



Texas Round Dance Teachers Association

From the President

What do we say as TRDTA President at this moment in time? COVID has really done a number to our activity. I was looking at our year, and February's TRDTA Festival was the last Festival we went to... 7 months and counting. We've seen flyers for a few Square Dance Festivals which have occurred. We've seen some dancers come down with and recover from COVID. So far none of the cases that we're aware of have been dance related. We saw one of TRDTA's own, Wayne Weston, knocked off of his feet from a heart issue, but he's recovering, working some again, and calling for his club again.



We've heard from so many dancers who want to start dancing again. And some of us, have quietly started dancing with our clubs again. As Linda Pelton told us this morning, it's risk management at this time. How much risk are you and your dancers willing to accept. How much risk mitigation (masks, distancing, sanitizers) makes the risk acceptable to you, your dancers, and your local city/town management.

And how much financial risk can you as dance leaders accept. Pat and I don't believe many of us got into teaching/cueing to make money, but most of us would like to break even or have only a small loss. We wish we could say there is a miracle solution just around the corner, or that there is a specific date in the future that this will be over. Unfortunately, we just don't know. We don't know if round dancing will ever return to "normal," but we refuse to think that this might be the new normal. We've heard that term overused so often in the past few years, only for things to change. While we may not get back to the dance atmosphere we had just last February, we believe things will get better for dance and socialization in the hopefully near future.

Pat and I look forward to seeing all of our dance friends out on the floor soon! We are planning to attend TRDTA South in February of 2021, and hope to see you there!

Stay Safe, Be Well, and Hope to See You Round,
Ron and Pat Plouch

Festival Reports

There are no festival reports for the last two months. Most festivals have cancelled that we know about. Harvest Holiday Festival in Dallas has been cancelled.

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 in February, April, June, August, October, 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.



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Fred and Linda Ayres – Longview, TX

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We have continued classes for a small group of Intermediate/Advanced Dancers on Tuesday evenings. Only one beginner couple was ready to return so we have suspended that class, most likely for the rest of 2020. Our dancers still seem a bit rusty and sporadic in attending so we're doing lots of review.

Basic/Intermediate Class – Tuesday Nights – Longview

We primarily worked on reviewing dances that had previously been taught but did add a few new routines.

- Dancing at Washington Square, 4, TS, FT, JV, Robertson
- Let's Get Away From It All, 4, FT, Johnson (review)
- My Foolish Heart IV, 4, BL, Preskitt (review)

Phase 4-6 Class – now Tuesday Nights – Longview

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

- For The Good Times, 5 BL, Gloodt
- Para Toda La Vida, 5 RB, Hagiwara
- Rumba in the Summer Wind, 5 RB, Hicks
- Summertime IV, 4 FT, Vogt

Advanced Class – Wednesday Nights – Bossier City, LA

We have also been doing some teaching in Bossier City, LA, with their advanced group on Wednesday evenings. During August and September we taught Para Toda La Vida, Rumba in the Summer Wind and Summertime IV.

Fred and Linda

Karen and Ed Gloodt – Ardmore, OK

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Rainbow Rounds is still not dancing. However, we are dancing here in Ardmore two to three times a month, just so we don't forget!

Our dance in Madill to remember Clint Fowler went well, and it was great to see everyone. We limit attendance for distancing. We had dancers from the Georgetown area, DFW, and Lawton. Everyone wanted to dance again, so we are having a second Madill dance on Oct. 10th.

If all goes well, we will cue the New Year's Dance at Swingtime for the T-Square Gadabouts. There will be an hour of pre-rounds and rounds and squares with Vernon Jones and Bobby Willis from 8-10.

Karen and Ed

Christine and Theron – Garland, TX

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This has been a crazy two months for us, but we have survived.

Lessons – Monday – Basic Waltz – Garland, TX

We have been doing our basic waltz lessons on Monday nights, and they are progressing very well. We have covered all the Phase II figures, so last week we just danced and reinforced everything. Next week



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we'll be adding hover, spin turn, and box finish to their repertoire, so that will open up a lot of other dances for them.

