



# Do Paso Gazette



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## President's Message:



*Years ago it was common for clubs to have their own caller for lessons and dances. In today's square dance world, this is not as common. New dancers are needed for clubs to continue as time continues.*

*Competition for dancers to keep and recruit are difficult.*

*Gnat Boxers, as a whole club, need to decide what will work for them to continue. Everyone has a say or voice in this club. Clubs and organizations have by-laws to function in order. Gnat Boxer Officers work hard to ensure by-laws are followed and the club runs smoothly. There are internship opportunities for any member who wishes to intern for an officer position.*

*Comments have been brought to my attention that we have closed door meetings and no one is allowed to attend but officers. This is simply not true. Any dues paying member may attend a meeting. If you are interested in attending a meeting, please ask an officer (see side bar) when the next meeting will be. Copies of the by-laws are available to any member and are being distributed along with this newsletter. I encourage you to read them and ask questions.*

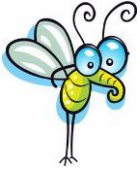
*I would also recommend any suggestions be brought forth to myself or any officer. Remember, this is everyone's club who is a member. Please participate in a positive way.*

*Greg and Terry Moore*



*Graduation  
April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.  
Ida Sue School*

*Find us on the web at [www.gnatboxers.com](http://www.gnatboxers.com)*



# Gnat Boxer Dances



## May 18<sup>th</sup> Off to the Races



Don your Derby hat and join us for an evening of unbridled fun!!



Bet on the horse of your choice in our Derby Race. Don't forget to square off in our dance for the roses!!

Derby style snacks will adorn the refreshment table. Derby Dangles will also be available.

## Upcoming Club Dances

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

April 20 ~ NO DANCE!  
Enjoy time with your family!

May 4 ~ NO DANCE! Have fun at the convention!

May 18 ~ Off to the Races!  
Featuring Dick Mackey along with Kristy Lake. Refreshments provided by the Officers!

June 1 ~ Featuring Ron Anderson along with Amy Riehl.

June 15 ~ Special Dance!  
Featuring National Caller Jerry Junck along with Phyllis Burdette.

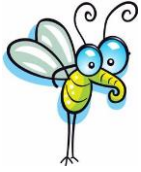
July 6 ~ NO DANCE! Enjoy time with your family!



Saddle up for a fun evening of dancing with

National Caller ~ Jerry Junck  
Cueing by Phyllis Burdette

June 15<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.  
Special 3-hour dance  
\$7/person



# Gnat Boxer Dances



## Refreshments & Door Prizes

Date	Caller/Cuer Or Theme	Refreshments	Door Prize
4/6	Student Dance	Veronica Nagy Bob & Jane Moore	Bob & Jane Moore
4/20	No Dance ~ Easter	N/A	N/A
5/4	No Dance ~ State Convention	N/A	N/A
5/18	Off to the Races	Club Officers	Scott & Rhonda Boothby
6/1	Ron Anderson Amy Riehl	Dan & Patty Reinarts Diane Sargeant	Erma Miller
6/15	National Caller Jerry Junck	All club members - bring a covered dish	Diane Sargeant
7/6	No Dance 4 <sup>th</sup> of July	N/A	N/A
7/20	Tom Strickland Linda Warren Homemade Ice Cream	<b>Volunteers needed to make Homemade Ice Cream*</b> <b>Others bring toppings</b>	Chuck & Helen Grassbaugh
8/3	Danny Beck Kristy Lake	Armond & Judy Black Dana & Rhonda Bower	Ray & Dottie Carter



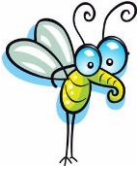
Please remember to sign up for refreshments and/or donating door prizes.

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.

