

Dots & Dashers

Newsletter
May 16, 2013

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held at 7:30 on Wednesday, May 22 in the small hall at Sunalta. We encourage all members and new dancers to attend. There will be a grand prize draw.

Club Memberships

Unless changed at the AGM, a full membership fee is \$15.00 per person. An associate membership is \$6.00 per couple (or individual). Memberships can be paid to Barrie McCombs at the annual meeting. Make cheques payable to the Dots and Dashers.

C & D Grapevine Subscription

The Calgary & District newsletter (published three times per year) is a valuable source of information about upcoming events. The cost is \$15.00 and can be paid along with your club membership.

Recruit New Couples

Over the summer, we encourage all members to actively recruit new couples. We have club business cards and posters that you can use to promote the club. Copies will be available at the AGM and on the club website. We also have business cards and posters promoting the free C & D Dance Party (previously called the "New Dancer Roundup").

UPCOMING EVENTS

New Grad Dances

On Tuesday, May 21, Tom Dakers will call the last "New Grad" dance at Sunalta Hall, starting at 7:30 pm. These are an excellent opportunity for new graduates from all clubs to gain experience at the mainstream level. Tom has been reviewing many of the more challenging moves, such as "Spin Chain Thru". All dancers are welcome. Cost: \$6.00 per person.

Kaija & Pat's "Brand New" Skirts



C & D Summer Dances

On Tuesdays during June, July and August, local clubs will take turns hosting a summer dance. See the events list for the dates and locations. The Dots & Dashers dance is on June 11 at Sunalta.

Stampede Dance (July 06)

Our Stampede dance will be held on Saturday, July 06 at Sunalta. See the events list for other dances during the Calgary Stampede.

Fun Addicts Campout

Our campout will be at Torrington on the weekend of May 31 - June 02. You can come for the weekend or just for the day. If you plan to attend, please let Doris Haynes (403-249-2294) know before May 24. The cost is \$20.00 per person, which includes a catered dinner and dance on Saturday night.

Saturday's events include a hotdog lunch, followed by horseshoe and bocci (lawn bowling) tournaments. Bring finger food and liquid refreshments for the "happy hour" before dinner and snacks for after the dance.

Please bring an item to donate to the silent auction. The proceeds from the auction help offset the campout expenses.

Directions to Torrington: go north on highway #2. At Olds, turn east onto highway #27. At Torrington, look for the water tower, which is located right at the Community Centre.

Alberta Convention (Aug 30 - Sep 02)

This year's convention will be held in Lacombe. More information and registration forms are available on the C&D website.

C & D Square Dance Party (September 10) (formerly "New Dancer Round-Up")

This "re-branded" event will be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, September 10 at the Carriage House Inn (9030 Macleod Trail SW). It is an opportunity for prospective new dancers to have fun and get a taste of square dancing.

Beginner Lessons (September 17)

Our beginner lessons resume at Sunalta Hall, with the first two lessons being free for new dancers (September 17 & 24).

Thor Sigurdson Dance (September 20)

The Calgary Callers Assn. will host a dance on Friday, September 20, at Braeside. The caller will be Thor Sigurdson from Winnipeg.

Mainstream Dance (September 28)

Our first mainstream dance will be held on Saturday, September 28, then on the second and fourth Saturdays of every month.

PAST EVENTS

New Dancer Graduation (April 16)



Congratulations to all our new graduates! Thanks to Myrna & Ted Kornak for planning a great ceremony. A highlight of the evening was the unveiling of the brand new club skirts made by Pat Fedkenheuer (head seamstress) and Kaija Reid (head pinner). See the picture on page one.

April Showers, May Flowers (April 27)

Thanks to our club cooks for providing taste-tempting pies for this event. It was nice to see Roberta Labute back with us after a lengthy illness. She returned just in time to win the 50-50 draw! Myrna's skill-testing question was "What musical instrument does Prince Charles play?" (See answer on page four)

Al & Carol Moody - Wild Rose Awards

Al & Carol Moody were recently honored with the "Alberta Rose" award from the Alberta Federation for their outstanding contribution, including organizing the 2012 convention.



C & D Freshman's Frolic (May 10)



Tom's Tips

At a recent "New Graduate" dance, Tom Dakers mentioned a useful tip for avoiding hand injuries. When in Ocean Wave formations, touch hands lightly palm to palm, with thumbs behind the other dancer's hand. Injuries can happen if the dancers' thumbs are interlinked, so please avoid "thumb wrestling" and "death grips".

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

Mar. 23 Thinking Of You – to the family of Ralph Klein (past DD member)

Apr. 16 Thinking Of You – to Roberta Labute – awaiting breast cancer surgery

May 1 Thinking Of You – to Jess Stonehouse – hospitalized – health issues

May 2 Sympathy to Faye & Ray Brown – death of Faye's sister

Dots & Dashers Events - 2013

Date	Day	Time	Event (Sponsor)	Location (Visitors)
2013-05-21	Tue	7:30	New Grad Dance - Tom Dakers	Sunalta
2013-05-22	Wed	7:30	Annual General Meeting (DD)	Sunalta
2013-05-31	FSS	-----	Fun Addicts Campout (DD)	Torrington
2013-06-04	Tue	8:00	Summer Dance (PW)	Sunalta
2013-06-11	Tue	7:30	Summer Dance (DD)	Sunalta
2013-06-18	Tue	8:00	Summer Dance (HL)	St. David's
2013-06-25	Tue	8:00	Summer Dance (QJ)	Braeside
2013-07-04	Thu	8:00	Stampede Dance (SS)	Highwood (new location)
2013-07-06	Sat	9:00am	Stampede Breakfast	Braeside
2013-07-06	Sat	7:30p m	Stampede Dance (DD)	Sunalta
2013-07-08	Mon	7:30	Stampede Dance (HS)	St. David's
2013-07-12	Fri	7:30	Stampede Dance (QJ)	Braeside
2013-07-16	Tue	7:30	Summer Dance (WW)	Strathmore
2013-07-23	Tue	7:30	No Dance Scheduled	
2013-07-30	Tue	7:30	Summer Dance (BT)	Highwood
2013-08-02	Fri	7:30	Strathmore Heritage Days Dance	Strathmore
2013-08-03	Sat	7:30	Wheatland Whirlers Club Dance	Strathmore
2013-08-06	Tue	8:00	Summer Dance (SS)	Winston Heights
2013-08-13	Tue	8:00	Summer Dance (RR)	Airdrie
2013-08-20	Tue	7:30?	Caller School - Free Dance	Lone Ridge Hall, near Wetaskiwin
2013-08-22	Thu	7:30?	Caller School - Free Dance	Lone Ridge Hall, near Wetaskiwin
2013-08-30	FSSM	-----	Alberta Convention (ASRDF)	Lacombe
2013-09-10	Tue	7:30	Dance Party (for new dancers)	Carriage House Inn
2013-09-20	Fri	7:30	Thor Sigurdson Dance (SRDIAA)	Braeside

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www.squaredancecalgary.com**Answer to skill-testing question: Cello!****We look forward to seeing you across the square at the Summer and Stampede Dances!**

Barrie McCombs & Carole Cormier (your newsletter editors)