

Dots & Dashers

Newsletter September 04, 2011

A New Season

We welcome all our members and new dancers back for our 2011-12 dance season. To help make our new season successful, we encourage all club members to invite some new couples to try square dancing.

Beginner Lessons

Our beginner lessons resume on Tuesday nights at Sunalta Hall with Tom Dakers calling. The first three lessons (September 13, 20, and 27) are free for new dancers. Admission prices remain unchanged at \$4.00 for new dancers and \$2.00 for square angels.

Tips For Square Angels

To make our lessons go smoothly this year, here are some angelic hints. **1)** Ensure that all beginner couples are in a square. **2)** Be a good example to new dancers. **3)** If a couple seems to be having difficulty, let Tom know at the next break. **4)** Do not routinely split up the beginner couples.

Mainstream Dances

Our mainstream dances are held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at Sunalta Hall. Our first dance will be on September 24th, with a visitation from the Rockyview Ramblers. Our admission price is now \$6.00 per person.

Club Memberships & Grapevine

If you have not already done so, please contact Barrie McCombs to renew your membership. A full membership is \$12.00 per person and includes \$2.00 liability insurance. An associate membership is \$6.00 per couple or individual. Make cheques payable to the "Dots and Dashers".

The Calgary & District "Grapevine" newsletter (published four times per year) is a valuable source of information about local events. The subscription fee is now \$15.00 and can be paid along with your club membership.

May Mainstream Dances

On Tuesdays in May at Sunalta Hall, Tom Dakers and Palma Heming again called dances designed to give new graduates experience dancing at a mainstream level. These dances were well attended by dancers from all clubs. Thank you, Tom & Palma!

Fun Addicts Campout (Torrington)

The campout was held on June 3-5, 2011, with an attendance of 45 (13 RVs and 14 day-trippers on Saturday). After fierce competition, the winners were: Horse Shoes: Dawn Giffen & Henry Rieder; Bocce: Harold Andrews & Nick Hawrysh. The "Travelling Door" prize was won by Barrie McCombs. Thanks to Tom Dakers for calling the dance; Doris & Roger Haynes for organizing the event; Wally & Florence Hanishewski for preparing the Saturday lunch, and to everyone else who helped make this event a success.

Stampede Volunteers

As a fund-raiser, our club raised \$770.00 by providing volunteers to work at the Kinsmen booths at the Calgary Stampede. This year, Carole and I took along our fiddles and entertained the passers-by when we weren't selling tickets on a lime green Camaro. Thanks once again to Judy Tiessen for co-ordinating this event and to all those who volunteered.

Sunalta Stampede Breakfast

On Saturday, July 16, several of our members attended this event on a beautiful shady street. Four squares of dancers showed off their skills to the crowd, to music by Tom Dakers. This event was very well organized with good food, lots of tables, a petting zoo and pony rides.

Our Caller School Experience

This summer, we (Barrie & Carole) challenged ourselves by attending the five day caller school at the Lone Ridge Hall near Pigeon Lake. Our instructor couples were Lorne & Barb Smith of Calgary and Murray & Barb Few of Edmonton. A record number of twenty students (including nine of us who were novice callers) attended from the four western provinces. It was hard work, but also good fun and we made many new friends. We now realize how much time and effort it takes to become a good caller.

Callerlab Definitions

At the Caller School, we were reminded about the importance of understanding the Callerlab definitions and styling of each square dance move. If you would like to review the current definitions document, a link is available on the club website.

C & D New Dancer Roundups

C & D will host two New Dancer Roundups this year. The dates are Tuesday, September 06 at the Carriage House Inn (south) and on Thursday, September 08 at the Port O' Call Hotel (north); both starting at 7:30 pm. Club colours are not required. Admission is free to all dancers. Please support these events.

In Appreciation - Omer & Roberta Labute



Omer and Roberta are long-serving members of our club executive, currently as kitchen coordinators for all our dances. On September 01, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to you both!

Wedding Bells



Congratulations to Barbara Bayley and Allan Attoe on their recent engagement! Their wedding will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, October 08 at the East Calgary Church of the Nazarene.

In Memoriam - Kay Simpson



Kay passed away at Agape Hospice on Mon. July 25, 2011 at the age of 86 years. She was predeceased by her husband, Chris, one year ago. Kay & Chris were long-time members of the Dots & Dashers and served on the executive and various committees. When health issues arose and they were not able to continue square dancing, they continued as associate members. Kay was always genuinely interested in the welfare of our club and its members and was able to attend our 2011 "Meet & Mingle" social.

In Memoriam - Trudy Wilkins



Trudy passed away on August 22, 2011. When she and Roy moved from Edmonton in 1980, they became the one hundredth member couple of our club. They were very active, serving as Vice-Presidents in 1983-84 and then Presidents and Past Presidents and in recent years continued as associate members. Trudy & Roy enjoyed dancing and attended many club functions. If the Flames were playing the Oilers, they would come to dances wearing their Oiler jerseys. Trudy was a good actress and played many different parts in skits at our campouts. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Roy and family

Dates To Remember

Upcoming events are listed on page four of the newsletter. On Wednesday, **October 19**, we visit to the Rainbow Country Dancers in Nanton. Our Get Acquainted Night will be held on Saturday, **November 05** and the Black & White Gala is on Saturday, **November 26**.