**\*See Page 7 for details**



# Gnat Boxer Dances



## Monthly Club Dance Highlights:



**March 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Featuring John Ramsey along with Phyllis Burdette ~ Goodness gracious, great balls of fire!** Things really heated up when twenty dancers from Johnny Appleseeds strolled in. Additional guests were from Apple Creek Promenaders, Brecksville Squares,

Norton Grand Squares, and Solo Squares. One additional caller, William Tenoever, was in the house as well as an independent dancer joining us for an evening of fun. An absolutely spectacular spread of food was provided by Scott & Rhonda Boothby as well as Cody & Ella Bower. Bob Moore won \$35 with the 50/50 Raffle. Richard Maddox, Norton Grand Squares, won a gift card provided by Ken & Patty Kinney as the door prize. Box the Gnat and drop your boxers ... is that really a call?



**March Madness on the 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Introducing new caller, Chad Barger!! Sue Powell and her husband, Loren Brosie, provided round dancers with cueing.** What a dance! Fifty-eight dancers promenaded the floor at Ida Sue during our March Madness Dance. Seven callers (Chad Barger, Neil Harnar, Jeff Metcalf, Dick Mackey, Bill Meese, Rebecca Shull, and Tom Strickland) were in attendance as well as the 2019 Honors' Couple, Bill and Tess Wellman; the Federation's Vice President, Henry Cochran; the Federation's Secretary, Karen Cochran; and the Federation's Treasurer, Rachel Harnar. Other clubs in attendance were: Apple Creek, Friendly Squares, NuHall, Norton Grand Squares, Red Lantern,

Swing-A-Lings, and Solo Squares. Chuck Grassbaugh, who recently finished up his cardiac therapy, was back out on the dance floor as well! Carolyn Carron advanced through two different sudden-death shoot outs to advance to the final round. Carolyn faced a formidable opponent, Tom Strickland, in the final round. Reaching a tie, the shootout moved into sudden-death overtime ... three times!! Carolyn finally sunk the winning shot to eek past Tom and become the



champion! Carolyn won a free dance pass for all her efforts. Special shout out to Tom Weygandt and his young friend, Kolton, who ran and kept stats for the shootout. March Madness Dangles are available for \$1 ... please see Nancy Mackey if you would like one! Tom & Elaine Weygandt along with Earl & Sue Nickels knocked it out of the park with basketball-themed refreshments. Marvin Rodocker, NuHall, won the door prize which was provided by Mike and Jean Brugger. Tom Weygandt walked away with \$60 from the 50/50 raffle.





# Keep Dancing



## Traveling with Dick:

March 29 - Brecksville Squares (Student Dance)\*  
 April 6 - Gnat Boxers in Wooster (Student Dance)  
 April 7 - All Caller's Special in Norton (Student Dance)  
 May 18 - Gnat Boxers in Wooster  
 July 13 - Swing-A-Lings with Bill Meese  
 July 27 - Norton Grand Squares



\*New dance location: St. Joseph's Byzantine Church located at 8111 Brecksville Road in Brecksville. St. Joseph's will be having a Fish Fry from 4-7 p.m. You're welcome to join them!

**35<sup>th</sup> Annual All Caller Special:** This dance is a "mega" student dance with four hours of non-stop dancing fun! This dance is held on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Norton Elementary School located at 3390 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road in Norton. Six callers will be featured during this dance, our very own Dick Mackey as well as Tom Strickland, Ron Anderson, Danny Beck, John Ramsey, and Denny Steiner. Earn a Purple Heart dangle by dancing with three callers in the square. Admission to this dance is \$8/person. Please no hard heels or taps.

**Ohio Dance Convention 2019:** The 59<sup>th</sup> Ohio Dance Convention will be held **May 3-5, 2019**. The convention will be held at the Bertram Inn and Conference Center located at 600 N. Aurora Road in Aurora. For more information and to register online, go to [www.ohiodanceconvention.com](http://www.ohiodanceconvention.com). The theme of the convention is 'Dance to the Moon and Back' in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Neil Armstrong's moon landing on July 20, 1969.



