



# American Callers Association

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This month we look at ways to get the ending position of a Box the Gnat without doing a Box the Gnat. This call out lived its usefulness a long time ago and is one of the most uncomfortable and awkward calls that's ever been imposed on square dancers. Just ask the ladies. What we are suggesting is that anywhere you have used Box the Gnat. Try Touch 1/4 and Roll or from waves Hinge and Roll or Slide Thru and Roll or Touch 1/4 and face right or Pass Thru and U-Turn Back. Then ask the dancers which they prefer.

Heads Touch 1/4 and Roll... Slide Thru...Touch 1/4and Roll...Swing Thru...Recycle...Pass to the Center...Centers Square Thru Three... Slide Thru and Roll...Pass Thru and a Right and Left Grand.

Heads Pass the Ocean...Extend...Swing Thru...Hinge and Roll...Slide Thru...Right and Left Thru...Dixie Style to a Wave...All 8 Circulate...Step Thru face in...Slide Thru...Allemande left.

Sides Pass Thru ...Separate Around 1 to a Line...Ends Load the Boat... Centers touch 1/4 and Roll...Centers Spin the Top...Ping Pong Circulate...Extend...Girls Trade...Swing Thru...Ends Circulate ...Centers Trade...Extend.. Right and Left Grand.

Sides Touch 1/4 and Roll...Square Thru 2...Touch 1/4 ...Centers Trade...Scoot Back...Girls Fold...Boys Pass Thru...Touch 1/4 And Roll... Slide Thru... Ferris Wheel...Centers Pass Thru...Allemande Left.

Heads Slide thru ...Pass thru...Touch 1/4 and Roll...Square Thru 2...Tag the Line face in...Touch1/4 and Roll Centers Square Thru 2...Ends Slide Thru...Centers In...Cast off 3/4...Star Thru... Zoom...Centers Square Thru 2... Partner Trade...You're Home.

Heads Right and Left Thru...Star Thru...Pass Thru...Swing Thru...Hinge and Roll...Slide Thru...Right and Left Thru... Dixie Style to a Wave...Boys Trade Twice...Allemande Left.

Heads Lead Right...Swing Thru...Hinge and Roll... Relay the Deucey...Hinge and Roll...Right and Left Grand.

## **Zero Box to Right & Left Grand**

# 1.Touch 1/4... Girls Run...Square Thru...Right and Left Grand.

# 2.Touch 1/4 and Roll...Pass Thru...Right and Left Grand  
(Or –Box the Gnat and Pass Thru.. R and L Grand.)

# 3.SlideThru... Touch 1/4...Girls Run...Pass Thru... Right and Left Grand  
(Or- Slide Thru... Touch 1/4...Girls Run...Box the Gnat...Allemande)

# 4.SlideThru ...Touch 1/4 and Roll...Pass the Ocean...Girls Circulate...Right and Left Grand.  
(Or- Slide Thru...Box the Gnat...Pass the Ocean...Girls Circulate...Right and Left Grand.

# 5.Square Thru...Boys Run... Girls Run...Right and Left Grand.

# 6.Slide Thru...Turn Thru...Partner Trade and Roll...Pass Thru...Right and Left Grand.



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**Any where you have a Box the Gnat use one of the five things we suggested.**

ZERO LINES... PASS THE OCEAN... ALL 8 CIRCULATE... BOX THE GNAT... PULL BY... TRADE BY...  
BOX THE GNA T... SQUARE THRU 3/4... LEFT ALLEMANDE.

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ZERO BOX... SWING THRU... GIRLS CIRCULATE... BOYS TRADE... BOX THE GNA T... PULL BY... LEFT  
ALLEMANDE.

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ZERO LINES... PASS THE OCEAN... BOYS CIRCULATE... GIRLS TRADE... BOX THE GNAT...  
CHANGE GIRLS, RIGHT AND LEFT THRU... PASS THRU... WHEEL AND DEAL... Centers SQUARE  
THRU 3/4... LEFT ALLEMANDE.

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ZERO BOX... STAR THRU... PASS THE OCEAN... BOYS CIRCULATE... GIRLS TRADE...  
BOX THE GNA T... SWING THRU... SQUARE THRU 3/4... LEFT ALLEMANDE.

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ZERO LINES... PASS THRU... U TURN BACK... BOX THE GNA T... PULL BY... WHEEL AND  
DEAL... Centers SWING THRU... Centers BOX THE GNA T... Centers PULL BY... LEFT  
ALLEMANDE.

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ZERO LINES... BOX THE GNA T... SQUARE THRU 3/4... WHEEL AND DEAL... Centers BOX THE GNA  
T... All DOUBLE PASS THRU... LEADS U TURN BACK... BOX THE GNA T... SWING THRU...  
RIGHT AND LEFT GRAND.

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ZERO LINES... PASS THRU... BOYS RUN RIGHT... ALL 8 CIRCULATE...  
BOX THE GNA T... TOUCH 1/4... GIRLS CIRCULATE... BOYS TRADE... BOYS RUN... WHEEL AND DEAL...  
LEFT ALLEMANDE.

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ZERO LINES... PASS THRU... WHEEL AND DEAL... Centers SWING THRU...  
Centers BOX THE GNA T... ZOOM... DOUBLE PASS THRU...  
LEADERS PARTNER TRADE... SQUARE THRU 3/4... TRADE BY... LEFT ALLEMANDE.

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HEADS BOX THE GNA T... HEADS SQUARE THRU 4... TOUCH 1/4...  
SPLIT CIRCULATE... BOYS TRADE... BOX THE GNA T... PULL BY... TRADE BY... LEFT ALLEMANDE.

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Singing call figures

HEADS PROMENADE 1/2... HEADS BOX THE GNA T... HEADS TOUCH 1/4... CENTER  
BOYS RUN... Centers PASS THRU... DO SA DO... SWING THRU... BOYS TRADE... SWING  
CORNER... PROMENADE.

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HEADS PROMENADE 1/2... HEADS SWING THRU... HEADS BOX THE GNAT... HEADS RIGHT  
AND LEFT THRU... HEADS FLUTTERWHEEL...  
HEADS SQUARE THRU 4... SWING CORNER... PROMENADE.

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HEADS LEAD RIGHT... CIRCLE TO A LINE... SWING THRU... BOX THE GNA T... RIGHT AND LEFT  
THRU... FLUTTERWHEEL... STAR THRU... PASS THRU... SWING CORNER... PROMENADE.

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HEADS SQUARE THRU 4... SPLIT THE OUTSIDES, AROUND ONE TO A LINE... GO FORWARD  
& BACK... BOX THE GNA T... RIGHT AND LEFT THRU... SQUARE THRU 3/4... SWING  
CORNER... PROMENADE.

