



# Do Paso Gazette

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## President's Message:

**Greetings Gnat Boxers!**

*The clocks are changed and we hope everyone has adjusted! Thanksgiving is this week ... enjoy your time with*

*family and friends!*

*As a club, we have many things to be thankful for. Most importantly, our members! Your participation is appreciated! We also have a nice group of students this year who are progressing well. As normal, we could use more angels at lessons. Please remember our Toys for Tots dance in December. All the toys will be donated to locally to children in Wayne County.*

*Some older calls ... have you heard of them? Box/swat the flea or California Whirl? We believe these movements are just opposite of Box the Gnat and California Twirl. If you know of others, perhaps let us know. Hope to see you in a square!*

**Greg & Terry**



*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, remember to sanitize your hands frequently both at lessons and at dances. Thanks for doing your part!*

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



# Gnat Boxer Dances



*December 7<sup>th</sup> ~ Help Santa with Toy Donations ~ Please bring an unopened as well as unwrapped new toy with you to the dance on December 7<sup>th</sup>. All collected toys will be donated to children in our area through the Toys for Tots program in Wayne County.*



*December 21<sup>st</sup> ~ Student Dance & 6<sup>th</sup> Annual All-Star Christmas Cookie Bake-off ~ Anyone can enter a cookie recipe. Cookies must be homemade to be considered for the contest. Please bring copies of your recipe with you.*

## *National Spaghetti Day January 4, 2020*

*A few people are needed to help plan our Spaghetti Dinner dance on January 4<sup>th</sup>. A planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A of the United Methodist Church located at 243 N. Market Street in downtown Wooster.*

## *Upcoming Club Dances*

*December 7<sup>th</sup> ~ Help Santa with Toy Donations ~ Our very own Dick Mackey will call and Phyllis Burdette will cue.*



*December 21<sup>st</sup> ~ Student Dance & 6<sup>th</sup> Annual All-Star*

*Christmas Cookie Bake-off ~ Featuring Neil Harnar as the caller and Linda Warren as the cuer.*

*January 4, 2020 ~ Spaghetti Dinner & Student Dance ~ Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.*



*Neil Harnar will be calling the dance and Phyllis Burdette will*

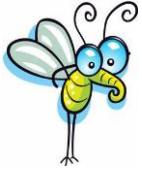
*provide cueing for the round dancers.*



# Gnat Boxer Dances



<i>Refreshments &amp; Door Prizes</i>			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Caller/Cuer Or Theme</i>	<i>Refreshments</i>	<i>Door Prize</i>
12/7	Dick Mackey Phyllis Burdette Toys for Tots	Linda Edwards Judy Black Tim Urang	Armond & Judy Black
12/21	Neil Harnar Linda Warren Cookie Bake-off Student Dance	All club members - Bring a plate of cookies	Glenn & Sharon Shaffer
<b>2020</b>			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Caller/Cuer Or Theme</i>	<i>Refreshments</i>	<i>Door Prize</i>
1/4	Neil Harnar Phyllis Burdette Student Dance	Spaghetti Dinner @ 6:00 p.m. <b>Need 3-4 people to Provide refreshments</b>	<b>Need 1-2 people</b>
1/18	Ed Pabst Amy Riehl	<b>Need 3-4 people</b>	<b>Need 1-2 people</b>
1/19	<b>Federation</b> Student Dance	All club members - bring a dish to share	N/A
2/1	Tom Strickland Phyllis Burdette	<b>Need 3-4 people</b>	<b>Need 1-2 people</b>
2/15	Dick Mackey Amy Riehl Student Dance	All club members - bring a chocolate dish	<b>Need 1-2 people</b>
2/29	Howard & Donna Williamson Leap Year Dance	All club members - bring a dish to share	<b>Need 1-2 people</b>



# ***Gnat Boxer Dances***



## *Monthly Club Dance Highlights:*

***November 2<sup>nd</sup> Special 3-hour dance with National Caller, Jack Pladdys and Phyllis Burdette*** ~ Nineteen Gnat Boxers were joined by 29 guests on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> to dance for 3 hours to Jack Pladdys! Guests clubs in attendance were Brecksville, Dixie Squares, Johnny Appleseed, Medina Squares, Norton Grand Squares, Red Lantern, Solo Squares, and Hubs.

What do you get when Jack Pladdys ask Rex Parker and Kenny Campbell to join him calling a tip? A triple tag team of trouble! Additional callers in the house were Jeff Metcalf who won \$43 with the 50/50 raffle; Patty Kinney won the door prize which was provided by David and Carolyn Caron. Refreshments were provided by club members.



***November 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Non-perishable Food Drive and Special 3-hour dance with Howard and Donna Williamson*** ~ Nineteen Gnat Boxers were joined by nineteen guests on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at our annual non-perishable food drive dance. Guests hailed from Apple Creek, Brecksville, Medina, Norton, Red Lantern, Swing-A-Lings, and Solo Squares. Additional callers in the house were Dan Austen, Chad Barger, Jeff Metcalf, and Rex Parker. Howard and Donna did not disappoint the dancers. Do NOT give Howard a plastic saddle ... he wants to feel the leather on his hide!



