

Do Paso Gazette Gnat Boxers Square Dance Club

January, 2015



From the Presidents..... May each and every one's New Year be filled with good health and prosperity. I'd like to thank everyone who volunteers to assist in leading our club in 2015, as well as, a large THANK YOU to everyone who has held an office and served before us. It takes a great group effort to keep any organization moving forward through time. As the last few dances and lessons have shown, the Gnat Boxers have such a group. The Christmas cookie Bake-Off was a great night as members enjoyed the Christmas spirit and an opportunity to visit with old and new friends. Everyone enjoyed the Monday night lessons a little more than normal with the Christmas festivities. Thanks to everyone who helped with this evening.

We have two great dances planned in January. The first is January 3rd with Dan Austen calling, and the second is January 17th with caller Bill Meese. The January 17th dance is also the 're-gift' auction. Bill Meese will be our auctioneer as members and guests bring donation "gifts" to be auctioned. Please plan on joining us for a great evening of fun. The auction will take place during refreshments. (Please bring your donation in a wrapped package or gift bag.)

As we move forward into 2015, Kevin & I hope that everyone feels free to bring their concerns, suggestions, questions or ideas to us. We will do our best to address these. Mostly, please be patient with us as we learn what is needed as we move into our new role as your club presidents this year. I would like to ask all the Gnat Boxers as a group to make an extra effort to make everyone feel welcome at dances. Our welcome table area has become congested with the needed activities of entrance, door prizes, 50/50 tickets, etc. If you are not scheduled to work at the welcome table that evening, please find a seat away from this area. Filling a seat around the room, visiting with our guests, and members helping to make everyone feel welcome and creating an atmosphere where everyone is welcome and wants to return. As we move the visiting away from the welcome table, the information that is on the table becomes more visible to everyone. Thank you in advance for your assistance in moving away from the table area and making everyone feel welcome.

Thanks and God bless you all in the New Year. ----- Kevin & Pam Brazee

Dance Highlights

December 6th welcomed caller Tom Rudebock and cuer Kristy Lake and her husband, Paul. We had 19 members and 8 guests in attendance. Guests were from Johnny Appleseed, Medina Squares, Norton Grand Squares, Track II and Solo Squares. Refreshments were provided by Veronica Nagy, John & Dee Carpenter. Ralph & Hester Treese provided the door prize for the evening. Rex Parker won the beautiful poinsettia. June Means from Track II won the \$18 in the 50/50 drawing.

December 18th was the club's First Christmas Cookie Bake Off. Our caller for the evening was Dick Mackey with wife Nancy and the cuer was Amy Riehl. Guests were from Johnny Appleseed, Red Lantern, Track II and Western Whirlers. The Western Whirlers were the raiding club. Red Lantern retrieved their banner. Our club had 39 members present and 22 guests. Refreshments were provided by club members who made Christmas cookies. Bimp & Mary Hawthorne provided the door prize which was one by Deb Moore. Another door prize which was provided was won by Jim Lowe from the Western Whirlers. Jenn Kramer from Track II won the Christmas Raffle Basket. Earl Nickles won the \$35 from the 50/50 drawing.

Our Cookie Judges for the evening were Chris Hinton, Bill Nagy and Brian Riley. Jane Moore won the Cookie Contest with her Scandinavian Almond Bars. Look for her recipe in this or future newsletters.



Please keep the following in your prayers:

Judy & Larry Jaquet as Judy recuperates from surgery.

Jim Poff and Shannon Poff as Jim continues to deal with health issues.

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 11, 2015 2 – 5 PM

CELEBRATION DANCE

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 or call 330-262-1963

Dues for 2015 for now due and they are \$ 15 per person if you have not yet paid them.

Upcoming Dances

- Jan. 3 Caller Dan Austen, Cuer Kristy Lake
Refreshments: TBA Door Prize: TBA
- Jan. 18 Caller Bill Meese, Cuer Phyllis Burdette
Christmas Re-gift Auction
- Feb. 7 Caller Tom Rudebock, Cuer Amy Riehl
All Things Chocolate



Traveling with

Dick

- Jan. 10 – Westerville (Promenades)
Jan. 18 – Greentown (Track II)
Jan. 21 – Greentown (Fun Shop)
Jan. 23 – Brewster (Flames)
Jan. 24 – Norton (Grand Squares)
Feb. 7 – Rocky River (Lake Erie Squares)
Feb. 14 – Shelby (Clover Leafs)



- Jan. 2 – Elden Miller
6 – Terry Moore
7 – Joni Carter
16 – Joyce Segura
18 – Walt Clements
Sam Crawford
Shawna Makin
20 – Dee Clements
Peggy Rupp
21 – Carol Paull
23 – Bob McAfee
24 – Dan Hartzler

thank you!

To the Gnat Boxers, your thoughtful gift of a gift card to eat out brought a smile to our faces. We will enjoy using it; we are so grateful.

Dick & Nancy Mackey

Remember The Gnat Boxers Square Dance Club is your club. It will thrive with your support & loyalty. Attending the dances lessons, doing refreshments, bringing a door

prize, helping set up & tear down. Many hands make the work light and fun. Square dancing is friendship.

– Nancy Mackey

Prize Winning Cookies

SCANDINAVIAN ALMOND BARS

Cream together $\frac{1}{2}$ c. butter or margarine &
1 c. sugar.

Add 1 egg & $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. almond extract.

Stir together & add $1\frac{3}{4}$ c. flour, 2 tsp. bkg. Powder
& $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt.

Divide dough into fourths. Form each into a 12 in.
roll. Place two rolls on ungreased cookie sheet.

Flatten till 3 in. wide. Brush w/ milk or half & half;
sprinkle w/ sliced almonds. Bake @ 350 for 12-14
min. or till edges are lightly browned. While still
warm, loosen from cookie sheet & cut into strips.
(Pizza cutter works well). When cool, drizzle w/
almond icing.

ALMOND ICING

Mix 1 c. powdered sugar, $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. almond extract and
3-4 tsp. milk or half & half. Spread on bars.

2015 Officers

Pres. – Pam & Kevin Brazee

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330-345-7911

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Banner Raid Chairmen – Pat Brinkerhoff & Larry
Webb

330-264-0211

Remember – The Refreshment book will be available at the dances so that you may select a date of your choice to provide refreshments or a door prize for upcoming dances. The book will also be available during lessons for your convenience. We **need** all club members to take a turn; that way no one should have to do it more than once during the year. There is a \$25 allowance paid by the club each dance to help off-set the cost of providing the refreshments.

Message from your secretary....

Please report any news, suggestions, or any necessary information for the newsletter to us at 419-368-3297 or email us at mmong16@yahoo.com The information must be in my hands no later than the second dance of the month. Don't forget to let us know if you should change your address, email address or phone number. *To receive your copy of the newsletter by email, please send us an email request, or provide your information on the sign-up sheets. Also, please be sure to visit the club website at www.qnatboxers.com*

--- Michelle & Harold Mong