



Texas Round Dance Teachers Association

From the President

It appears that dancing is beginning to open up – still slowly – but like a small leak in a dam, the number of dances is increasing each month. We didn't get to go, but there have been a couple more festivals since TRDTA. We were able to attend Austin's Mid-Tex Festival featuring Bob and Sally Nolen. There were many of the TRDTA members in attendance.

State and Nationals are just around the corner. Pat and I are really looking forward to seeing more of our friends out on the dance floor, and hope to see you all soon.

We will be scheduling a Zoom meeting with the new Executive Board after Nationals to discuss potential future TRDTA projects. Once we've discussed possibilities, we'll send out an invitation for another virtual TRDTA meeting.

Hope to See You Round,
Ron and Pat Plouch



Festival Reports

Festival reports can include festivals in the surrounding states if a good number of Texas dancers attend the festival or if clinicians are TRDTA members.

ORDA Festival

April 9-10, 2021 – Lake Murray Lodge, Oklahoma

Curt and Tammy Worlock were the featured clinicians for the ORDA Festival. There were a wide variety of dancers in attendance. They have 47 people registered; 31 were from out of state including 21 from Texas. There were also dancers from Tennessee, Louisiana, Kansas and Minnesota in attendance.

Unfortunately Friday night's dance was delayed about 20 minutes because of the hail noise. Later as everyone checked for hail damage, they realized that all cars in the parking lot had a fair amount of damage. Reports of up to \$10,000 were heard.

Dance taught include:

- Rumba in the Summer Wind (Rumba 5) by Tom Hicks
- Curame (Cha Cha 4) by Mike and Mary Foral
- World on a String (Jive 3) by Lloyd and Ruth McKenrick

The dance programs were cued by Jim and Georgianne Couey, Karen and Ed Gloodt, Paul and Linda Robinson, Kay and Bob Kurczewski, Kevin and Diane Denning, and, of course, Curt and Tammy Worlock. Unfortunately, there was no demo of each dance since Tammy has had a leg injury although she was available to assist Curt with the teaches.



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Cuing News a-Round Texas

News a-Round Texas includes all information from cuer members about their lessons and club received by the newsletter deadline. Newsletters are published approximately four times a year in March, June, September, and December.

If you are interested in attending a club in Texas, please contact the cuer for the most up-to-date information on venue and nights dancing. Many clubs might be closed on the date you want to visit as venues change and unexpected closures happen, or someone is simply not teaching that month. See the TRDTA website at www.trdta.org for the directory information which includes the telephone numbers of all the TRDTA cuers. Email addresses are hot links on each cuer's name.

Fred and Linda Ayres – Longview, TX

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We are continuing classes for a small group of Intermediate/Advanced Dancers on Tuesday evenings. We continue to have outages for various weather, travel or health issues, so still lots of review and redo.

Basic/Intermediate Class – Tuesday Nights – Longview

We were able to finish one of the February teaches and proceeded to some new ones

- Buy Me a Rose, 4, RB/CHA, Read
- Cross My Heart, 5, STS, Bunn
- Curame, 4, CHA, Foral
- Fields of Gold 20, 5, RB, Dawson
- Mas, 4, BL, Robinson
- Perfect, 3, STS, Townsend-Manning
- Who I Am Inside, 4, RB, Worlock

Phase 4-6 Class – now Tuesday Nights – Longview

This class has been moved to later on Tuesdays since there are no beginners.

- Blue Roses, 5, WZ, Shibata
- The Girl From Ipanema, 5, FT, Preskitt
- You Make Me Feel Like West Coast, 5, WCS, Garza

Advanced Class – Wednesday Nights – Bossier City, LA

We have also been doing teaching in Bossier City, LA with their advanced group on Jesse V, Mas, Fields of Gold 20, Cross My Heart, Blue Roses, and Who I Am Inside.

Fred and Linda

Karen and Ed Gloodt – Ardmore, OK

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Carousel Club #386

Rainbow Rounds resumed dancing on April 7th. We had 22 couples that first night, and we danced phase 3 and easy phase 4 dances as we tested our memory and our stamina.