**50<sup>th</sup> Annual Brokenstraw:** A fun-filled weekend of square and round dancing featuring John Ramsey, Tom Strickland, and Phyllis Burdette. Stay for the week-end or simply show up for a night! The dance hall is fully air-conditioned and has a wooden floor. The camping and dance package cost is \$130 for two people. A \$60 deposit by July 1<sup>st</sup> is required. No refunds after August 1<sup>st</sup>. Additional fee of \$10 per person, per day for more than two people per camp-site. Don't want to stay all weekend but still want to dance? The walk-in dancers cost is \$30/person for the complete weekend package. Just want to come for a night of dancing? Cost is \$8 per person Friday or Saturday night only. There is a \$20 per person fee if you wish to attend all day Saturday. Dancing starts at 8:00 p.m. on Friday night and pre-rounds begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday night. Not into camping? No problem, Mohican Little Brown Inn (844) 804-9046 can accommodate your needs! Please let them know you're with the Broken-straw weekend. Other activities in the area include: hiking, shopping, mini-golf, go carts, canoeing, rafting, and even an aerial adventure park. For more information, contact Becky Ramsey via e-mail at [brfjesty1@gmail.com](mailto:brfjesty1@gmail.com).





# *Raids & Retrievals*



*The Flashlight Dance in Medina was a hoot for sure! The entertainment provided a much needed reprieve for*

*the troops! However, not wanting to go home empty-handed, Karen snatched their banner before the evening was over!*

*The following evening, our troops were celebrating in grand style at our club dance with John Ramsey belting out, "Great Balls of Fire". Unfortunately, twenty dancers from Johnny Appleseed's in Mansfield saw this as an opportunity to launch a surprise attack against us! They were so sneaky they even laid in wait for about 30 minutes before storming into Ida Sue!*



*Six of our faithful troops found themselves at Swing-A-Lings the following Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Not wanting to waste an opportunity such as this, the troops present decided to spring a surprise raid on Swing-A-Lings by convincing a few other dancers to switch clubs Benedict Arnold style. Their mission was successful!*

*Being surprised by the new found excitement of the troops and wanting to capitalize on the opportunity, Karen initiated a raid on Apple Creek the following Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Sixteen members, including four students, showed up and put two squares on the floor in order to rob the Promenaders of their banner!*

*Once again, however, the troops' exhilaration was cut short 24-hours later when not only did the Apple Creek Promenaders and Swing-A-Lings retrieve their banners but NuHall also unleashed their fury by raiding us at our March Madness dance!*



*With the help of four multi-club members as well as a phantom raider, the troops were able to narrowly pull off a raid at Fun Shop before losing power and being required to eat their pie by flashlight. At least they weren't eating crow!*

*Back out in full force, eight Gnats stirred things up at Mansfield's April Fool's Dance this past Saturday. There's no fooling us!*



# Gnat Boxer Neighborhood News



## Upcoming Student Lessons



March 25 ~ Lesson #23

April 1 ~ Lesson #24

April 8 ~ Lesson #25

April 15 ~ Lesson #14 (make up from 1-21-19) includes **Graduation Ceremony**



Thank you, Gordon Thomas, for bringing in all those square dance clothes and donating them to whomever may want them? Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



April 4 ~ Rhonda Boothby  
April 7 ~ Michelle Spaid  
April 10 ~ Mike Brugger  
April 13 ~ Mary Stark  
April 16 ~ Tom Smucker  
April 27 ~ Gerry Kick



Deloris Coffman would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, and well wishes regarding her special friend and future husband, Jim Oros.



April 8 ~ Ray & Dottie Carter  
April 16 ~ Dana & Rhonda Bower  
April 21 ~ Armond & Judy Black

## Volunteers Needed!



We're searching for 3-4 volunteers who can churn some old-fashioned homemade ice cream for our Ice Cream Social Dance on July 20<sup>th</sup>. If you can help with this, please contact Erma Miller, our Refreshment Chairperson.



# Gnat Boxer Neighborhood News



## Wacky Mackey Facts

**Favorite restaurant:** Applebee's

**Best advice Nancy has ever received:** You can do anything you set your mind on.

**Dick collects NASCAR and old car replicas, he also collects signed baseballs and frogs.**



**Name a talent or super power you wish you had:** Nancy - To be able to keep my family healthy and safe. Dick - To be able to play a musical instrument like a guitar.

