



Do Paso Gazette



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President's Message:

Greetings to all Square Dancers:

We hope you've enjoyed a prosperous new year so far. With the new year comes a new line-up of wonderful dances to enjoy. Let's all help the students enjoy this new found treasure!

Square dancing has a way of bringing people together, forming new friendships and maintaining others. Enjoy this time of year by getting out and dancing with others. Come to lesson night whenever possible and enjoy making new friends.

We will post on Facebook, e-mail, our web page and WQKT as early as possible when dances or lessons are cancelled. Any missed lessons will be made up in April. Thanks to everyone who makes our club great.

Your Presidents,

*Terry and
Greg Moore*



The Federation Student Dance originally scheduled on Sunday, January 20th, has been rescheduled to Sunday, March 10th. Please update your calendars!

Find us on the web at www.gnatboxers.com



Gnat Boxer Dances



Our Student Dances

All Things Chocolate February 16th

Support our students as they continue learning how to square dance! Please bring a scrumptious CHOCOLATE dish to share on the refreshment table!



Federation Student Dance March 10th

Live Lively -



Square Dance

Support our students as well as the Federation by attending the second Federation Student Dance of the season! All Club Members are asked to bring finger foods to share on the refreshment table.

Student Dance April 6th

Show your support for our students by attending our last student dance before they graduate!



FYI ~ The information for these dances is repeated (albeit with slightly different information) on the Student Scoop page because the student's do not yet receive the full newsletter.

Upcoming Club Dances

Feb. 2 ~ Featuring Ed Pabst along with Amy Riehl's cueing.

Feb. 16 ~ Student Dance ~ All Things Chocolate Dance Featuring our very own Dick Mackey along with Phyllis Burdette's cueing.

March 2 ~ Featuring John Ramsey along with Phyllis Burdette's cueing.

March 10 ~ 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. This dance makes up for the Federation Student Dance cancelled on 1-20-19.

March 16 ~ March Madness Dance ~ Featuring Chad Barger and Sue Powell's cueing.

April 6 ~ Student Dance ~ Featuring our very own Dick Mackey along with Linda Warren's cueing.





Gnat Boxer Dances



Refreshments & Door Prizes

Date	Caller/Cuer Or Theme	Refreshments	Door Prize
2/2	Ed Pabst Amy Riehl	Kevin & Pam Brazee	David & Carolyn Caron
2/16	Dick Mackey Phyllis Burdette Student/Chocolate	All club members - bring a chocolate dish	Harold & Michelle Mong
3/2	John Ramsey Phyllis Burdette	Scott & Rhonda Boothby Cody & Ellen Bower	Ken & Patty Kinney
3/10	Federation Student Dance	All club members - bring finger foods	N/A
3/16	Chad Bargar Sue Powell March Madness	<i>Need 3-4 people</i>	Mike & Jean Brugger

Please remember to sign up for refreshments and/or donating door prizes.
 The refreshment sign-up book is on the welcome table.
 We need all club members to take a turn; that way,
 no one should have to do it more than once during the year.
 Questions, see Erma Miller, Refreshment Chairperson.

Monthly Club Dance Highlights:



January 5th ~ Featuring Dick Mackey and Phyllis Burdette: Gnat Boxers squared up with dancers from Apple Creek, Brecksville, Johnny Appleseed, Medina Squares, Red Lantern Flames, Norwalk FADS, and Dixie Squares as Dick called and Nancy visited with friends. Other callers in the house were Rex Parker. Phyllis Burdette cued for the round dancers. Refreshments were provided by Tom & Kathy Smucker as well as Bob & Peggy Elvey. Loretta Stark won \$35 with the 50/50 Raffle. She also won the door prize (an embroidered club blanket) which was provided by Patty Reinarts. Hmm ... Loretta seems to be on a winning streak! First the cookie contest and now this!



Keep Dancing



Traveling with Dick:

January 30 - Fun Shop in Greentown (Student Dance)
 February 8 - Solo Squares in Berea
 February 9 - Swing-A-Lings in Canton (Hi/Lo Dance)
 February 16 - Gnat Boxers in Wooster (Student Dance)
 February 23 - Johnny Appleseed in Mansfield (Hi/Lo Dance)
 March 2 - Fads in Norwalk
 March 8 - Dixie Squares in Fredericktown
 March 10 - Federation Student Dance hosted by Gnat Boxers @ Ida Sue



Ten faithful members (including two students) stepped to a wave in order to retrieve our banner as Dick called at Circulator's dance in Ravenna on the 11th of January.

