

Dots & Dashers

Newsletter
May 04, 2014

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on Tuesday, May 20 at Sunalta. To honour our retiring executive members, we are planning a meal at 6:30pm (Pulled pork on a bun, salad, cake and drinks). Come if you can! We value your participation.

Memberships

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

C & D Grapevine Subscription

The future of the Grapevine is uncertain so we will not collect subscription fees at this time.

Recruit New Couples

Your club depends on new dancers to maintain the membership and grow. Are you passionate about square dancing? Talk to the people you meet over the summer about the fun we have on Tuesday nights at Sunalta Hall. Invite them to come out to our free introductory nights in September on Sept. 16 and 23. Do you enjoy square dancing? Let everyone know! It's good promotion for square dancing and your club!

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 July 29th at Sunalta.

C&D Barbecue

Sunday, June 8th at the Balzac Hall, C&D welcomes all club members to their annual barbecue at 4pm. Cost is \$5 and may be paid at the door. Bring your own lawn chairs, utensils and liquid refreshments. A dance will follow the barbecue. Dress is casual.

Tom and Maureen Dakers



Many thanks Tom for your fantastic calling!

Barn Dance

The Dots and Dashers and the Prairie Winds are co-sponsoring a Barn Dance on May 23rd, 8pm at the Braeside Community Centre. Live music will be provided by the Prairie Mountain Fiddlers. Callers are Barrie McCombs, Arlo McCool and Rick Staple. Tickets are available from Barrie McCombs or Al Moody.

Stampede Dance (July 05)

Our Stampede dance will be held on Saturday, July 05 at Sunalta. See the events list for other dances during the Calgary Stampede.

Stampede - Kinsmen Booth

The Kinsmen are requesting help from the square dance community again this year to man their booths at the Stampede. This is a significant fund raiser for our club. In 2013 we earned over \$1000. The Kinsmen pay us \$35 for each shift that is worked. Contact Barrie McCombs if you are able to work a shift. (403-289-4227 or 403-281-4863)

Fun Addicts Campout

Our campout will be at Torrington on the weekend of May 30 - June 01. Come for the weekend or just for the day! If you plan to attend, please let Doris Haynes (403-249-2294) know before May 20. Due to the increased cost of the catered dinner, the cost will be \$45.00 per couple or \$23 per person. If you have not already done so, fees for the campout can be paid at the AGM on May 20th. This includes a hot dog lunch on Saturday, a catered dinner Saturday night and a dance called by Tom on Saturday evening. This year we invite you to bring your friends who might be interested in having a fun time with us and possibly consider square dancing in the fall. Doris still needs to know ahead of time so she can order the correct number of meals from the caterers. The cost will be the same for our guests.

Saturday's events include both a competitive horseshoe match as well as a bocci (lawn bowling) tournament. Bring finger food and liquid refreshments for the "happy hour" before dinner, and snacks for after the dance.

To offset the cost of the campout, we have a silent auction. Bring your unwanted treasures along or give them to Doris ahead of time. This is always great fun!

If you are able to help at the campout, please let Doris know. (403-249-2294)

Directions to Torrington: go north on highway #2. At Olds, turn east onto highway #27. When you get to Torrington, you will see several motorhomes parked at the Community Centre. See you there!

Dots & Dashers Website:

www.calfolk.ca/square

Visit our club website to read or print a full-color version of this newsletter

Calgary & District Website

www.squaredancecalgary.com

New Dancer Graduation (April 22)



Congratulations to our new graduates, Dean and Joan Sandham! We welcome you to the mainstream square dance community! Thanks to Myrna & Ted Kornak for planning a special evening to celebrate the occasion.

April Showers, May Flowers (April 26)

Thanks to our club cooks for providing taste-tempting pies for this event and to Tom for a terrific dance! It was great to see Roberta Labute back with us after a lengthy recovery.



Omer and Roberta Labute

Freshman's Frolic (May 2)

What a great turnout to celebrate our new graduates! C&D declared this a free dance this year. Palma Heming surprised us with a visit and joined the caller's for a couple of tips! New this year was a Round Dance demo.

Congratulations to Claudia and Dave Littlefair who were presented with the Alberta Rose Award for their outstanding service to the square dance community.



Claudia and Dave Littlefair

Remembrances

Mavis Weatherhead passed away March 22, 2014. She and husband Stormy served as presidents of our club many years ago.

Larry Hewitt passed away March 29, 2014. He and his wife served as presidents of our club many years ago.

