



Do Paso Gazette



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President's Message:

Greetings fellow members. Fall is upon us and lessons will be starting Sept. 24. First two Mondays will be free. If you can bring someone along please do.

Our next two dances have special themes, one is the Donkey dance and the other is Hobo Stew night. Can't tell you about the Donkey dance Oct. 6, other than it's a lot of fun and yes there will be a real donkey. Next is Hobo Stew night, Oct. 20, bring a can of veggies to toss in the pot and wear your best hobo outfit.

Few square dance facts: promenade, allemande and do-si-do are all modern square dance terms and originate in France. Seems the colonists snubbed all things British after the Revolution.

One more note, the annual meeting will be held after the Oct. 20 dance. Time for elections. We still have positions that need filled.

Hope to see you across a square.

Greg and Terry



Meeting

Annual Meeting
October 20th
After Hobo
Stew Dance

Find us on the web at www.gnatboxers.com



Gnat Boxer Dances



Our plus level dances are held from 8:00 - 10:30 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) on the first and third Saturday of the month at Ida Sue School located at 266 Oldman Road in Wooster.

Admission Prices:
\$5/member*; \$6/guest
\$7/person at special
dances

*Member families with children pay full price for the first two dancers and ½ price for each additional child dancer (under 18) at our regular dances.



The Secret Society of the Donkey Dance needs your help!

If you have previously earned your Donkey Dangle and are available to help with the Donkey Dance held on October 6th, please consider volunteering.

Please contact Elaine Weygandt or any of the officers if you are available to help.



Upcoming Club Dances

Oct. 6 ~ Donkey Dance ~ featuring Ed Pabst as the caller joined by Chuck Berry's cueing.

The dance will be held in the gymnasium. A donkey will also be outside where a team of veteran donkey dancers will work any volunteer participants through the Secret Society of the Donkey Dance. Those who participate will earn a 'Donkey Dangle.'

Oct. 20 ~ Hobo Stew Dance ~ featuring Tom Strickland as the caller joined by Kristy Lake's cueing. **Our Annual Club Meeting will be held after the dance.** The club will provide the meat for the Hobo Stew. Members are asked to please bring a can (or two) of veggies to add to the stew.

November 3 ~ "I am Thankful For ..." featuring Pam Courts as the caller joined by Sue Powell cueing. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for a local food pantry.





Gnat Boxer Dances



Refreshments & Door Prizes

<i>Date</i>	<i>Theme</i>	<i>Refreshments</i>	<i>Door Prize</i>
10/6	<i>Donkey Dance</i>	<i>Mary Stark Loretta Stark Tim Urang</i>	<i>Helen Hawkins</i>
10/20	<i>Hobo Stew</i>	<i>Club Members</i>	<i>Ray & Dottie Carter</i>
11/3	<i>"Thankful for"</i>	<i>Evan Fischer Don Gerber Jackie Nicley Patty Reinarts</i>	<i>Gerry Kick</i>
11/17	<i>Special Dance</i>	<i>Club Members</i>	<i>Tim Urang</i>

Monthly Club Dance Highlights:

September 15 ~ Apple Fest: Sixty dancers (20 Gnat Boxers and 40 guests) had a heapin' hollering good time with National Caller, Tom Roper. Phyllis Burdette, accompanied by her husband, Doug, provided the cueing for the round dancers. Dick Mackey along with his beautiful wife, Nancy, were also in attendance as well as Jeff Metcalf.



Norton Grand Squares and Brecksville Squares successfully raided and stole our banner! Dancers from Apple Creek, Dixie Squares, Friday Night Mixers, Red Lantern, Swing-A-Lings, and Rockin' Dance Fest were also in attendance.

The refreshment table was adorned with scrumptious apple dishes provided by the club members. Erma Miller won \$60 in the 50/50 raffle. Despite being the one providing the door prize, Erma won that as well. Hmm ... sounds fishy, doesn't it?





Keep Dancing



Traveling with Dick:

October 13 - Swing-A-Lings, Canton*
 October 20 - Westerville Promenaders, Westerville
 November 2 - Medina Squares, Medina
 November 9 - Red Lantern Flames, Brewster
 November 23 - Solo Squares, Berea
 December 1 - Norton Grand Squares, Norton



**Pick Your Own Dance - Dancers can choose any record from Dick's collection. He will call as many songs as he is able within the dance time.*

Angelic Fun that's good for you!



A new lesson season is upon us! We need Angels to help fill squares at our lessons! Please consider joining us on Monday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00

p.m. FREE Admission on 9/24 and 10/1. Only \$3 a week beginning 10/8.

Rockin' Dance Fest:

December 7 - 8, 2018, A Square and Round Dance Weekend held at the Bertram Inn and Conference Center located at 600 N. Aurora Road in Aurora. There will be 3 dance halls going at all times featuring: Jack Pladdys, Ray Marsch, Sue Powell, and Tom Miller.



Ohio Dance Convention 2019:

The 59th 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. The theme of the convention is 'Dance to the Moon and Back' in honor of the 50th anniversary of Neil Armstrong's moon landing on July 20, 1969.

Carpool Text Messages:

Each week, Patty Reinarts sends out a text message outlining the various dance opportunities for that week. From there, dancers coordinate various carpooling options to the dances they want to attend. If you would like to receive the weekly text messages, please let Patty Reinarts know by sending a text to 330.641.2395.





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.

