

Do Paso Gazette
Gnat Boxers Square Dance Club
January 2018



Upcoming Club Dances:

January 6th, Calling is Dick Mackey and cueing is Kristy Lake.

January 20th, Calling is Bill Meese and cueing is Amy Riehl.

February 3rd, John Ramsey will be calling with Sue Powell Cueing.

Student Dances:

January 21st, 2-5 pm. This is a federation student dance hosted by the Gnat Boxes at Ida Sue School.

February 17th, Gnat Boxers Annual Student Dance, 8 to 10:30 pm at Ida Sue School.

All students are encouraged to get to a few of the area student dances. Members we hope to see you also at these dances helping all the students.

Club Dues: We thank everyone who has already paid your 2018 dues. Dues are currently due @ \$15.00 per member.

Presidents Message:

Happy New Year and Best Wishes to Everyone for 2018!

I would like to give a great big THANK YOU to Mary Hawthorne, Jane Moore, Diane Sargeant, and Tom and Kathy Smucker for their service to our club this past year and previous years.

We will be looking for volunteers to assist Pam Brazee with some of the Treasurer duties, since no one has come forward to help on a full time basis, Pam volunteered and was voted as Treasurer at our officers meeting in December. Anyone helping fulfill the treasurer duties on a dance night will not pay admission. We are still looking for members to help take on some of these roles. I would also like to thank Nancy Mackey for volunteering to help with treasurer duties for the remaining lessons.

Hope to see you all in a Square – Greg Moore, President



Prayer Corner

Please let me know of any prayer concerns within our dancing family. You can email me at pbrazee@datasoln.com. You can also let me or any of the officers know when at a dance or lessons.

Traveling with Dick

February 2nd – Medina Squares, Medina, Ohio

January 17th – Fun Shop, Greentown, Ohio

9th – Solo Squares, Berea, Ohio

27th – Johnny Appleseed, Mansfield, Ohio

10th - Swing-A-Lings, Canton, Ohio

24th - T-Squares, Tiffin, Ohio

January Birthdays



6th Terry Moore

23rd Dottie Carter
Bob McAfee

30th Ray Carter

Refreshments – the 2018 refreshment book is available at 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. As the club has done in the past there will be special dances where we ask all members to bring something to share. 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 \$40 allowance paid by the club each dance to help off-set the cost of providing the refreshments.

Dance Highlights:

December 2nd, dance with Dick Mackey Calling and Phyllis Burdette & husband Doug Cueing. There were 26 Gnat Boxers and 18 Guest from 4 clubs attending. We would like to thank everyone who donated toys for the toy drive.

December 16th, Dance with Tom Strickland calling and Kristy Lake & husband Paul Cueing. This was also the annual Christmas Cookie Dance. There were 31 Gnat Boxers and 17 guests from 6 clubs. Sue Nickles had the winning cookies this year, see the recipe below. Door Prize was won by Dan Fry with the Apple Creek Promenders, and the 50/50 - \$29.00 was won by Deb Moore.



Ingredients Bars

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| 1 cup butter | 1 cup Brown Sugar | 1/3 cup sugar |
| 3 large eggs | 3 tsp orange or vanilla extract | |
| 2 cups flour | 1 ½ tsp baking powder | |
| 1 tsp. ground ginger | ¾ cup dried cranberries | ¾ cup white chocolate chips |

Ingredients Frosting

- 3 ounces cream cheese
- 2 TBSP Butter, soften
- 3 cups confectioners’ sugar
- 1 tsp orange or vanilla extract

Ingredients Toppings

- 1/3 cup craisins, chopped
- 1-2 TBSP grated orange rind
- 1/3 cup white chocolate chips
- ½ tsp canola oil

Preheat Oven to 350 degrees. (325 for glass or dark) prepare 10x15 by lining it with parchment paper or use a nonstick pan.

BARS- with a mixer beat together the butter and sugars 3-5 minutes. Gently blend in eggs and orange extract. Add the flour, baking powder, and ginger, beat briefly. Add the cranberries, chips stirring just enough to mix. Spread thick batter in the prepared pan. Bake for 20-24 minutes until light brown at edges. And skewer tests clean. Don’t over bake. Let cool completely. (If using a smaller pan, bars will be thicker and takes a few minutes more to bake.

Frosting- Blend Cream Cheese and butter, add orange extract and confectioners’ sugar. Beat until fluffy and spreadable, can add tsp milk if needed. Spread on cooled bars.

Garnish- Orange zest for 1 orange, chopped craisins, sprinkled over bars.

Drizzle- Mix white chocolate and oil in glass measuring cup. Microwave one minute, stirring every 15 seconds until melted. Use a fork or whisk to drizzle the white chocolate diagonally across the bars.

Allow one hour for the white chocolate frosting to set before cutting.

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Message:

The club is still experiencing a need for members to help. We are in need of someone to take either the Secretary or Treasurer's Position. We would also like to have some of our members work as interns with the current officers, especially the Vice President position. The club made the decision to use interns a few years back so members could be more comfortable with the responsibilities that these positions entail.

We all enjoy the Great Organization that our club has been built into by its previous members. No organization can forge ahead with its future without the service of its current members. We can only be as great as those who work together towards our goals.

I will be putting together a schedule for a group of individuals to help me cover the treasurer duties at the welcome table for dances. I will do a lot of the behind the scene responsibilities from home and make this as simple as possible. With my current family and work balance I can't commit to being at all the dances. If you can help at a dance please come see me. Thanks everyone.

Sincerely Secretary and Treasurer

Pam Brazee

A message from your Secretary

Please report any news, or suggestions for the newsletter to me at 330-262-5281, or email at pbrazee@datasoln.com. For news to be included in the next newsletter, the information is appreciated by the second dance of the month, must have the before the last week of the month. Also please let us know of any changes in your home address, email address, or phone numbers.

Sincerely
Pam Brazee