



Presidents Message:

Greetings; Student graduation is right around the corner. Congratulations to all of the new dancers. You have done something special, learning the craft of square dancing. Please be active in the club by coming to dances, being an angel, holding an office and or helping with refreshments and set up. All are always welcome. While I was reading about the history of Square Dancing, I was reminded of our pledge. "With all my ability I will do my best to help square dancing be an: enjoyable, wholesome, friendly and inspiring activity." Some fun facts. Ninepin, a square with one person in center. Winter Solstice, a square with a couple in center. Twelve reel, a square with two ladies to each man. Bigon, a square with 4 people each dances his or her own part and that of their opposite also referred to as a challenge. The history of square dancing is interesting and there are different ways to do it all around the world.

Greg & Terry Moore

Upcoming Dances:

Club Dances: April 7th, Dick Mackey calling, with Amy Reihl Cueing

April 21st, Ron Anderson calling, with Amy Reihl Cueing

Special Dance: April 8th 2:00-6:00, at Norton, with 6 callers "***The all Callers Special***"

This is a chance to earn your first dangle, as well as, always being a great dance to enjoy!

58th Ohio Square Dance Convention, May 4, 5 & 6, Columbus Ohio

(Link on the Gnat Boxers web page www.gnatboxers.com for more information and registration.)

Students – You can dance anywhere; most of the clubs have or are having gradations this month. Gnat Boxers is April 16th. Go Out and Dance!! See you around the square.

March Dance Recap:

March 3rd, Dancers enjoyed caller Ray Wiles with Chuck Berry cueing and his wife Shirley, also had guest caller Rex Parker. 29 Gnat Boxers, and 18 guests, attended from Red Lantern, Medina Squares, Brecksville Squares, Norton Grand Squares, Solo Squares, and Tiffin. Door Prize was won by Rex Parker, and was provided by Carolyn and David Carron. 50/50 was \$26.00 and was won by Ken Kinney. Refreshments were provided by Scott & Rhonda Boothby, with Cody and Ella Bower; Thank you! Also a special thanks to Ken and Patty Kinney for filling in at the welcome table, on a last minute request to cover Pam and Kevin.

March 17th was our “*Spring Fling Dance*” with caller Ed Laudenschlager, and Cuer Kristy Lake. 23 Gnat Boxers attended with 14 guests from Circulators, Fun Shop, NuHall, Red Lantern, Swing-A-Lings and our 2018 Honor Couple Henry and Karen Cochran. 50/50 was won by “O’Henry” (Henry Cochran) for \$22.00. Door prize provided by David and Carolyn Carron, was won by Kevin Brazee. Refreshments were provided by Eddy & Darlene Raines, and Mary Hawthorne. We had many green choices to choose from; all were delicious! Nancy Mackey was the winner of the green basket raffle.



Prayer Corner:

Please keep Helen and Chuck Grassbaugh in your prayers as Helen’s mother has been placed in hospice care.

Tips for club members

Arrive at the club early and be ready to dance the first tip. This pleases the Caller, Cuer and other dancers.

Share dance time by dancing in different squares, no cliques.

Volunteer to perform club functions without being asked. Don’t wait for the faithful few who always steps up when no one else does.

Serve in positions of responsibility - it’s your duty to help, it is “your club” Find ways to help or become committee members.

Assist the leaders in the set-up and clean-up of the dance hall. Never begin cleaning up, (putting away tables and chairs) prior to the final square and thanking the caller.

Wear your badge

Be courteous to speakers, leaders and callers. Be a good listener. (*Do not talk during announcements.*)

Be tolerant and polite to new dancers and senior partners.

Never walk through a square or leave a square. Join the nearest square that is forming.

Contribute toward the enjoyment of the dance by expressing friendliness, good humor, cooperation and a real desire to have fun.

Thank everyone who made your evening a pleasant one – the caller, club leaders, guest, etc. Your “Thanks” may be their only “pay” and their reward.

Set a good example for other club members to follow.

Gnat Boxers, we have a special dance planned for May 19th, "Off to the Races". It will be a Kentucky Derby Party! The dance will be featuring special refreshments that are "Derby" favorites, as well as, games for entertainment. Wear your finest derby outfit, and don't forget your hat! Mark your calendar and be sure to ask all your dancing friends. If you have a special "derby" recipe or could contribute to the refreshments that evening please talk to Pam Brazee or Chris Hinton. If you like to cook or have a special recipe with "southern" flair we need your help.



THANK YOU'S!

Club received a thank you card from Helen Hawkins for the support that was shown in the loss of husband Gene.

*WOW! I was the winner of the Green basket raffle for St. Patrick's. There were 70 items in the basket. It was exciting to go thru it and all the different and useful items. Thank you to everyone who contributed. The bonus is the club made \$153.00 Thanks, **Nancy Mackey***

*Thanks to everyone who supported me and my family in the death of my Dad, Ross Brazee. The support of our family and dancing friends helped as we shared a memory and sometimes a laugh. Thanks to all who attended calling hours, sent the lovely plant, and the special gift from close friends means more than Pam and I can express. Thank You, **Kevin Brazee***

Birthdays

Rhonda Boothby April 4th
 Tom Smucker April 16th
 Gerry Kick April 27th

Anniversary

Ray and Dottie Carter April 8, 1960
58 Years !!



Traveling with Dick

April 8th All Callers Special Norton, Ohio
 May 12th Hubs Square Dance Club, Solon, Ohio
 May 26th Norton Grand Squares, Norton, Ohio

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Please report any news, prayer concerns, or suggestions for the newsletter to me at 330-262-5281, or email at pbrazee@datasoln.com. For news to be included in the next newsletter, the information is appreciated by the second dance of the month, must have the before the last week of the month. Also please let us know of any changes in your home address, email address, or phone numbers.

Sincerely
Pam Brazee, Secretary

