

Dots & Dashers

Newsletter
November 12, 2012

New Dancer Lessons

Welcome to all our new dancers and a big thank you to the square angels who lend their support and bring snacks! Our last lesson before Christmas will be on December 18th and our first class for 2013 will be January 8th. Thanks to Jack and Judy Tiessen for organizing Tuesday nights this year.

Clothes For Orphan Children

Do you have any spare pillowcases? Barb Attoe can magically turn them into dresses for little girls at an orphanage in South Sudan. Please bring them to a November dance or call Barb at 403-242-5151. She can also use cotton material to sew other items of clothing.



Christmas Charity

Our Christmas charity this year is the Salvation Army. The donation box will be available at all events until December 8th. The club will match the contributions of our members.



Giving
Hope
Today

The Travelling Door



The Travelling Door is a traditional prize at our annual campout. The lucky winners become custodians of the door and are expected to take it along when they travel to square dance events during the following year

This year, Bob and Carol Shortall are the door's custodians. It has already accompanied Bob to Newfoundland and been baptized in the "real" Atlantic Ocean at the beach shown above.

Membership Report

This year, our club has 107 members (63 full, 27 associate, 10 honorary and 7 new dancers). We are holding our own, since last year's membership was also 107 (65 full, 24 associate, 10 honorary, and 8 new dancers). Our new members from the 2012 graduating class are Ray & Faye Brown, Ken & Linda Meville and Tom & Linda Warburton. We welcome returning member, Roger Howlett; and new members, Herb and Loretta Tetzlaff. Pictures of our new dancers appear in a separate document.

Black & White Gala

On Saturday November 24th, we will host our annual "Black & White" dance. Dust off your formal wear, penguin costumes, or wear black and white square dance attire. There is no need to bring snacks as the club provides cake and ice-cream at this dance. Our special guests for the evening will be the Wheatland Whirlers from Strathmore.

New Dancer Jamboree

The Jamboree will be held at the Carriage House Inn (9030 Macleod Trail South) on Sunday, January 20th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. This dance gives new dancers from all clubs a chance to experience a mainstream dance using only calls that have already been taught. We encourage all new dancers to attend.

Mainstream dancers who attend will be dressed in their "club colours" outfits. The cost is \$6.00 per person.

Beginner Hints: Don't be shy! The squares at this dance will form up quickly, so join a square as soon as the music starts. It may be easier to hear the caller if you join a square near the front of the hall. If your square needs another couple, raise your hand to show where more couples are needed.

50th Anniversary Dinner & Dance

The Dots & Dashers Square Dance Club was founded on February 23, 1963. To celebrate our anniversary, a special evening is planned at Sunalta Hall for Saturday, February 23, 2013. It will include a catered dinner for members and invited guests, followed by a mainstream dance. Be sure to wear your "club colours" that night.

The cost will be \$15.00 per person (includes dance). Tickets will be available at the Black & White Gala.

Get Acquainted Night

On November 3rd, we got together at the Good Companions Centre to meet our new dancers and spend time with old friends. Forty-six people, including several associate members joined in the fun. The first Get Acquainted Night was held fifteen years ago on November 15th 1997, also with 46 members attending!

Myrna and Ted did their usual fine job of entertaining us with quizzes and games. The shuffleboard winners were Bob Shortall and Linda Meville. Marion Heyde and Judy Tiessen tied for first in the whist tournament...

Shuffleboard Hotshots



Whizzes at Whist



Dots & Dashers Website

www.calfolk.ca/square

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Alberta Convention 2013

The 45th Annual Convention will be held on from August 30 to September 02, 2013 in Lacombe, Alberta. It promises to be as much fun as this year's event in High River.

Cards & Flowers (coordinated by Doris Haynes, 403-249-2294)

Sep. 15 Thinking of You to Bob Holmes, cancer struggles/treatments

Sep. 26 Get Well to Judy Tiessen, nasal surgery

Sep. 29 Sympathy to Darlene Abbott, death of her mother

Oct. 03 Sympathy to Yvette & Al Meier, death of Yvette's sister

Oct. 03 Sympathy to Lawrence & Joyce Head, death of Lawrence's mother

Oct. 13 Sympathy to Lorne & Barb Smith, death of Lorne's brother

Oct. 13 Get Well to Denise Watts, health issues following shoulder surgery

Oct. 29 Thinking of You to Judy Tiessen, awaiting nasal cancer surgery

Oct. 29 Get Well to Dave Symington, major fall

Oct. 29 Thinking of You to Carol & Bob Shortall, re Carol's mother's illness

Nov. 03 Sympathy to Florence & Wally Hanishewski, death of Florence's sister

Events 2012 - 2013

Date	Day	Time	Event (Sponsor)	Location (Visitors)
2012-11-10	Sat	7:30	Mainstream Dance (DD)	Sunalta
2012-11-14	Wed	7:30	Good Tyme Dance (RC)	Nanton (Allan Zwierschke)
2012-11-16	Fri	8:00	Visit to Rockyview Ramblers	Airdrie
2012-11-24	Sat	7:30	Black and White Gala (DD)	Sunalta (Wheatland)
2012-11-28	Wed	7:30	Anniversary Dance (SS)	Winston Heights
2012-12-01	Sat	7:30	Toy Dance (BT)	Highwood
2012-12-08	Sat	7:30	Elves Night Out (DD)	Sunalta (Highland)
2012-12-17	Mon	7:30	Christmas Dance (SS)	Winston Heights
2012-12-31	Mon	8:30	New Year's Eve Dance (RR)	Airdrie
2013-01-11	Fri	7:30	Visit To Queens & Jacks	Braeside
2013-01-12	Sat	7:30	Mainstream Dance (DD)	Sunalta (Queens, Banff)
2013-01-16	Wed	7:30	Visit to Rainbow Country Dancers	Nanton
2013-01-20	Sun	2:00	New Dancer Jamboree (CCCA)	Carriage House Inn
2013-01-25	Fri	7:30	Loonies & Toonies Charity (QJ)	Braeside
2013-01-26	Sat	7:30	Robbie Burns Dance (DD)	Sunalta (C&D)
2013-02-02	Sat	7:30	Visit to Banff Trailers	Highwood
2013-02-09	Sat	7:30	Valentine's Dance (DD)	Sunalta (Swinging, Rainbow)
2013-02-13	Wed	8:00	Visit to Hi-Land Swingers	St. David's United Church
2013-02-23	Sat	7:30	Anniversary Dance (DD)	Sunalta (Prairie Winds)
2013-02-24	Sun	2:00	New Dancer Jamboree (RR)	Balzac

We look forward to seeing you across the square!

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