Refreshments were provided by club members. Our very own Melissa Davis won \$37 with the 50/50 raffle. No doubt Alex Richards from Red Lantern will stay toasty warm this winter with the lovely new Gnat Boxer Square Dance Club blanket he won as the door prize.





# Keep Dancing



## Traveling with Dick:

December 7 - Gnat Boxers in Wooster - Toys for Tots  
 December 14 - Hubs in Solon  
 December 21 - Westerville Promenaders in Westerville

January 4 - Red Lantern Flames in Brewster  
 February 1 - FADS in Norwalk



Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> - Seven Gnats traveled to East Canton to hear Jeff Metcalf call at Burliques. Realizing victory was close at hand, Glenn Shaffer abdicated from Burliques and joined the Gnats to provide a successful raid. Sharon followed suit allowing Swing-A-Lings to raid as well!

Dixie Squares banded together and traveled all the way from Fredericktown on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> to dance to Jack Pladdys with us. While enjoying our hospitality, they raided our stash of boxing gloves and headed home with their heads held high. Norton also showed up in force the same evening to retrieve the banner we stole from them on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

During a tumultuous affair of Fisherman's Luck on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, we were successful in raiding Apple Creek. The night proved to be too strong for the Promenaders, however, as they were unable to amass enough dancers the following evening to retrieve their highly sought after apple banner. Glenda Ross and the Swing-A-Lings dancers are like a bad rash ... we just can't seem to shake 'em. They were back in full force on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> raiding us yet again!

### Officer Highlights ~ Karen Howard, Banner Chairperson:

Karen graduated from lessons in 2014 and took over as our Banner Chairperson in mid-2016. Load the Boat was the most difficult move for Karen to learn. It took her awhile to realize there are 2 different rotations! Karen is an avid dancer, you will find her dancing at most local clubs. She also danced at the TN State Convention in 2016, the National Convention in Cincinnati in 2017, and the Ohio State Convention in 2018. Karen has two sons and five grandchildren. She worked in bookkeeping until she became a stay-at-home mom. During her years at home with her children, Karen was busy in various capacities with their school activities. Karen returned to the workforce as a receptionist/Gal Friday. Karen also enjoyed counted cross-stitch and other "needle" crafts during those years. Karen has spent most of her life in the Finger lakes and Catskill Mountain area of New York before moving to Ohio in 2012 to be closer to family. Karen is still adjusting to the Buckeye way of life!





# Student's Scoop



## Upcoming Student Lessons



Gnat Boxer student lessons are held on Mondays at Ida Sue School located at 266 Oldman Road in Wooster. Lessons run from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

November 25 ~ Lesson #8

December 2 ~ Lesson #9

December 9 ~ Lesson #10

December 16 ~ Lesson #11

December 23 ~ Lesson #12

December 30 ~ Lesson #13

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

January 6 ~ Lesson #14

January 13 ~ Lesson #15

January 20 ~ Lesson #16

January 27 ~ Lesson #17

## 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.

**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 to student 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 a club. However, an individual club will provide the dance hall for a federation dance because the federation does not have their own dance hall.



# Student's Scoop



## Upcoming Student Lessons

February 3 ~ Lesson #18

February 10 ~ Lesson #19

February 17 ~ Lesson #20

February 24 ~ Lesson #21

March 2 ~ Lesson #22

March 9 ~ Lesson #23

March 16 ~ Lesson #24

March 23 ~ 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.*

*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.

*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 acquire 'merit badges' for completing certain tasks, square dancers earn 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.





# Gnat Boxer Neighborhood News



## Happy Birthday!

- 12/16 - Harold Mong
- 12/20 - Vanessa Fletcher
- 12/21 - Carolyn Caron
- 12/23 - Chris Moore
- 12/25 - David Caron
- 12/31 - Bob Moore

## Happy Anniversary!

- 12/4 - Harold & Michelle Mong  
43 Years!
- 12/12 - Bimp & Mary Hawthorne  
55 Years!



The Federation is asking all clubs to submit their 2020 membership rosters by December 6<sup>th</sup> in order to purchase the necessary dance insurance next year. If you have not paid dues for 2020 yet and would like to continue your membership with the club, please pay by December 2<sup>nd</sup> to ensure your information is submitted to the Federation in time. Dues are \$12/person until January 1<sup>st</sup> when they become \$15/person. Memberships not renewed by January 15<sup>th</sup> will be removed from our roster and will no longer receive club correspondence or discounts to our dances.



We will gather from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Greentown Community Park, 9845 Cashner Road, Greentown, OH 44685.

The Federation will provide the meat, the beverages, and the table service. 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.



Set-up will begin at 11:30 a.m. If you can go early to help, it will be appreciated!



**A Note from the Secretary:** Please submit any news or suggestions for the newsletter to Patty Reinarts via e-mail at [MaTozboys@gmail.com](mailto:MaTozboys@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.