


**Do Paso Gazette**  
**Gnat Boxers Square Dance Club**  
**December 2014**



Our annual meeting was held on November 1<sup>st</sup> directly after the dance. The officers would like to thank everyone who attended and supported the club. Each year the current officers struggle to find club members to accept an officer's positions. Many of our club members aren't sure about what is expected or what their responsibilities would be as well as, having the time to commit to them. In 2015 we are introducing intern positions. Our interns will assist with the position to learn more about the club and help the officer holding that position. A big thank you to Tom and Kathy Smucker for taking the Refreshment Committee intern position, we are looking forward to your contribution. THANK YOU. The club has other intern positions available. Please see any of the officers if you would like to assist them. We are hopeful that with the sharing of some of these roles we will develop more club members that understand the roles and responsibilities of the club as well as sharing these duties so more members can become involved without feeling they must carry the load alone.

Our Monday night lessons are going great. Thanks to all the angels who come out to help the new students each week. We will continue to need everyone's support as this wonderful group progresses through to promotion. If you haven't already had the opportunity to come out and meet your new club members or maybe you haven't had a chance to dance in while, you will also be able to brush up a little, and we look forward to seeing everyone at lessons.

In December the club is hosting two dances. December 6th, with Tom Rudebock calling and Kristy Lake cueing is our Santa's Workshop. Please come out and donate a toy; we will be collecting new toys for . The collection box will also be available on Monday night lessons. December 20th is the All Star Cookie Bake Off. Start planning on what wonderful cookie that you can provide for the judging. Bring extras cookies to share since cookies are the refreshments at this dance and please label the bottom of your container with your name. We will have a judging panel and the judges' decision will be final. A prize will be awarded to the winner. All cookies must be homemade; and please bring a couple copies of your recipe to share. Dick Mackey will be calling and Cueing is Amy Riehl.



*As the Holidays quickly approach, it is amazing to realize that another year is almost over. Kevin and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support as we publish our last newsletter for 2014. I am sure you will enjoy the talent of your new secretaries in future newsletters.*

*Thanks everyone, Pam*



## Dance Highlights



November 1<sup>st</sup> was open Mic night, we had 36 Gnat Boxers and 27 guests enjoying the evening with Ed Laudenschlager calling with his wife Faye, Cueing was Kristy Lake with husband Paul. Our guests enjoyed guest callers Bob Jansic, Rex Parker, Alexandra Wrobloska, and Kristy Lake. Guest cueing was Linda Warren. A Wonderful job was done by everyone! We had guests from Brecksville Squares, Dixie Squares, Medina Squares, Norton Grand Squares, Track II, Solo Squares and Johnny Appleseed's. Johnny Appleseed's were raiding with 9 dancers. Tom and Kathy Smucker provided the refreshments, the door prize was provided by Dick and Nancy Mackey. Door Prize was won by Jim Matz from Johnny Appleseeds. The 50/50 drawing was \$27.00 and won by June Manz from Track II.

November 11<sup>th</sup> was our Veterans Day Dance with Dick Mackey and Dan Austen Calling, Cueing was Phyllis Burdette and her husband Doug. 38 Gnat Boxers enjoyed 24 guests from Acey-deucey, Brecksville Squares, Medina Squares, NuHall, Norton Grand Squares, Red Lanterns and Dixie Squares. This includes 12 Veterans. Retrieving was Medina Squares. Refreshments were provided by Scott and Rhonda Boothby and John and Patty Crum. Scott and Rhonda Boothby provided the door prize. Door prize was won by Kevin Brazee; the 50/50 was \$39.00 and won by Sharon Shaffer.



Please keep Judy and Larry Jaquet in your prayers as Judy continues to progress through this ongoing journey.

Nancy Mackey is continuing to do well recovering from her knee replacement surgery.

Jim Poff is continuing to improve after experiencing another medical problem. Please keep Jim and Shannon in your prayers.

