



## Queens & Jacks Square Dance Club

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## Message from the President Couple

**H**appy Valentine's Day. In this issue of the Queens & Jacks Fan Out, you will find out what some of the members were up to at the Dots & Dashers and Banff Trailers visitations. Nancy and I took part in the dinners but we did not go to the dances due to my current back issue - which I am working on as best I can.

You will also read about upcoming club events - the Loonies & Toonies Dance, the Fill the Hall dance at Dots & Dashers, and the Spring Fling Dance later in March.

It's also that time of year where nominations for next year's executive, directors, and committee positions are needed. All but 4 positions are filled, so have a look and see if one of them grabs you - in a good way.

There are other dances on the schedule: the Monthly Dance Party, the New Dancer's Ball, the Mardi Gras Dance, and the New Dancers Jamboree. 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).

Rounding out the Fan Out is the monthly Sudoku. I've drawn them from a medium level set, so they shouldn't be too hard for most of you. Let me know if I should drop it down to Easy!

Cheers,  
Nancy and Brent Daignault



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# Q & J Club Events

## Past Club Activities

The visitation to Dots & Dashers was well attended by Queens & Jacks. Seven people attended the dance beforehand and 10 people attended the dance.



The visitation to Banff Trailers was also well attended with 9 people meeting for dinner and 11 people attending the dance.



What did one  
lightbulb say to  
the other on  
Valentine's Day?

I love you  
watts and  
watts.



## Upcoming Club Events

Our next big club 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 is Alzheimer Calgary. Last year we raised about \$700.00 for the cause. It will be a regular Mainstream dance with rounds at 7:30 pm and Mainstream at 8:00. Hope to see you there.

The next Fill The Hall night is on Valentine's Day at Dots & Dashers. This is when members of all/most of the clubs in the district visit Dots & Dashers the same night. They begin with Plus at 7:00 pm and Mainstream at 8:00. They meet at Sunalta Community Centre which is at 1627 – 10th Avenue SW. Parking is at a premium so don't wait till the last minute to arrive.

## Save the Date – Spring Fling Dance on Saturday, March 21st.

This will be our Fill the Hall dance so we will expect there to be dancers from other clubs. Everyone is invited to join us for this event!

### Snacks

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



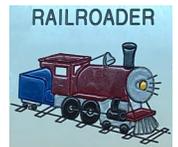
### Sunshine

No Sunshine cards were sent in January. If you know of someone in the club who is unwell or has experienced a loss please email Marj Moon - [thefullmoons@gmail.com](mailto:thefullmoons@gmail.com) – with the information.



## Nominations for Next Year

If you see Pat and Brian wearing "RAILROADER" badges at dances it is because as Past Presidents they are responsible for 'railroading' people to fill volunteer positions for our Executive and Committee Heads for the upcoming dance season – 2026-2027.



If you can believe it there are 16 Executive positions and 17 committees that keep our club viable and running smoothly. There are currently 28 people volunteering for these position – several people hold more than one position.

For the upcoming dance season we are looking for volunteers to fill 4 of those positions –Vice President, Membership, Sunshine, Visitations. Following are the purpose and responsibility statement for each position. Pat and Brian will have full position documents for you to view. If you are considering one of the positions, please ask for the full roles and responsibility document:

- **Vice President:** The purpose and responsibility of this role to assume the President's role in their absence and to share the President's workload. It is also expected that the Vice President will move into the President's role in the following year.

- **Membership:** The overall purpose and responsibility of this committee is to maintain an accurate and up to date database of the members of the Queens & Jacks Square Dance Club in order to be able to produce an annual roster.
- **Sunshine:** The overall purpose and responsibility of this committee is to let Club Members know the Queens & Jacks club is thinking about them by sending cards and greetings to members who are facing difficult times.
- **Visitations:** The overall purpose and responsibility of this committee is to organize visitations to other clubs dances and dinners beforehand. The goal is to visit each of the other Calgary & District clubs at least once during the dance season.

Please consider volunteering for one of these positions. Without a full slate of Executive members and committee heads we will be a diminished club. We aim to be a strong and viable club and we need these positions to be filled.

## C & D Events



### Upcoming Events

The next **monthly dance party** is being held on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at the Highwood Community Centre – 16 Harlow Avenue NW. The doors will open at 6:30 and the dancing will begin at 7:00 pm. You can either bring friends and/or family you think would enjoy the evening, or you can come to help fill up the squares with experienced dancers. Remember there will be line and square dancing, and our own Murielle will be leading the line dancing. There is a cost for this event - \$10.00 per adult, \$8.00 per youth, and \$25.00 for a family of 3 or more.

## Events by Other Groups

### Upcoming Events

#### Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> – 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. The dance costs \$7.00 cash per person. There will be a yellow sign-up sheet on the counter by the trifold board to sign up to come for the dinner afterwards. Mainstream dancers please wear club colours.

There is also a **New Dancers Jamboree** sponsored by the Rockyview Ramblers on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. It is an afternoon dance – from 2:00 to 4:30 pm – followed by a potluck supper. The location is the Alexandra Centre at 922 – 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW in Inglewood. This is not a usual square dance location. The cost is \$8.00 cash per person.

### Other Upcoming Dances –

- Mardi Gras dance at Banff Trailers – Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

## 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



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# **Loonies & Toonies Charity Dance**

**Saturday, February 21, 2026**

**All donations going to  
Alzheimer Calgary**

**Canyon Meadows Community Centre**

**848 Cantabrian Drive SW**

Caller – Glenn Watts

Cuer – Patricia Mahoney

Rounds – 7:30pm

Mainstream – 8:00pm

\$7.50 per person

Please bring your own water bottle

*Bring your sweetheart to the Dots & Dashers*

# *Valentine's Dance*



**Saturday, February 14, 2026**

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: [ddsquares.ca](http://ddsquares.ca)



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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

**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](http://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**

**Sunday New**  
**2-4pm**  
**February's**  
**Ball**



**McDOUGALL  
UNITED  
CHURCH**

**8516 Athabasca  
Street SE, Calgary**

**\$7/Person**

**FOR ALL  
DANCERS**

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



**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.

Contact: David Allen@ 403-293-0033

email [rvr@telus.net](mailto:rvr@telus.net)

BANFF TRAILERS PRESENT

# MARDI GRAS

*Masquerade Party*

FEBRUARY 20 AT 7:30PM

**COSTUMES ENCOURAGED**

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR FOR \$12

LORNE SMITH WILL BE CALLING AT THE MAINSTREAM LEVEL

mocktails will be served by the kings court ladies

CAMBRIAN HEIGHTS HALL 600 NORTHMOUNT DR NW