September 24 ~ Free Lesson #1

October 1 ~ Free Lesson #2

October 8 ~ Lesson #1

October 15 ~ Lesson #2

October 22 ~ Lesson #3

October 29 ~ Lesson #4

November 5 ~ Lesson #5

November 12 ~ Lesson #6

November 19 ~ Lesson #7

November 26 ~ Lesson #8

December 3 ~ Lesson #9

December 10 ~ Lesson #10



We are thrilled you will be joining us this year! Learning to square dance can be a very fulfilling endeavor. We would like to help you as you learn. Here are some ways you can help us:

Wear your name badge: Please wear your name badge at every lesson. We will too! This helps us get to know you and helps you get to know us.



Questions: Please feel free to approach Dick Mackey or any Gnat Boxer Officer with any questions you may have.

Assist the leaders: We need your assistance with setting up as well as tearing down the gymnasium after lessons. Please do not begin tearing down the gymnasium until after the big circle 'Thank You'.

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.





Square Dance Angels



How to Become an Angel

- A sign-up sheet will be available beginning with the first regular lesson on October 8th for anyone who wishes to earn their “angel badge”.
- Any dancer who has graduated from lessons and has not already earned their angel badge is eligible to work towards earning their badge. Simply attend at least 75% of the lessons this year and help the new students learn to square dance.

What is a Square Dance Angel?

- Angels are wonderful experienced square dancers who volunteer their time ensuring our lessons provide the best possible learning experience for students.
- Angels provide students with their first real look at our club. How angels behave and treat new dancers, other angels, and visitors will affect our new students.
- Angels are also role models. Regardless of what the instructor and club members try to communicate to the class, students inevitably take their cues from what they see the angels doing. It is important for angels to be extra careful in providing good role models. Smile, be enthusiastic, and enjoy the dancing. Be friendly,

courteous, and gentle. This is sometimes easier to say than do especially if it has been a long day. Although most of us do the right things instinctively, the majority of time, it cannot hurt to reiterate certain points.

The following advice regarding angels has been extracted from several sources, including articles found in square dance publications as well as handouts prepared for other clubs.



- Perhaps the most common misconception regarding angels is they are not instructors. The primary function of an angel is to teach by example, i.e. to be in the right place at the right time.
- One important aspect of being an angel is to establish handholds after every move. This not only helps the students maintain their orientation in the square, it is also a very good habit to develop.
- Angels find it tempting to explain something their square is not getting. Likewise, students will often ask angels to explain moves to



More on Angels



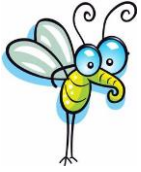
them. Please resist explaining moves while the teacher/caller is at the microphone as it diverts the student's attention away from the teacher. A crucial element to learn in beginner class is to listen to the teacher/caller. Angels should feel free, however, to clarify a simple point for students between tips because it helps our students feel welcome.

- Another difficult point for angels is discerning just how much help and guidance should be given in order to get students into the right place. Dancers, after all, must learn the moves on their own. However, gently guiding someone through a maneuver if they have a momentary lapse of memory should be okay. However, little is accomplished by pushing or pulling a student through a move when he or she does not know the move.
- Broken down squares are an indication to the instructor that dancers are having problems. Therefore, it is better to allow a square to break down rather than using too much force while trying to get people into the right place.
- If necessary, please raise your hand and ask the teacher to explain the move your square is finding difficult. Be careful, however, not to embar-

rass any dancer with the way you ask for help. It is much better to comment, "our square is not getting xyz" rather than saying, "Aunt Sally isn't getting it".

- Encourage students by letting them know all dancers make mistakes while also reassuring them they will get better with practice.
- Don't forget, angels also make mistakes. Admit to your mistakes cheerfully because it makes the students less tense about their own mistakes.
- Square up with everyone, seek out the weaker students, and ask them to dance with you. Make sure students are not sitting out because too many angels are dancing.
- End conversations promptly when the caller/teacher begins a tip. If you are not dancing, keep your conversations low in the dance area.
- Remember to wear your name badge at lessons because the new students are learning our names while we also try to learn theirs.
- Most importantly, remember square dancing is fun. Let's enjoy our students as we once again develop friendships set to music.





Gnat Boxer Neighborhood News



Prayer Corner



Our Deepest Sympathy

Please keep the family of **Bill Alkire** in your prayers. Bill is the original founder of the Gnat Boxer Square Dance Club. Bill passed away on September 12th. Cards can be mailed to Bill's wife, Susan English, at 5214 Clear Creek Valley Road, Wooster, OH 44691.



Please keep **Tim Urang** in your prayers as he continues to recover from surgery.

Please hold **Evan Fischer** in prayer. He fell and sprained his knee and won't be able to dance for a spell.

There were 31 Gnat Boxers and 7 guest dancers who braved the cold, wet, dreary weather to show-case square dancing at the fair! Thank you for coming out and sharing your enthusiasm for dancing!



Happy Birthday

10/25 ~ Helen Hawkins



- 10/11 ~ Scott & Rhonda Boothby ~ 32 years
- 10/21 ~ Kevin & Pam Brazee ~ 12 years
- 10/9 ~ Bob & Louise McAfee ~ 42 years
- 10/20 ~ Earl & Sue Nickles ~ 39 years



We are collecting dues early this year. Thanks to everyone who has already paid. Dues are \$15/member annually. Please make checks payable to Gnat Boxer Square Dance Club. Yes, we also accept cash!

A Note from the Secretary: Please submit any news, prayer concerns, or suggestions for the newsletter to Patty Reinarts via e-mail at 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 changes to your home address, e-mail address, and/or phone numbers.