

Dots & Dashers

Newsletter December 04, 2013

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 17th and lessons will resume on January 07, 2014. Thanks to Jack & Judy Tiessen for organizing Tuesday nights, and to Ken & Linda Meville, and Al & Barb Attoe for doing registration and announcements.

Membership Report

Our club presently has 109 members (67 full, 29 associate, 10 honorary and 3 new dancers). Last year's membership was 106 (63 full, 26 associate, 10 honorary, and 7 new dancers). All seven of our 2013 graduates have joined the club this year. We welcome back past members, Randy & Cherry Rintoul and Dale & Pat Brar.

New Dancers - 2013-14

Dean & Joan Sandham



Simon Camus (with Yvette Meier)



Christmas Charity

Our Christmas charity this year is the Mustard Seed. The donation box will be available at all events until December 14th. The club will match the contributions of our members.

New Dancers Party

This party will be held at the Carriage House Inn (9030 Macleod Trail South) on Sunday, January 19th 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 been taught. We encourage all new dancers to attend. The cost is \$6.00 per person.

Beginner Hints: Don't be shy! The squares at this dance will form up quickly, so join the nearest 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.

Get Acquainted Night

Thank you Myrna for your challenging games that made for a great social night for all! The shuffleboard enthusiasts will have to wait until next year as we were unable to gain access to the tables. Al Fedkenhauer took care of promoting the Grey Cup Pool.



Winners of the Grey Cup Pool

1st quarter	\$5.00	Roy Wilkins
2nd quarter	\$10.00	Elwood Haynes
3rd quarter	\$5.00	Ron McIntosh
Final	\$20.00	Barb Attoe
Reverse	10.00	Judy Tiessen

In Memoriam - Hilda Gill



Hilda Gill passed away Nov. 19, 2013 at the age of 88, after a long struggle with COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease). Hilda and her husband, Ken (along with two other couples) were the founding members of the Dots & Dashers Club in 1963. Ken and Hilda were the first Club Presidents and arranged to hire Jim Stoner as the Club's first Caller.

They were always involved in the square dance community in Calgary and danced in the Opening Ceremony of the 1988 Calgary Olympic Games. As well as serving as Club Presidents, they also served as Presidents of C&D and CSSDR.

Ken passed away in 1993 but Hilda continued her loyalty and dedication to the Club – it was “her Club”. When she was no longer able to dance, she continued to be genuinely interested in the welfare of the Club and its members right up to the time of her passing.

Hilda was a huge sports fan, especially of her beloved Flames and Stampeders and would be glued to the TV whenever these teams played. When they won, she was exuberant and when they lost, she often had a few choice words for them!

Despite her health issues, Hilda was able to join us for our 50th Anniversary celebration on February 23, 2013.

At Hilda's request there was no formal funeral service. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Hilda's family. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL.

WW Two Tribute

Wally and Florence Hanishewski travelled to Sicily last July. With other families, they attended events to honour the memory of Wally's brother (of the Princess Patricia Regiment) and other soldiers who died there in 1943.

Marilyn Fear & AED



Marilyn has been on a mission to enroll square dancers in a course to learn how to use an Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED). To date, she has enlisted 110 people. In appreciation, the instructor of the course arranged for an AED to be donated to the square dance community. Marilyn has been bringing it to any dance that she attends. A big "Thank you, Marilyn" on behalf of the entire square dance community!

Dots & Dashers Website

www.calfolk.ca/dots

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

Sep. 09 Get Well to Don LaLumiere – heart surgery – double bypass
 Sep. 09 Sympathy to Carol & Al Moody – death of Carol's sister
 Sep. 12 Get Well to Steve Sikina – gall bladder surgery
 Sep. 12 Get Well to Ken Butterworth – hospitalized – undergoing tests
 Oct. 06 Get Well to Bette Berglund – hospitalized – pancreas issue
 Oct. 29 Sympathy to Pat & Dale Brar – death of Pat's mother
 Nov. 6 Get Well to Sharon Patterson – surgery – broken ankle
 Nov. 13 Get Well to Marion Heyde – hospitalized – health issues
 Nov. 20 Get Well to Omer Labute – hospitalized – lung problems
 Nov. 20 Sympathy to the Gill family – death of Hilda Gill
 Nov. 22 Sympathy to Elwood & Shirley Haynes – death of Elwood's brother
 Nov. 22 Sympathy to Roger & Doris Haynes – death of Roger's brother

Events 2013-14

Day	Date	Time	Host	Event	Location	Visitors
Sat	2013-12-07	7:30	Banff	Toy Dance	Highwood	PW, C&D
Sat	2013-12-14	7:30	Dots	Elves Night Out	Sunalta	QJ
Sat	2014-01-11	7:30	Dots	Mainstream Dance	Sunalta	BT
Sun	2014-01-19	2:00	CCCA	New Dancers Party	Carriage House	
Sat	2014-01-25	7:30	Dots	Robbie Burns Dance	Sunalta	C&D
Sat	2014-02-01	7:15	Banff	Mainstream Dance	Highwood	DD
Sat	2014-02-08	7:30	Dots	Valentines Dance	Sunalta	HS
Sat	2014-02-22	7:30	Dots	Mainstream Dance	Sunalta	PW
Sun	2014-02-23	2:00	Rockyview	New Dancer Jamboree	Balzac	
Wed	2014-02-26	8:00	Hi-Land	Mainstream Dance	St. David's	DD
Sat	2014-03-01	6:00	Prairie	International Night	Corpus Christi	BT, SS
Sat	2014-03-08	7:30	Dots	March Madness	Sunalta	RC
Fri	2014-03-14	7:30	Queens	Spring Fling	Braeside	
Sat	2014-03-22	7:30	Dots	Mainstream Dance	Sunalta	
Sat	2014-03-29	8:00	Wheatland	Wearing of the Green	Strathmore	5 clubs
Sat	2014-04-12	7:30	Dots	Mainstream Dance	Sunalta	
Tue	2014-04-23	7:30	Dots	New Dancer Graduation	Sunalta	
Sat	2014-04-26	7:30	Dots	April Showers, May Flowers	Sunalta	

We look forward to seeing you across the square!

Carole Cormier
 Barrie McCombs