

# Dots & Dashers

**Newsletter**  
**October 18, 2009**

## **Presidents' Message** **Jack & Judy Tiessen**

Here we are well into the start of another square dance season. We started our beginner classes September 21 together with Prairie Winds and we are pleased to have a good number of beginners this year. Thank you to all of you who have been spreading the good word about square dancing and encouraging beginners to give it a try. Our first mainstream dance was held on September 26 at Wild Rose United Church and future dances will again be held on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month.

You may have noticed some changes to the format of this newsletter. After more years than we care to count, Ted Kornak has decided to pass preparation of the newsletter on to Carole Cormier and Barrie McCombs. Thank you Ted for the many newsletters you prepared in the past and we trust that Carole and Barrie will do their best to continue this good work.

I want to take this opportunity to encourage our members to continue supporting our club. Dots & Dashers attendance at our Monday beginner nights has been very good but our Saturday mainstream dances have not been as well attended. We recognize that some members are dealing with health issues that limit dancing and others may have schedule conflicts. When possible please try to get to our mainstream dances which not only help to support our club, but also supports our beginner dancers now boldly moving into the big world of mainstream dancing.

As well our beginner nights and our mainstream dances, we also must remember our visitation to other clubs. This is a good opportunity to get to know each other better, meet other square dancers and dance to other callers. Visitation sign-up sheets are always available about four weeks in advance.

## **Get Acquainted Night**

Come and meet our Beginner Dancers **Saturday, November 7th @ 7:30pm**. It's our chance to welcome our new people and visit old friends. There will be fun and games for everyone. **Location:** Knights of Columbus Hall. (618 2nd Ave. NE). Enter from Edmonton Trail into the church parking lot. This is part way up the hill just before Edmonton Trail becomes a two-way road again. Please bring a plate of **finger food**. The cost is **\$2.00** per person to cover the hall rental.

## **C&D Rep Needed**

Please consider contributing to our club by taking on this important position. At present, members of your Executive are going to C&D meetings to keep our club informed on important matters. As elected members of our executive, they cannot vote on C&D issues. This position is a great opportunity for a couple to expand their horizons. Many experienced C&D reps are there to guide you. Please let our presidents Jack and Judy Tiessen know if you would be willing to take this on.

## **Black & White Gala**

Mark **November 28th** on your calendar. This is a special dance for our club. Come and enjoy seeing "Tom in a Tux" and eating a special treat of cake and ice-cream!

## **Save our Landfill**

Please bring your own cups to Beginner and Mainstream Dances.

## **Christmas Charity**

The Mustard Seed is our charity this year and a donation box will soon be available at the sign in desk at our dances.

### **Mainstream Dances at Wild Rose**

Our club has already held two mainstream dances. There is always room for more dancers, so please encourage your square dance friends to come out and join the fun. It's a great way to offset the stress of winter and get a little exercise. Bring a pedometer (if you have one) and see how far a dance takes you!

The sound is much improved at Wild Rose since they added the banners behind the stage. Congratulations to our new graduates Al and Yvette Meier for getting their feet wet at our mainstream dance last weekend!

### **Kitchen and Desk Help**

Every other Monday night at Beginner Lessons, it is the turn of the Square Angels from the Dots and Dashers to take care of the kitchen duties and the sign-in desk. There are several slots still available. Please let Al or Carol Moody know when you can help out.

### **Proactive Health Suggestions**

Thorough hand washing with soap for as long as it takes to hum "Happy Birthday To You" is ideal. This is not always practical, so the club is providing Hand Sanitizers at every dance. We recommend that you use it as you sign in at a dance and before you go to the snack table or coffee pot.

### **Square and Round Dance Jamboree**

Square and Round Dancers from all parts of Alberta and beyond gathered in Fort Saskatchewan Sept. 4 - 7 to enjoy dancing and workshops provided by a group of terrific Callers and Cuers. A memorable event it was, with over 400 participants joining in the fun. Inspired by the fabulous attendance, the Callers and Cuers were at their best.

### **New Dots & Dashers Website**

Barrie McCombs has created a website for the club. We welcome your suggestions for what information should be posted there.  
<http://www.calfolk.ca/square/>

### **In Memoriam - Ina Coleman**

Ina passed away Oct. 9th 2009. She is well remembered in the Square Dance Community. Though well up in her nineties, she regularly attended our Beginner Dances on Mondays at Sunalta, as well as the Kerby Centre summer dances. At Plus dances she was able to dance either the Ladies' or Man's part. Though several people gave her rides to dances over the years, it wouldn't be unusual for Ina to be bundled up in the middle of winter to take a bus to a dance. She truly possessed a pioneer spirit.

