15 so that we can start at 6:30 sharp.

### **Year End Celebration**

Save the Date – for the Year End Celebration on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

This is when we officially graduate the new dancers as Mainstream dancers so please everyone mark this on your calendars. We start the evening with a catered meal, have presentations, and then we dance! At this event we all wear our club colours of red and black.

### Other News Items

#### '88 Winter Olympics

I know some of us have been glued to our media streaming devices watching the 2026 Winter Olympics. In case you didn't know, some of our members, Fay and Dave and Bill and Mia danced in the opening ceremonies of the '88 Winter Olympics. Here are pictures of them in their outfits.



Dave and Fay



Bill and Mia

#### Snacks

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



#### Sunshine

Thinking of You cards were sent to Willie and Glenn.



## C & D Events



### Upcoming Events

#### First-Saturday-of-the-Month Dance Party

The next dance party is being held on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity to take friends and family to try out square and line dancing. It will be held at the Highwood Community Centre at 16 Harlow Avenue NW. The doors open at 6:30 pm and dancing begins at 7:00. Please bring indoor shoes.

#### Wearing O' the Green

This is again in Strathmore at the **Wheatland Whirlers**. It is their annual tribute to St. Patrick's Day, and is also their Fill the Hall dance. It is on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. Round dancing will begin at 2:30 pm and square dancing from 3:00 to 5:00. **ALL NEW DANCERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!** The dance is followed by a potluck supper – plates and cutlery will be provided. Talk to Pat Bishop about carpooling for this event.

## 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/easy/>

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			9		6			1
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		1	4	7			5	6

## 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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# Spring Fling Dance

Saturday, March 21, 2026

Canyon Meadows Community Centre

848 Cantabrian Drive SW

*Kate*

Caller – Glenn Watts

Cuer – Patricia Mahoney

Rounds – 7:30 pm

Mainstream – 8:00 pm

\$7.50 per person

Please bring your own water bottle

**Fill the Hall!**



**WESTMOUNT  
SCHOOL GYM  
220 Wheatland Trail, Strathmore**

(Hwy. #1 East to Strathmore, Left @ 2<sup>nd</sup> Set of Lights  
onto Wheatland Trail; 2 Blocks North, School on LHS.)

*New Cuer!*

*New Caller!*

# Wearing O' The Green

## Dance and Potluck Sunday, MARCH 29, 2026

**2:30pm Pre-Rounds**

**CLAUDIA DENISE  
LITTLEFAIR MacKENZIE**

**3-5pm Mainstream Squares**

**DAVE JIM  
LITTLEFAIR DECELLE**

**After Dance (dinnerwear provided)**

**POTLUCK SUPPER**

***Welcome FIRST YEAR Dancers!***

For More Info Dixie 403-901-5605  
Wheatland Whirlers, Strathmore

**\$7/Person**

