



Do Paso Gazette



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President's Message:

As temperatures fall and darkness comes early, our lessons are revving up! We have a great turnout this year with 16 students who are progressing well under Dick and Jeff's instruction. We are very happy to have them join us. As always, we can use all the "Angels" we can get to help make lessons fun and enjoyable for the students. Please make a point to come and help out on Monday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

As the holidays approach, be sure to pencil our student dances in on your calendar. We'll be hosting the first Federation Student Dance on Sunday, January 20th from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. In addition, our All Things Chocolate Dance on February 16th as well as our dance on April 6th will be student dances.

May you all have a wonderfully Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years!



Terry and Greg Moore

Our dance time will be changing! Beginning in January 2019 our dances will start at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:00 p.m. We hope this change will help you enjoy our dances even more.



Find us on the web at www.gnatboxers.com



Gnat Boxer Dances



Donate Children's Toys for Christmas! Please bring an unopened as well as unwrapped new toy with you to the dance on December 1st. All collected toys will be donated to local charity programs serving children in our area.

All-Star Christmas

Cookie Bake Off! Our 5th annual cookie bake off will be held during the December 15th dance. Anyone can enter a cookie recipe. Cookies must be homemade to be considered for the contest. Please bring copies of your recipe with you.



Refreshments & Door Prizes

Dec. 1 ~ Refreshments provided by Nancy Mackey and Sue Amstutz. Door Prize supplied by Armond and Judy Black.

Dec. 15 ~ Refreshments provided by Club Members, please bring a small dish in addition to your cookies. Door Prize supplied by Glenn and Sharon Shaffer.



Thanks everyone for donating door prizes and providing refreshments for our dances this year!

Upcoming Club Dances

Dec. 1 ~ 50's Dance ~ featuring Dick Mackey calling the squares while Phyllis Burdette cues the rounds.



Dec. 15 ~ Special Dance ~ 8-11 p.m. ~ featuring National Caller, Jack Pladdys with Amy Riehl providing the round dance cueing. Admission \$7/person.

Jan. 5 ~ New Dance Time ~ Begins at 7:30 p.m. and ends at 10:00 p.m. ~ Featuring our very own Dick Mackey with Phyllis Burdette cueing.

Jan. 19 ~ New Dance Time ~ Begins at 7:30 p.m. and ends at 10:00 p.m. ~ Featuring Bill Meese along with Phyllis Burdette.

Jan. 20 ~ Federation Student Dance ~ Begins at 2:00 p.m. and ends at 5:00 p.m. ~ Featuring our very own Dick Mackey as well as Amy Riehl's cueing. Please bring finger foods to share on the refreshment table.



Gnat Boxer Dances



Monthly Club Dance Highlights:



Unfortunately, the plot to retrieve our banner from Norton on October 27th went up in flames!

Offensively, however, we were able to add three squares to our floor on November 3rd when both Apple Creek and Johnny Applesseed (Mansfield) raided and Red Lantern retrieved their banner.

Not wasting any time, Karen organized a defensive move against Red Lantern on November 9th allowing us to sweep in and steal their banner once again!

On November 16th, we showed up in force with 14 dancers in Apple Creek. With almost 2 whole squares, we were determined to bring our banner home!

Our hard work and diligence under Karen's leadership is really paying off!

November 3rd ~ I am Thankful For ... Dance:

What a spectacular dance! The gracefulness which Dave Stuthard is able to weave several dancers together into one tapestry of squares is truly remarkable! Other callers in the house were Dick Mackey (along with his lovely wife, Nancy) and Jeff Metcalf. Sue Powell cued for the round dancers and Loren Brosie even took to the mic a couple of times. There were 72 dancers in attendance (36 Gnat Boxers and 36 guests). The guests were from Apple Creek, Johnny Applesseed, Norton Grand Squares, Red Lantern, and Solo Squares. We collected a sizeable amount of non-perishable food items which were donated to the Salvation Army. Refreshments were provided by Evan Fischer, Don Gerber, Karen Howard, and Patty Reinarts. The foursome was kind enough to donate the refreshment reimbursement money back to the club. Bob Schiffler won \$57 with the 50/50 Raffle and Kelley Turner won the door prize which was provided by Gerry Kick.



November 17th ~ Special Dance with Howard and Donna Williamson:

What a fun evening! Phew! You were definitely movin' if you were dancin' to Howard. He has only one speed ... FAST! Other callers in the house were Dick Mackey (with his wife, Nancy), Jeff Metcalf, and Rex Parker. The Federation Honor Couple, Henry & Karen Cochren, attended the dance as well. Special recognition went to Chris Moore for having 120 raids and retrievals with our club. His wife, Debbie, was also recognized for having 100 raids and retrievals under her belt. Wow! There were 39 dancers in attendance (26 Gnat Boxers and 13 guests). The guest dancers were from Apple Creek, Brecksville, Circulators, Johnny Applesseed, Medina, Red Lantern, and Swing-A-Lings. One independent dancer also attended the dance. Refreshments were provided by club members. Dorothy White won \$35 with the 50/50 Raffle and Karen Howard won the door prize which was a \$25 gift card to Applebee's provided by Tim Urang.