Alberta Convention (Aug 30 - Sep 02)

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



C & D Square Dance Party (September 09)

This event will be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, September 09 at the Carriage House Inn (9030 Macleod Trail SW). Each club will be given promotional material for this dance to hand out over the summer along with our own club's promotional material. It is an opportunity for folks in this city to get a chance to come and have some fun and find out what square dancing is all about!

Beginner Lessons (September 16)

Our beginner lessons resume at Sunalta Hall, with the first two lessons being free for new dancers (September 16 & 23).

Murray Few Dance (September 19)

The Calgary Callers Assn. will host a dance on Friday, September 19, at Braeside. Murray and Barb Few are an experienced caller couple from Edmonton! Mark this date on your calendar and expect a great dance!

Mainstream Dance (September 27)

Our first mainstream dance will be held on Saturday, September 27, then on the second and fourth Saturdays of every month.

Club Celebrities



Doris and Roger Haynes

Roger celebrated his 80th birthday on April 30th! All the best to both of you in your new home!

More Celebrities



Jack and Judy Tiessen

Will celebrate their 50th Anniversary May 16th!

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

- Dec 09 - Get Well to Carole Cormier - foot surgery
- Dec 09 - Sympathy to Carol & Al Moody - death of Carol's father
- Jan 08 - Get Well to Omer Labute - hospitalized - lung problems
- Feb 08 - Get Well to Roberta Labute - hospitalized - broken wrist and kneecap.
- Feb 25 - Get Well to Mavis Weatherhead - hospitalized - health issues
- Mar 26 - Sympathy to Shirley Soyland - death of her mother
- Apr 06 - Sympathy to Dawn Hewitt - death of husband, Larry
- Apr 14 - Get Well to Ron McIntosh - hospitalized - fall - undergoing tests
- Apr 16 - Get Well to Steve Sikina - gall bladder surgery
- Apr 18 - Sympathy to Roger Howlett - death of wife, Liz
- Apr 26 - Sympathy to Family of Mavis Weatherhead - death of Mavis

Dots & Dashers Events

| Day | Date | Time | Host | Event | Location |
|------|------------|-------|---------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Thu | 2014-05-08 | 7:30 | C&D | Hunter Keller - Plus | Foothills Academy |
| Fri | 2014-05-09 | 7:30 | C&D | Hunter Keller - Mainstream | Foothills Academy |
| Tues | 2014-05-20 | 6:30 | Dots | AGM | Sunalta |
| Tue | 2014-06-17 | 8:00 | Singles | Summer Dance | Winston |
| Sun | 2014-06-22 | 7:00 | CueSteps | Chance To Dance | Winston |
| Tue | 2014-06-24 | 8:00 | Rockyview | Summer Dance | Airdrie |
| Thu | 2014-07-03 | 7:30 | Singles | Stampede Dance | Winston |
| Sat | 2014-07-05 | 0900 | Braeside | Stampede Breakfast | Braeside |
| Sat | 2014-07-05 | 7:30 | Dots | Stampede Dance | Sunalta |
| Mon | 2014-07-07 | 7:30 | Hi-Land | Stampede Dance | St. David's |
| Fri | 2014-07-11 | 7:30 | Queens | Stampede Dance | Braeside |
| Sat | 2014-07-12 | 0900 | Sunalta | Stampede Breakfast | 1600 13 Ave SW |
| Tue | 2014-07-15 | 7:30 | Prairie | Summer Dance | Sunalta |
| FSS | 2014-07-17 | ----- | Ottawa | Canadian Convention | Ottawa |
| Tue | 2014-07-22 | | ----- | No Summer Dance | |
| Tue | 2014-07-29 | 7:30 | Dots | Summer Dance | Sunalta |
| Fri | 2014-08-01 | 7:30 | Wheatland | Heritage Days - Trail In | Strathmore |
| Sat | 2014-08-02 | 7:30 | Wheatland | Heritage Days | Strathmore |
| Tue | 2014-08-05 | 8:00 | Hi-Land | Summer Dance | St. David's |
| Tue | 2014-08-12 | 8:00 | Queens | Summer Dance | Braeside |
| Tue | 2014-08-19 | | ----- | No Summer Dance | |
| Tue | 2014-08-26 | | ----- | No Summer Dance | |
| FSSM | 2014-08-29 | ----- | AB Federation | Alberta Convention | Leduc |
| Tue | 2014-09-09 | 7:30 | C&D | Dance Party | Carriage House |
| Fri | 2014-09-19 | 7:30 | SRDIAA | Autumn Dance | Braeside |
| Sun | 2014-09-28 | 1:30 | Tom Dakers | Tim Crawford & Friends | Foothills |

We look forward to seeing you across the square at the Summer and Stampede Dances!
Barrie McCombs & Carole Cormier (your newsletter editors)