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In the regular sessions, we reviewed some phase 4 dances that we used to know, including:

- Legends of the Fall (Gloodt) 4 WZ
- Dedication (Rumble) 4 WZ
- Pop Goes the Movies (Raye) 3+2 MX

Teaches included:

- Summertime (Vogt) 4 FT
- A Bird Without Wings (Gloodt) 4 STS
- Rumba in the Summer Wind (Hicks) 5 RB

Early session teaches included:

- Tampa Jive (Maccuci) 5 JV
- Senorita Tango (Rumble) 4 TG
- Solitaire (Goss) 5 BL

Rainbow Rounds is pleased to let everyone know that it is now an official Carousel Club.

Karen and Ed

Christine and Theron Hixson – Garland, TX

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Carousel Club #342

Lessons – Monday – Basic Lessons – Garland, TX

We will be starting a set of Cha/Rumba lessons on Monday nights, June 7, at Granger Recreation Center. We are going to spend the first 30 minutes or so of the evening dancing basic waltz and two-step for practice in those rhythms, and the rest of the evening will be cha/rumba instruction. We've had a number of inquiries about the lessons, so we're hoping for a nice turnout.

Ramblin' Rounds – Tuesdays – Phases 3-4-5 – Garland, TX

Our Ramblin' Rounds is still meeting on Tuesdays. Unfortunately, we lost our early time for dancing some Phase V and VI dances, but we're looking for an alternative for the higher level group. In addition to reviewing some oldies, this past couple of months we have taught:

- Curame, 4+1 CH, Foral
- Rumba in the Summer Wind, 5 RB, Hicks
- Cross My Heart, STS 5+0+1 STS, Bunn

The total knee replacement recovery is going extremely well and I was discharged from physical therapy the first week in May. We are back to teaching but are being very careful not to put too much strain or twisting on the knee during this healing process. Better to err on the side of caution.

We were so glad to be able to attend the Harvest Holiday **Welcome Back** dance on May 16 and see so many folks we had not seen in a while. So happy that Harvest Holiday fun dances are now back on track!

Christine and Theron Hixson



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Gloria Jackson – Beaumont, TX

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We are now dancing every week. We are mostly reviewing old dances instead of learning new ones. We just taught a fun phase IV Cha, Curame by Mike and Mary Foral. We also have taught a few classic phase 2 waltzes to our beginner waltz class.

It is great to be back dancing!

Be safe and stay healthy,

Gloria Jackson

Kay and Bob Kurczewski – Liberty Hill, TX

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It is such a great feeling we have had to be back on the dance floor once again and seeing friends we have not seen for over a year. It seems like Old Times Are Here Again!!

Since our TRDTA weekend in La Grange we have been fortunate enough to also spend a weekend dancing at the ORDA (Oklahoma Round Dance Association) Festival with Curt and Tammy Worlock. The numbers in attendance were a reassurance to everyone that our activity survived and will thrive again. It was a wonderful weekend of dancing but Mother Nature's addition of a hailstorm was not appreciated by anyone.

We have also seen square dancing come back to life which was proved at the Austin Association of Square and Round Dance annual event, Mid-Tex. We were thrilled to have a separate dedicated hall for round dancing. Our guest cuers for the weekend were Bob and Sally Nolan who presented 3 dances to 20+ couples on the floor. Their dances are listed in our dance report below. This was the first year that there was such a dedicated hall for round dancing and judging by the comment sheets that were filled out, everyone loved the idea and hope it can be continued in future years.

Our third journey took us to the Dallas/Ft Worth area where we joined nearly 20 couples at Swingtime Center in a long-awaited 2nd Sunday of the month Phase 3-6 dance, hosted by the Harvest Holiday group. We left there with sore feet, but the thrill of dancing eased the pain. ROUND DANCING IS BACK TO STAY!!!

We also hosted a West Coast Clinic here at the Circle K Ranch in April. This clinic was requested so that some of the dancers who took the clinic and Karen and Ed Gloodt's teach at TRDTA could reinforce the material that was presented to them there. They danced for about 2 hours in the morning, ate lunch, and then spent about 3 more hours frying their brains. There is hope to have another workshop in the near future to add more to their knowledge of West Coast Swing.