Keep Dancing



Traveling with Dick:

December 14 - Norton Grand Squares, Norton (Student Dance)
 January 11 - Circulators, Ravenna (Student Dance)
 January 16 - Fun Shop, Greentown (Student Dance)
 January 20 - Federation Student Dance @ Gnat Boxers
 January 25 - Red Lantern Flames in Brewster
 January 26 - Norton Grand Squares in Norton
 January 27 - Honors' Dance in Norton



Student Dances ~ In addition to hosting the Federation Student Dance on January 20th, we will also host two student level

dances this year ... our "All Things Chocolate" dance on February 16th as well as our dance on April 6th. Please save these dates and come out to support our students as they learn to dance!

Dancers from across the Federation will gather for an afternoon of fun and fellowship from 1:00-4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 9th at the Greentown Community Park, 9845 Cashner Road, Greentown, OH 44685.

The Federation will provide the meat as well as drinks. Please bring a covered dish and a dessert to share with everyone.

In addition to live entertainment, there will also be an optional \$10.00 gift exchange for those who wish to participate.





Around the Federation



Federation Honors' Dance:



The Honors' Dance was set up to recognize dancers who are positive contributors to their club, federation, and square dancing as a whole. The couple/person acts as a role model for future dancers and leaders in their club and federation.

The Honors' Dance dates back to at least 1976 with a new person/couple being honored each year. Clubs within the federation nominate a person/couple to the Honors' Committee and a profile is created. In addition to being an active member of their home club, each nominee must have also been dancing for five or more years.

The Honor Dance Coordinator selects a theme and schedules the caller and cuer selected by last year's Honor Couple/Person. Each person/couple who have been nominated are recognized at the dance. Through a voting process of all attendees who are AASRDF club members, the new Honor Person/Couple is selected. The Honor Couple/Person reigns for one year beginning with the Ohio Dance Convention where they are recognized at a luncheon of other Honor Couples from across the state.

The Honors' Dance is a wonderful way to support square dancing and recognizing great club members. The Akron Area Square and Round Dance Federation has a lot of great dancers and club members who deserve to be recognized. All clubs are encouraged to nominate a couple or person in the future. All club members should represent their home club at the Honors' Dance and help recognize the nominees.

This year's Honors' Dance will be held on Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the Norton Elementary School, 3390 Cleveland-Massillon Road in Norton. Join us as we gather for "An Afternoon in Paris." Our very own Dick Mackey will be calling the squares and Amy Riehl will cue the rounds. Please bring finger foods to share on the refreshment table.





Student's Scoop



Upcoming Student Lessons

November 26 ~ Lesson #8

December 3 ~ Lesson #9

December 10 ~ Lesson #10

December 17 ~ Lesson #11

December 24 ~ Holiday

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS**
and Happy New Year!

December 31 ~ Holiday

January 7 ~ Lesson #12

January 14 ~ Lesson #13

January 21 ~ Lesson #14

January 28 ~ Lesson #15

February 4 ~ Lesson #16

February 11 ~ Lesson #17

February 18 ~ Lesson #18

February 25 ~ Lesson #19

March 4 ~ Lesson #20

March 11 ~ Lesson #21

Keep Dancing!

Student Level Dances are special dances designed to give students an opportunity to practice the moves learned during lessons. Attending student dances also exposes students to different callers as well as different dance halls. Student dances begin in December. We strongly encourage you to attend as many student dances as possible. Student level dances are different than Plus Level (Club) Dances.

Plus Level (Club) Dances are for dancers who have graduated from lessons. The Gnat Boxers host Plus Level Dances on the first and third Saturdays of the month. The Gnat Boxers also belong to the Akron Area Square and Round Dance Federation.

Akron Area Square and Round Dance Federation consists of square dance clubs from all over Northeast Ohio and even Western Pennsylvania. In addition to the Gnat Boxers in Wooster, there are clubs in Apple Creek, Brecksville, Brewster, Brookfield, Canton, Greentown, Medina, Minerva, Niles, Norton, Ravenna, Warren ... and even Sharon, PA. Each club has their own dance schedule. Dancers dance at their 'home club' as well as other clubs.

Federation Student Dances are dances sponsored by the federation instead of being sponsored by an individual club. However, an individual club will provide the dance hall for a federation dance because the federation does not have their own dance hall.

Round Dance include Rombas and Fox Trots and a variety of other types of dancing. Round dances are 'cued' rather than 'called'. Round Dance tips are typically 'cued' between square dance tips.





Student's Scoop



Upcoming Student Lessons

March 18 ~ Lesson #22

March 25 ~ Lesson #23

April 1 ~ Lesson #24

April 8 ~ Lesson #25
(Graduation Ceremony)*

***Graduation Ceremony provided no lessons were missed due to inclement weather.**



Inclement weather: Any cancellation of a lesson due to inclement weather will be announced on WQKT radio station ~ 104.5 as well as our website ~



www.gnatboxers.com. Any lessons cancelled due to inclement weather will be made up at the end of the lesson schedule to insure all 25 lessons are covered.