### **Cards & Flowers**

June 19 Get Well (& Plant) to Darlene Attoe, hospitalized - breathing problems

July 04 Sympathy to Maureen & Tom Dakers, death of Maureen's sister

July 17 Sympathy to Noreen Walker (Prairie Winds), death of husband, Don

July 27 Sympathy to Bev Hansen, death of husband, Phil

July 27 Sympathy to Marie Jensen, death of son-in-law, Phil Hansen

July 28 Get Well to Ken Butterworth, breast cancer surgery

Aug.24 Get Well to Tony Mountjoy, heart attack (blood clot)

Sept.08 Thinking of You to Chris Simpson, undergoing cancer treatments

Oct. 01 Sympathy to Hilda Gill - death of sister

### **From The Editors**

We plan to distribute most newsletters by email. If your email address changes, please let us know. Others will receive their copy at our dances, or by land mail if that has been requested.

**Carole Cormier** (Editor-In-Chief)  
**Barrie McCombs** (Distribution Manager)

## Events & Hall Addresses

Date	DOW	Time	Event	Location	Visitors
2009-10-24	Sat	7:30	Mainstream Dance	Wild Rose	Calgary & District
2009-10-30	Fri	8:00	Visit to Rockyview Ramblers	<b>Airdrie</b>	
2009-11-07	Sat	7:30	<b>Get Acquainted Night</b>	K of C Hall	
2009-11-14	Sat	7:30	Mainstream Dance	Wild Rose	Banff Trailers
2009-11-18	Wed	8:00	Visit to Rainbow Country Dancers	<b>Nanton</b>	
2009-11-28	Sat	7:30	<b>Black and White Gala</b>	Wild Rose	HI-Land Swingers
2009-12-12	Sat	7:30	Christmas Dance	Wild Rose	
2010-01-09	Sat	7:30	Mainstream Dance	Wild Rose	Queens & Jacks
2010-01-13	Wed	7:30	Visit to Hi-Land Swingers	Highland	
2010-01-23	Sat	7:30	Mainstream Dance	Wild Rose	Prairie Winds
2010-01-24	Sun	t b a	<b>New Dancer Jamboree (C &amp; D)</b>	t b a	
2010-02-06	Sat	7:30	Visit to Prairie Winds	Highland	
2010-02-13	Sat	7:30	Valentine's Dance	Wild Rose	Wheatland Whirlers
2010-02-26	Fri	7:30	Visit to Queens & Jacks	Braeside	
2010-02-27	Sat	7:30	Mainstream Dance	Wild Rose	Rockyview Ramblers
2010-03-13	Sat	7:30	Mainstream Dance	Wild Rose	Swinging Singles
2010-03-17	Wed	7:30	Visit to Wheatland Whirlers	<b>Strathmore</b>	
2010-03-27	Sat	7:30	Mainstream Dance	Wild Rose	Rainbow Country Dancers
2010-04-10	Sat	7:30	Mainstream Dance	Wild Rose	
2010-04-14	Wed	7:30	Visit to Swinging Singles	Winston Hts	
2010-04-24	Sat	7:30	<b>April Showers, May Flowers Dance</b>	Wild Rose	
2010-04-26	Mon	7:30	New Dancer Graduation	Sunalta	
2010-05-07	Fri	7:30	<b>Freshman Frolic (C &amp; D)</b>	t b a	
2010-06-04	Fri	7:30	<b>Fun Addicts Campout</b>	Torrington	
2010-07-06	Sat	7:30	Stampede Dance	Wild Rose	

Hall	Address	City
Braeside Community Hall	11024 Braeside Drive SW	Calgary
Christian Education Building	216 1st Avenue NE	<b>Airdrie</b>
Foothills Academy	745 37th Street NW	Calgary
Highland Park Community Hall	3716 2nd Street NW	Calgary
Highwood Community Hall	16 Harlow Avenue NW	Calgary
Kerby Centre	1133 7th Avenue SW	Calgary
Kozy Korner Seniors Hall	2211 20th Street	<b>Nanton</b>
McDougall United Church	8516 Athabasca Street SE	Calgary
Meadowlark Park Community Hall	623 58th Avenue SW	Calgary
Okotoks Seniors Center	204 Community Way	<b>Okotoks</b>
Strathmore United Church	410 4th Street	<b>Strathmore</b>
Sunalta Community Hall	1627 10th Avenue SW	Calgary
Westmount Elementary School	200 Wheatland Trail	<b>Strathmore</b>
Wild Rose United Church Hall	1317 1st Street NW	Calgary
Winston Heights Community Centre	520 27th Avenue NE	Calgary