We have been conducting our weekly classes regularly. Our phase 3 intro to 4 group are now mainly working on phase 4 Waltz and Foxtrot figures, and the rest are adding a few new dances along with reinforcing those we haven't danced for a while. Listed below are some of these dances:

- El Mismo Sol (3B) Garza
- All Fall Down (3B) Nelson L&A
- Ginny Come Bolero (3B) Galbraith
- Milica (4TS/F) Tikkanen
- Snow Blossom (3W) Rumble
- Tango Mannita (3T) Smith
- Never (4J) Parker



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- I Won't Send Roses (3R) Buck
- Cureme (4C)
- Bale Hai (4R) Gloodt
- All Tim My Self (4F) Coury
- Seven Lonely Days (3J) Bartlette
- Nocturne 3 (3W) Ahart
- World on a String (3J) McKenrick
- Climax 3 (3W) Nolan
- Twice Blessed (4R) Nolan/Wulf
- Coney Island (4W) Gloodt
- Capone (5F) Armstrong
- A Better Place (5R) Johnson
- Rumba In the Summer Wind 5R) Hicks
- Perfidia in Brazil (5R) Hurd
- The Last Blues Song (5F) Scherrer
- Bolero de Lua (4B) Nolan
- Remember When (3STS) Worlock
- London Is London (6F) Worlock
- Besame Mucho (5R) Rumble
- Chewn' Gum (4Q) Moore
- Moves Like Jagger (4C) Kincaid.

In closing we hope this finds you in the best of health and back on the dance floor kicking off some rust. We will not be dancing during the month of June. We will be the guest round dance leaders at the Minnesota State Festival and visiting with family and dancing friends on our slow journey back to the beautiful Hill Country. We will be starting back up at the beginning of July.

Take care ~ ~

Kay and Bob "Ski's" Kurczewski

Tammy and Marvin Lee – Friendswood, TX

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Gulf Coast Rounds - Phase 2-4, Houston – Wednesday afternoons, 1:00 to 3:00PM

Gulf Coast Rounds - Phase 3 - 5, Houston – Thursdays 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

In March, April, and May at GCR, we reviewed or taught the following dances:

- Beat of Your Heart, 5 ST, Preskitt
- Blueberry Hill, 4 WC, Bucks
- Coney Island IV, 4 WZ, Gloodt
- Curame, 4 CH, Foral
- El Mismo Sol, 3 CH, Garza
- Fields of Gold 20, 4 RB, Dawson
- I Wanta Quickstep, 3 QS, Palmquist
- Make Love To Me, 4 WC, Gloodt
- Mi Amante, 5 BL, Nelson



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- The Alligator Stroll, 4 WC, Gloodt
- Too Many Rivers, 4 ST, Hooper
- Sunflower, 5JV, Tonks

Rockport Rounds

In March 2021, an unexpected opportunity arose to create a new round dance weekend in Rockport, TX. For years, Gulf Coast Rounds has attended the Rockport Jubilee, a square and round dance weekend hosted by John and Norma Jean Becker. In March, I learned the Jubilee was cancelled for 2021 due to various reasons and would not be resumed. Most Gulf Coast Rounds (GCR) members already had reservations at the resort where the Jubilee is held.

After receiving permission from the Beckers to go forth with a new weekend event, the first annual Rockport Rounds weekend was formed. It was a mixed-phase rounds only weekend, with harder dances done at early rounds. Everyone met for an early dinner at Charlotte Plummer's on Friday before the dance where we may, or may not, have overwhelmed the one waitress.

On Saturday, Tammy and Marvin taught Curame, a fun Cha Cha by Mike and Mary Foral. The acoustics in the hall are ideal due to sound-absorbing baffles on the walls. Though the weather dampened our usual outdoor social gatherings, we still had good times fellowshiping at indoor breakfasts and after-parties.

Seventeen couples attended with 100% renewing for 2022. With more time to prepare for Rockport Rounds 2022, we hope to expand to capacity to about 25 couples. A Sunday morning gospel only session and possibly a catered dinner for one or both evenings are being considered for next year.

Tammy and Marvin

Tricia Morley and Dennis Artz – La Grange, TX

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Beginner Rumba/Cha – Monday – Rockne – VFW Hall 7-9 pm.