Dots & Dashers Website

www.calfolk.ca/square

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Calgary & District Website

www.squaredancecalgary.com

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Dots & Dashers Executive - Duties

- President: coordinate all club activities
- Vice-President: coordinate beginner lessons
- Past President: badges & visitations
- Secretary: cards & flowers
- Treasurer: manage club bank account
- C & D Rep: attend Calgary & District meetings
- Kitchen: coordinate kitchen supplies for dances
- Advertising & Newsletter: publicize events, edit bi-monthly newsletter
- Membership: manage memberships
- Social: organize social functions
- Phoning: contact members by phone or email

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

May 11 Sympathy to Elwood & Shirley Haynes, death of brother-in-law

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Jun 21 Get Well to Allan Attoe - hospitalized - arm injury/surgery

Jun 23 Get Well to George White - surgery

Jun 23 Get Well to Ilda Robblee - gall bladder surgery

Jul 11 Sympathy to Jeanne & Ken Butterworth, death of brother-in-law

Jul 26 Sympathy to Linda Simpson (& Bryan Simpson) - death of mother, Kay.

Jul 26 Get Well to Ted Kornak, minor surgery

Aug.16 Congratulations to Allan Attoe & Barb Bayley on their engagement.

Aug 29 Sympathy to Roy Wilkins, death of wife, Trudy.

Sep 04 Sympathy to Nick & Sharon Hawrysh, death of Sharon's mother

Dots & Dashers Events 2011-12

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location (Visitors)
2011-09-02	FSSM	-----	Alberta Jamboree	Fort Saskatchewan
2011-09-03	FSS	-----	ASRDF Convention	Wainwright
2011-09-06	Tue	7:30	New Dancer Round-up (South)	Carriage House
2011-09-08	Thu	7:30	New Dancer Round-up (North)	Port O' Call Hotel
2011-09-13	Tue	7:30	Beginner Lessons Start (DD)	Sunalta
2011-09-16	Fri	7:30	Alberta Callers Autumn Dance	Highwood (Dottie Welch)
2011-09-18	Sun	-----	Bus Trip (with Lorne & Barb Smith)	Lethbridge
2011-09-24	Sat	7:30	Mainstream Dance (DD)	Sunalta (Rockyview)
2011-10-08	Sat	7:30	Thanksgiving Dance (DD)	Sunalta ()
2011-10-12	Wed	7:30	Pie Night (HLS)	Highland Park
2011-10-19	Wed	tba	Visit to Rainbow Country Dancers	Nanton
2011-10-22	Sat	7:30	Mainstream Dance (DD)	Sunalta (Hi-Land)
2011-10-24	Mon	8:30	Hat Dance (PW)	Sunalta
2011-10-26	Wed	7:30	Visit to Wheatland Whirlers	Strathmore
2011-10-28	Fri	7:30	Halloween Dance (RR)	Airdrie
2011-11-05	Sat	7:30	Get Acquainted Night (DD)	Knights of Columbus Hall
2011-11-09	Wed	tba	Visit to Swinging Singles	Winston Heights
2011-11-11	Fri	7:30	Harvest Moon Dance (QJ)	Braeside
2011-11-12	Sat	7:30	Mainstream Dance (DD)	Sunalta (Banff Trailers)
2011-11-12	Sat	7:30	Harvest Hop (WW)	Strathmore
2011-11-18	Fri	8:00	Visit to Rockyview Ramblers	Airdrie
2011-11-23	Wed	7:30	Anniversary Dance (SS)	Winston Heights
2011-11-26	Sat	7:30	Black and White Gala (DD)	Sunalta (Wheatland, Rainbow)
2011-12-03	Sat	7:30	Visit to Banff Trailers	Highwood (Toy Dance)
2011-12-10	Sat	7:30	Christmas Dance (DD)	Sunalta ()

Square Dance Venues

Hall	Address	City
Airdrie United Church (CE Bldg.)	216 1st Avenue NE	Airdrie
Braeside Community Hall	11024 Braeside Drive SW	Calgary
Confederation Park Seniors Centre	2212 13th Street NW	Calgary
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
Knights of Columbus Hall	618 2nd Avenue NE	Calgary
Kozy Korner Seniors Hall	2211 20th Street	Nanton
McDougall United Church	8516 Athabasca Street SE	Calgary
Meadowlark Park Community Hall	623 58th Avenue SW	Calgary
Okotoks Seniors Centre	204 Community Way	Okotoks
Strathmore United Church	410 4th Street	Strathmore
Sunalta Community Hall	1627 10th Avenue SW	Calgary
Westmount Elementary School	200 Wheatland Trail	Strathmore
Wild Rose United Church	1317 1st Street NW	Calgary
Winston Heights Community Centre	520 27th Avenue NE	Calgary

We look forward to seeing you across the square!

Barrie McCombs & Carole Cormier (your newsletter editors)