

Dots & Dashers

Newsletter
January 10, 2010

Happy New Year!

Our **Beginner Lessons** resumed on January 4th and gave us an opportunity to burn off some "holiday calories". We still need a few more Square Angel volunteers for kitchen and desk duty. If you are able to help, please speak to Al or Carol Moody.

We had a good turnout for our **Black & White Gala** on November 28th, with a visitation from the Hi-Land Swingers and other guests. Tom Dakers looked as elegant as ever in his tuxedo. We had a chance to win "black and white" door prizes and ended the evening by feasting on vanilla and chocolate cake and ice cream.

Hi-Land Swingers (November 28th)



Congratulations to the hardy souls who braved the cold weather to attend our **Christmas Dance** on December 12. Wearing our Christmas finery, we danced to "Bradley the Reindeer" and other Christmas favorites, fuelled by Tom's on-stage boxes of chocolates.

Mainstream Dance (January 9th)

Tom's theme for the evening was "Elvis tunes", in honour of Elvis Presley's 75th birthday. Our visitors, the Queens & Jacks, provided a colourful "sea of red". Our spirits were lifted by the warm Chinook weather that finally arrived.

Queens & Jacks (January 9th)



Robbie Burns Dance (January 23rd)

Our next mainstream dance will celebrate Robbie Burns' 250th birthday. This is a chance to wear your "tartan colors" and to watch Ron McIntosh's ceremonial taming of a wild haggis. Our visitors will be the Prairie Winds.

Mainstream Dance Hospitality

Let's continue to be a friendly club by chatting with our visitors from other clubs and inviting them to join our squares. Our guests should also have "first pick" at the refreshment table.

New Dancer Jamboree

The New Dancer Jamboree will be held at the Carriage House Inn (9030 Macleod Trail South) on Sunday, January 24th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. This dance gives new dancers from all local clubs a chance to experience a real square dance. The callers will take turns and will only call moves that have already been taught.

We encourage all our new dancers to attend. Mainstream dancers from all clubs will be there to support you, dressed in their "club colours" attire. We look forward to seeing you across the square!

Beginner Hints: Don't be shy! The squares will form quickly, so join a square as soon as the music starts. It may be easier to hear the caller if you join a square close to the front of the hall.

C & D Insurance Cards

The 2009-2010 square dance insurance cards are now ready for distribution. Members can pick them up from Jack Tiessen.

Drop-In Mainstream Workshops

Palma Heming (the Hi-Land Swingers caller) is hosting a series of "drop in" workshops on Wednesday evenings. If you have graduated from beginner classes and would like to brush up on your mainstream moves, then this workshop is for you. The workshops will be held at the Rutland Park Community Hall (3130 40th Avenue SW) from 8:30 to 10:00 pm. The dates are January 06, 20; February 03, 17; March 03, 17; and April 07, 21. Cost: \$4.00.

C & D Mainstream Dance

Gary Winter from Edmonton will call a mainstream dance at 7:30 pm on Saturday, January 30th at Foothills Academy (745 37th Street NW. Rounds will be cued by **Ron Baba** from Medicine Hat.

Cards & Flowers

Please report all noteworthy happenings about club members to Doris Haynes, 403-249-2294.

Nov. 23/09, Sympathy to Carol Johnson (new dancer), death of sister-in-law

Nov. 24/09, Get Well to Dawn Giffen (new dancer), fractured ankle

Nov. 28/09, Get Well to Bob Holmes, health issues

Dec. 5/09, Thinking of You to Ron Fjeld, cancer struggles

Dec. 5/09, Thinking of You to Hans Hartman, lung problem/cancer concerns

Dec. 11/09, Get Well to Darlene Attoe, hospitalized, breathing problems

Jan. 10/10, Get Well to Bob Holmes, cancer treatments

Grey Cup Pool Winners

1st Qtr. \$5.00 Clay Schnurr

2nd Qtr. \$10.00 Clay Schnurr

3rd Qtr. \$5.00 Clay Schnurr

Final \$20.00 Ron & Marion Heyde

Reverse \$10.00 Clay Schnurr

Congratulations to Clay, who almost made a clean sweep of the winnings. Thanks to all who participated.

In Appreciation - Sophie Coulson



Thanks to Sophie (of the Prairie Winds) for the steady stream of great jokes that she brings to our Monday night beginner lessons. Where does she find them all?

Dots & Dashers Website

(<http://www.calfolk.ca/square>)

Visit our club website to see a full-color version of this newsletter.

Upcoming Events (January to March, 2010)

Date	DOW	Time	Event	Location	Visitors
2010-01-13	Wed	7:30	Visit to Hi-Land Swingers	Highland	
2010-01-23	Sat	7:30	Robbie Burns Dance	Wild Rose	Prairie Winds
2010-01-24	Sun	2:00	New Dancer Jamboree	Carriage House	
2010-01-30	Sat	7:30	C & D Dance (Gary Winters)	Foothills Academy	
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	Strathmore	
2010-03-27	Sat	7:30	Mainstream Dance	Wild Rose	Rainbow Country