Beginner Rumba/Cha – Wednesday – Bastrop Senior Center – 7-9 pm

(in partnership with the City of Bastrop Recreation Program)

We started teaching a six-week class in Beginning Rumba and Cha at the beginning of May at two different locations and have had a great response. We have some very enthusiastic students that review figures during the week for the next week's class.

Our Rumba and Cha students can now dance South of Santa Fe and Venus 3. This coming week in our 6th lesson, they will complete Montego Bay (Phase 3) and All I Ask of You (Phase 3) Rumba.

All of our students are completely new to rounds and, in fact, have never seen this activity before. Several couples decided to attend Mid-Tex just to watch and were very impressed. We have been amazed at their progress. It has been very rewarding to watch them all succeed.

We hope to bring even more new people into this activity with a new Waltz and Foxtrot class starting May 31st.

Tricia & Dennis



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JL and Linda Pelton – Dallas, TX

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Carousel Club #385

Dance Arouns – Thursdays evenings – 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. – Plano, TX

We have finally been informed that we can start back to dancing at Sam Johnson Recreation Center the 15th of July. Needless to say, our club is very happy to finally have a dancing date. Because they were vaccinating in the ballroom, we had always known it might be mid-July before we could get back in, but we had hoped it would be a bit sooner. The senior centers across the metroplex have been a bit slow to open, compared to the regular recreational centers.

Harvest Holiday started dancing in May so we have attended one dance and JL got some practice cuing. Since he is on the Kingsport cueing list, it was nice he got to practice some of those dances live, instead of holing up in the spare office. We are excited that many members of our club will be journeying to Kingsport for the ICBDA Convention too, so we will get to visit with those members there. We are looking forward to it.

Linda and JL

Ron and Pat Plouch – San Antonio, TX

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Ronde Rounds – Sunday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. – San Antonio area

Many of our club members ventured out with us to Liberty Hill, Texas, for a West Coast Swing Clinic as a follow-on to TRDTA South. We picked up some more moves, tips and techniques. Thank-you to the Ski's for providing that opportunity to our members.

We've been working on Slow Two Step these past few months and having fun in the process. Club members have so far danced these dances to cues:

- Rachel's Song, IV STS, Stairwait
- Too Many Rivers, IV STS, Hooper
- Girl Crush, IV STS, Ahart

We will continue working on Slow Two Step during the summer months and will hopefully have a beginning Waltz Class in September.

Hope to see you around.

Ron and Pat

Marilyn

Wag-A-Round Dance Club



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New Choreography by TRDTA Members

If the information was included by the choreographers, the new choreography includes an active link so you can download the cuesheets. Otherwise, please search Roundalab's Index of Rounds for the cuesheet or contact the choreographer.

JL and Linda Pelton

- [It's All Right, FT 6](#)
- [Be Your Man, WCS 4+2](#)

Future Dance Event Flyers

Flyers for these events, if available, are posted at www.trdta.org on the Dance Flyers page. Here is a direct link to the TRDTA Dance Events page www.trdta.org/upcomingevents.html to download the flyers.

Send any flyers you have that you want posted to JL Pelton at peltondances@gmail.com. Festivals or weekends *must* include a round dance teaching component to be posted on the TRDTA website or in this newsletter.

- **Ozark Round Dance Vacation 2020**– 2 sessions August – Eureka Springs, AR
Kristine and Bruce Nelson and Susie and Gert-Jan Rotscheid – Rounds only
 - August 16-19, Phase 3, 4, 5
 - August 23-26, Phase 4, 5, 5+
- **Centex**
34th Annual Centex Festival, Phase 3-5, October 8-10, 2021, La Grange, TX
Debby and Tim Vogt – Rounds only – Phase 3-5
- **Harvest Holiday Festival**
60-61st Annual Harvest Holiday Festival, November 26-28, 2021, Dallas, TX
Randy and Marie Preskitt – Rounds only – Phase 4-6
Pre-Festival dances and teaches TBD
For more information see: www.harvestholiday.com
- **TRDTA South Festival**, February 25-26, 2022, La Grange, TX
TRDTA cuers – Rounds only – Phase 2-4