**Nancy's favorite move is, "E.T. Call Home."**

**Favorite vacation destination:** Nancy - Hawaii; Dick - Vegas.

**Nobody knows I:** Nancy - would really like to be able to play the piano well. Dick - do laundry.

**The most difficult move for Nancy to learn was the teacup chain.**

**Dick listens to Country & Western music.**

**Pet Peeve:** Nancy - government not listening to the people. Dick - people who drive across the crosswalk before stopping.

**If Nancy could change one thing about her life, it would be to be slimmer.**

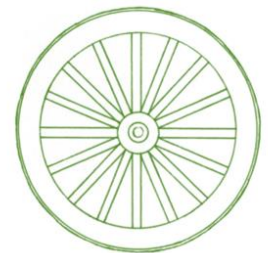
**Least Favorite Chore:** Nancy - cleaning up the kitchen; Dick - Changing kitty litter.

**Almost losing his top dentures is the most embarrassing thing Dick has done while calling a dance.**

## Memories

Square dancing brings us many. One particular one happened the other evening. Seeing a caller work the floor, all movements flowing like clockwork. Dancers are like a wheel, each one like a spoke. Together they work in harmony.

The Gnat Boxers have many spokes to form our wheel. Each one dependent on others. No matter our position, we depend on each other. Make these times memories that you can cherish.



Dick has created many wonderful memories. Come and help make more.

Greg Moore

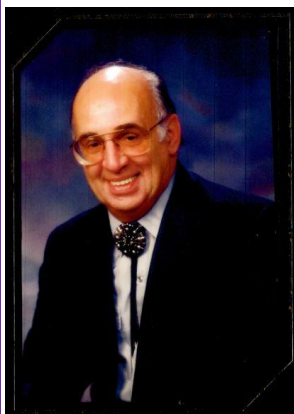




# *Gnat Boxer Neighborhood News*



## *Caller Highlights*



*Dick and Nancy have been married since 1956. They have two living children, Denise and Matt; sadly, one deceased child, Dwight; five grand-children; and three great grandchildren.*

*Nancy has square*

*danced for 65 years which includes Ho-Downs as a teenager. In 1962 Dick finally took modern western square dance lessons with Nancy. He enjoyed it so much he decided to try his hand at mastering the challenge of calling.*

*In 1965 Dick started teaching and booking dances. Some folks from Rittman wanted to start a square dance club and needed someone to teach. They asked Dick. It was challenging to have a new caller, new club, and new students all starting up at the same time. Angels from Wooster came to the rescue and helped get this new group off the ground. The Rittman club is now known as the Norton Grand Squares.*

*Dick also taught the youth of Wayne County square dancing in his home for over 20 years. Many trophies have been won at the Ohio State Fair for calling and dancing by the youth he worked with.*

*Additionally, many trophies fill the Mackey house from parades Dick called on for the winning floats. In 1992 Dick received a Meritorious Service Award from the youth of Wayne County 4-H. Dick was also honored by the Akron Federation as their "Caller of the Year" in 2002.*

*Dick mainly calls in Ohio but has also called in several other states. He and Nancy have even hosted three square dance trips to Hawaii with Dick calling on four of the Hawaiian Islands. This was an exciting pleasure for both of them! Additionally, Dick has attended and called for several National as well as State Conventions. Many of which Nancy attended as well.*

*Nancy has served as an officer of the club for over 50 years and has held all of the offices at one time or another.*

*Nancy has also been the head soccer coach at Triway in the past and even played All Star Soccer herself! She has also held officer positions in 4-H as well as Music Boosters.*



*Dick enjoys calling and finds it rewarding when he sees his students out on the dance floor doing a good job and having fun.*

***A Note from the Secretary:*** *Please submit any news or suggestions for the newsletter to Patty Reinarts via e-mail at [MaTo2boys@gmail.com](mailto: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 prayer requests as well as changes to your home address, e-mail address, and/or phone numbers.*