

IAGSDC's Prestigious Golden Boot Award Presented to Vic, Debbie & Caitlyn Ceder During Minneapolis Convention

During the IAGSDC's (International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs) International Convention held in Minneapolis, MN, over Memorial Day Weekend, Allan Hurst had the honor of presenting the Organization's prestigious Golden Boot Award to Vic, Debbie and Caitlyn Ceder.

As the 2019 recipient of the award, Allan Hurst had the honor of selecting the next recipient – a presentation that was delayed for three years by Covid and the cancellation of an in-person conventions in 2020 and 2021.

So why is the Golden Boot Award such a Big Deal? The Golden Boot was originally presented to Art Smith in 1983 by Puddletown Squares for his many contributions to LGBTQ square dancing in the Pacific Northwest. Art chose to pass the award on to someone outside of the area, and it's moved from hand to hand ever since.

According to Art Smith's original words: "The spirit of the Golden Boot Award belongs to everyone. For it is all of us contributing together, sharing our energy, our dedication and most of all our love that is truly the spirit that is honored. When any one of us gives 100% of the best of what and who we are, that is the finest example of the essence of what the Golden Boot Award exemplifies." Allan added that, "This award isn't just a big deal, it's a recognition that someone has done something - usually MANY somethings - for LGBTQ square dancing to expand it, enhance it, keep it alive, or rescue it in some way."

Unfortunately, Vic and Debbie couldn't attend the convention due to COVID-19, but Caitlyn was in attendance and able to receive the honor on behalf of the family. Vic & Debbie received a surprise phone call during the presentation letting them know of their selection.

Among the many reasons Vic, Debbie and Caitlyn were honored include:

- Created the most extensive databases of callers, cuers, choreography, and singing calls on the internet – www.ceder.net
- Debbie created the best-ever article on how to write choreography for the GCA Call Sheet.
- Vic and Debbie created the Ceder Chest line of choreography reference books, some of the most highly regarded choreography reference books in square dancing
- Teaching several generations of LGBTQ dancers (and their friends) how to dance.
- Wrote what is considered to be one of the leading caller choreo and music management applications in the industry.
- Received a CALLERLAB Milestone Award.
- They all dance square, round, contra, and swing. (Quite expertly, in fact.)

Vic and Debbie are also one of only three sets of people who have now received both the Golden Boot and the CALLERLAB Milestone award. Barry & Pam Clasper, and Betsy Gotta, are the others.

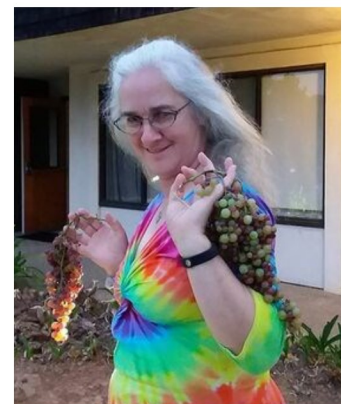
Congratulations to Vic, Debbie and Caitlyn Ceder!



Caitlyn Ceder & Allan Hurst during the Golden Boot Award Presentation



Vic Ceder



Debbie Ceder