**Please remember to pay your 2015 dues, all dues paid after January 1<sup>st</sup> are \$15.00. Dues paid prior to the end of this year are \$12.00 per member. Dues can currently be paid to Ralph Treese.**

**SAVE THE DATE**

OCTOBER 11, 2015    2 – 5 PM

*Gnat Boxers*    **CELEBRATION DANCE**    *Gnat Boxers*

**DICK MACKEY - 50 YEARS OF CALLING**

Callers Scotty Sharrer & Tom Strickland

Fisher Auditorium, OARDC, 1680 Madison Ave, Wooster, OH

Catered meal following dance by paid reservation only

*Further information: future fliers, [www.gnatboxers.com](http://www.gnatboxers.com) or call 330-262-1963*

The need in Wayne County to assist children with toys for Christmas is not only enormous, but constantly growing. The Toys for Tots program in Wayne County in 2013 had 504 applications for assistance. 1066 Boys and Girls between the age of 0 and 18 were provided Christmas gifts. Each child receives an average of between \$40.00 and \$50.00 of toys each. All donations raised in the Toys for Tots Program in Wayne



County stays in Wayne County to aid our families. Please bring a new toy to our "Santa's Workshop Dance" on December 6<sup>th</sup> and place in the donation box. The donation box will also be available at Monday night lessons.

## Upcoming Dances

- Dec 6** Caller Tom Rudebock, Cuer Kristy Lake  
**Refreshments:** Veronica Nagy  
**Door Prize:** Ralph & Hester Treese
- Dec 20** Caller Dick Mackey, Cuer Amy Riehl  
**Christmas Cookie All Star Bake-Off**  
**Refreshments:** Club Members-Bake your best cookies!  
**Door Prize:** Bimp & Mary Hawthorne
- Jan 3** Caller Dan Austen, Cuer Kristy Lake  
**Refreshments:** TBA **Door Prize:** TBA



## Traveling with Dick

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|---------------|--------------------|----------------|
| <b>Dec 20</b> | <b>Gnat Boxers</b> | <b>Wooster</b> |
| <b>Feb 21</b> | <b>Gnat Boxers</b> | <b>Wooster</b> |

## Club Member Dan Austen Calling Schedule

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|---------------|----------------------|------------------|
| <b>Dec 13</b> | <b>Swing-a-Lings</b> | <b>Canton</b>    |
| <b>Dec 21</b> | <b>Track II</b>      | <b>Greentown</b> |

## New Students Tips:

**Banner Raid/Retrieval** - A ritual used to promote the visitation of square dance clubs with other clubs. The Banner itself in this context is usually a rectangular cloth or object representing the club with clubs name etc. on the banner.



*(The Gnat Boxers "banner" is a Red Boxing Glove with club name.)*

**Banner Raid** - A banner is "won" or "stolen" when at least 8 members (one square) of one club visit another club. The visited club will award the "raiding club" their banner.

**Banner Retrieval** - A banner is then "retrieved" or "recovered" when the visited club (raided club) likewise has at least 8 members visit the club who raided their banner. The banner is then returned to the visiting club.

*The Gnat Boxers keep sign-up sheets for Banner Raids and Retrievals on the welcoming table at dances. Banner Raid and Retrievals are a great way to enjoy an evening, ask other dancers to travel with you or maybe everyone meeting for dinner before the dance. Happy Dancing!*



Marilynn Faught

December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Matt Crowley

December 8<sup>th</sup>

Harold Mong

December 16<sup>th</sup>

Chris Moore

December 23<sup>rd</sup>

Linda Staggs

December 24<sup>th</sup>

John Carpenter

December 27<sup>th</sup>

Bob Moore

December 31<sup>st</sup>

Ron and Peggy Rupp

December 3<sup>rd</sup>

3 Years

Harold and Michelle Mong

December 4<sup>th</sup>

38 Years

Bimp and Mary Hawthorne

December 12<sup>th</sup>

50 years





**We Need You;**

Our club still has a need for a club member/members to fill the opening for our Federation Representative. If you feel this is something you can help with please see any of the officers.

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Tom & Elaine Weygandt  
330-262-1963

**Treasurers**

Ralph & Hester Treese  
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Pam & Kevin Brazee  
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Judy & Larry Jaquet  
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**Banner Raid Chairmen**

Pat Brinkerhoff  
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&  
Larry Webb

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Dan & Diane Austen

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&  
Larry Webb

Judy and Larry have the 2015 Refreshment book available to select your date to provide refreshments or a door prize for our upcoming dances. The sign-up book is at every dance as well as Monday night lessons. If there is a date you would prefer or a time of the year that works better for you please sign-up early. We need all club members to take a turn providing refreshments or donating the door prize; that way no one should have to do it more than once each year. There is a \$25.00 allowance paid by the club each dance to help off-set the cost of providing the refreshments.