Keep Dancing!

Hi/Lo Dances are dances where lower level tips for students are mixed with plus level tips for graduated dancers. Round dance tips are also typically thrown in the mix at a Hi/Lo dance. For example, the first tip will be a student level (low) square dance followed by a round dance tip, followed by a plus level square dance tip. Then, the cycle will repeat ... low level square, rounds, plus level square ... on and on throughout the scheduled dance time.

Dangles: Just as Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts earn 'merit badges' for completing certain tasks, square dancers acquire dangles. However, dangles can either be earned or purchased (depending on the dangle). For example, the "Dancing Under the Stars" dangle is earned by dancing outside at night under the stars. Other dangles, like the "Dick Mackey" dangle, can be purchased. If you would like to purchase a "Dick Mackey" dangle, please see Dick during a break at lessons. Dangles are also sometimes referred to as "Badges."

Student Friendship Badge/Dangle can only be earned while a dancer is a student. Students earn this dangle by attending 8 different dances within our federation. Additionally, attendance at any of the three (or all three) Student Federation Dances as well as the State Convention also count towards this dangle. Karen Howard, our Banner Chairperson, oversees the Student Friendship Dangle for our students. Any students wishing to earn their Friendship Dangle should see Karen.

Carpool Text Messages: There are several members who are willing to provide transportation to student dances. Most carpooling options are coordinated through text messaging. Please call or text Patty Reinarts at 330.641.2395 to sign up if you wish to participate in carpooling.



Gnat Boxer Neighborhood News



Refreshment & Door Prize Book:

The Refreshment & Door Prize Book has been updated with sheets for 2019 making it possible for you to select a date for providing refreshments and/or door prizes for our dances next year. The book will be available at our dances as well as lessons each week. Donated door prizes should be approximately \$25 in value. Also, as we have done in the past, several special dances have been planned where all club members are asked to bring something to share on the refreshment table. The other dances, however, will need members to sign up to provide refreshments. There is a \$40 allowance paid by the club for each dance to help offset the cost of providing refreshments. Additionally, if members work together (2-4 people) providing refreshments, the costs per person can be further minimized. If everyone signs up to take a turn, no one should have to do it more than once during the year.



Dues for the 2019 Dance Season will remain at \$12 until December 31, 2018. Dues will become \$15 beginning January 1, 2019.



Come join us! We'd love for you to

share any pictures and/or videos of our dances with our Facebook community. We can be found on Facebook at Gnat Boxers-Wooster.

Club Blankets

We are raising funds for our treasury by selling embroidered blankets. Each blanket is red and is embroidered in black with, "Gnat Boxer Square Dance Club" and measures 50" x 60". The blankets retail for as much as \$32.99 and cost \$8.99 to ship. We were able to get a great price on 12



of them, making it possible for us to sell them to you for only \$25/each. The blankets make great Christmas gifts or could even be used as your door prize donation in 2019. A sample blanket will be on display at lessons as well as our dances. If you are paying by check, please make the check payable to "Gnat Boxers". Please see Patty Reinarts if you would like to purchase a blanket.



Gnat Boxer Neighborhood News



Help your fellow dancers stay healthy by staying home if you have been sick (vomiting, diarrhea, or running a fever) within the last 24 hours.

Also, don't forget to sanitize your hands frequently at both lessons and dances. Hand sanitizer pumps can be found on the Welcome Table as well as near the food station. Thanks for doing your part!



12/4/76 - Harold & Michelle Mong
42 Years!

12/12/64 - Bimp & Mary Hawthorne
54 Years!

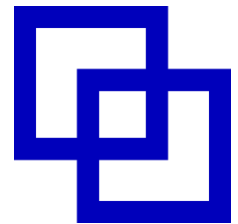
Join us in collecting Box Tops for Ida Sue School. Box Tops can be turned into Nancy Mackey.



12/16 - Harold Mong
12/21 - Carolyn Caron
12/23 - Chris Moore
12/25 - David Caron
12/31 - Bob Moore

Linked Squares:

Keep up with the Federation by subscribing to the Linked Squares newsletter. Call Don Reed 330.273.4043 for details.



Federation Level



The Federation is looking for 1-2 people to take over the Quarterly Linked Squares Newsletter as well as

subscriptions to the newsletter in 2020. Don and Kathleen Reed are willing to work with you through 2019. Please see Greg or Terry Moore if interested in this position.

A Note from the Secretary: Please submit any news, prayer concerns, or suggestions for the newsletter to Patty Reinarts via e-mail at MaTo2boys@gmail.com or via phone/text at 330.641.2395. Please submit information for the next newsletter by the second dance of the month. Also, please let Patty know of any changes to your home address, e-mail address, and/or phone numbers.