The following weekend was a buzz as a large party of gnats swarmed into Apple Creek to retrieve our banner!

Tuckered out from our recent battles, the club fell short at Johnny Appleseed as only 5 brave gnats (including 1 student) were willing to make the journey to Mansfield.



59th Ohio Dance Convention: The convention will be held **May 3-5, 2019** at the Bertram Hotel and Conference Center in Aurora, Ohio. For more information, go to www.ohiodanceconvention.com.



68th National Square Dance Convention in Atlanta, GA: The convention will be held **June 26-29, 2019** at the Cobb Galleria Convention Center near Marietta, Georgia (15 miles northwest of Atlanta). The convention center is connected to the Renaissance Waverly Hotel allowing all convention activities to be under one roof. For more information, go to www.68nsdc.org.



Baylor Beach Party ~ A fun-filled weekend of square and round dancing featuring Tom Davis, John Ramsey, Tom Strickland, Sue Powell, and Loren Brosie. Stay for the weekend or simply show up for a night! The camping and dance package cost is \$150 per couple requiring a 3-day minimum and \$75 deposit by February 15th. There are additional fees for full hook up and extra campers. Don't want to stay but still want to dance? The walk in dancers cost is \$35 for the complete weekend package. Just want to come for a night of dancing? Cost is \$8 per person. Daytime plus and round dances are \$7 per person. Sunday's A1 and A2 square dance from 1- 3 p.m. is \$7/person.

For more information, contact Becky Ramsey via e-mail at brfiesty1@gmail.com.



Student's Scoop



Upcoming Student Lessons

- 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
- March 18 ~ Lesson #22
- March 25 ~ Lesson #23
- April 1 ~ Lesson #24
- April 8 ~ Lesson #25
- April 15 ~ Lesson #14 (make up from 1-21-19)



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.



Student Dances Not to Miss

Mark your calendars for the following dances!

Saturday,
February 16th
from 7:30 -
10:00 p.m. at



Ida Sue School ~ Come out and dance to your favorite caller, Dick Mackey! You'll also get to enjoy a plethora of chocolate treats as the club celebrates Valentine's Day!



Sunday, March 10th ~ Student Federation Dance from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Ida Sue School ~ Dick Mackey will also be calling this dance. Come out and dance with other students from around the Federation!

Sunday, April 6th from 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. at Ida Sue School ~ Come out and enjoy an evening of Dick's calling while you show off your skills right before graduating! You'll know how to spin the top and load the boat as well as exchange the gears!

All Caller's Special Sponsored by Fun Shop



Come out and enjoy 4-hours of square dancing fun to six different callers including our very own Dick Mackey! This dance will be held on **Sunday, April 7th from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Norton Elementary School located at 3390 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road in Norton.** You'll also have an opportunity to earn your Purple Heart Dangle at this dance! Admission is \$8/person. No hard heels or tap shoes, please!



Gnat Boxer

Neighborhood News



Square Dance Poem

*Gather up four couples
Face them in a square
Then listen to the caller
Who will move you here to there*

*Four hands around and Grand Square ...
Make a Right Hand Star
Yellow rock, Promenade
What's an Allemande Thar?*

*What's it mean to Wheel and Deal ...
Or do a Do-Si-Do;
Bend The Line,
Or Load The Boat ...
Which way am I to go?*

*Flutter wheel, Ferris Wheel,
Do the Tea Cup Chain;
Spin The Top, Box The Gnat,
These all sound insane!*

*I'm just a humble beginner ...
These terms are all brand new
Will I ever get to know,
How to do a Spin Chain Through?*

*They say it will get easier ...
On that I must depend;
Meanwhile, I'll keep trying...
And enjoy my new found friends.*

Author Unknown

Happy Birthday

*February 1 ~ Ella Bower
February 1 ~ Elaine Weygandt
February 5 ~ Ralph Treese
February 6 ~ Kevin Brazee
February 10 ~ Earl Nickles
February 13 ~ Pat Brinkerhoff
February 23 ~ Melissa Davis
February 23 ~ Sue Nickles
February 26 ~ Scott Boothby
February 28 ~ Chuck Grassbaugh*



Stay Healthy!

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!

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.