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

Our Tuesday group is moving along nicely. We are mostly enjoying being back on the floor dancing our favorites, but we have taught:

- Moonlight and Roses, 4 FT, Crapo
- First Snowfall IV, 4 WZ, Weiss
- Ooh, Daddy, 4 FT/JV, Byrd
- Norma La De Guadalajara, 5+0+1 CH, Garza
- Just a Closer Walk with Thee, 5+1 JV, Sperry
- Castles and Kings, 5+1 WZ, Slater (currently teaching)

Ramblin' Rounds – Carousel Club 342 – Wednesday – Phases 4-5-6 – Dallas, TX

No solution for the Wednesday night group yet, but on Tuesday we have been getting in three or four of the advanced level dances prior to the beginning of the regular dance.

We had to miss one Monday and two Tuesday nights because I was admitted to the hospital via the ER on Monday, August 17, had numerous tests (MRI, CTA, doppler – and of course Covid-19), and was scheduled for carotid artery surgery on Friday, August 21. I was in pre-op waiting on the surgeon (had already been prepped and signed all the consent forms), when the surgeon came with an entourage and told me the surgery had to be postponed. There's a lot more to the story that I won't go into here! So, I was discharged to go home, and then the surgery was rescheduled for Tuesday September 1. All went well, and I came home on September 2, and I'm doing well. Just a reminder to everyone, if it seems like your body is giving you a warning that something is wrong, take heed and get it taken care of. My warning was a five-minute loss of vision in my eye – so thankful my ophthalmologist saw me within an hour, recognized the problem, and then got the ball rolling for the rest of the saga.

We have so much to be thankful for – life is good, family is doing well, we have great friends and neighbors, the weather is wonderful right now, and we actually have time to “smell the roses.”

Stay safe and healthy, and hopefully we'll see you soon.

Christine and Theron Hixson

George and Pamela Hurd – Gilmer, TX

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Not much in the way of good news for us to report. First off, we are both safe and healthy, so that's the best news. But as to dancing, we just contacted all our Mesa dancers and the resorts are offering a united front that prevents any non-residents to participate in any resort activity, so that effectively shuts us all down. So far they are all consistent with dates until 1 January and that they will reevaluate during the fall. Hopefully we can report some good news soon, but that's all we have for now. In the meantime, we hope everyone stays safe and healthy and finds activities that will allow some social distancing/mask wearing happy times.

Good luck!

George and Pamela



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Gloria Jackson – Beaumont, TX

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The Round Abouts dance club in Beaumont has been successful in avoiding the virus. We are still concerned about the virus to the point that we are not wanting to start our club dancing just yet. We do have a dance facility and still have our same loyal group of dancers and also some new dancers ready to start lessons. We hope to be back in business before long.

Jack and Sharie Kenny – Arlington, TX

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Well..... I know.... deep subject..... I suppose this time we have nothing new to report. Sigh.

Martha and Ed Koslosky – Bryan, TX

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Haven't been cuing since March so nothing on dancing right now.

Kay and Bob Kurczewski – Liberty Hill, TX

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We have been somewhat busy with classes and dances. We are plugging along with a few couples at a time. We have been working on the up-coming "Mini-Ceni" dances which will be held on the 10th of October in La Grange, TX. This will be a one-day dance of 3, 4 and 5 dances, and we will be teaching in the afternoon. For more information, contact Tammy Lee. There is a limit to the number of dancers we will allow in the hall, so please, do NOT come unannounced.

Many dancers want to get back into the activity but are still apprehensive because of Covid-19 and being rusty with their dancing. We felt the same way until we got up the nerve to drive to Jefferson City, MO, for the Missouri State Round Dance Weekend the last weekend of September. When we arrived, all we heard was "I haven't danced for 6 months and I am SO Rusty!" Before half of the night was finished, everyone was smiling and enjoying themselves. The clinic work and teaches by Tom Hicks, with Linda Robinson assisting him in the teaching, were very well received by all those that we talked to. It was a great seeing so many of our friends there and catching up on past happenings.

Teaches and Reviews for Mini-Ceni:

- A Lady in Red (4B) Moore
- A Better Place (5R) Johnson
- The Human Thing to Do (5F) Sheridan
- Fur Elise (4W) Rumble
- Black Horse and Cherry Tree (3C) Hattrick
- Forrest Gump (5W) Moore
- Something Good (5J) Goss/Figwer
- Beat of Your Heart (5 STS) Preskitt
- Carolina Moon (3W) Rumble
- Angelina (3C) Garza,



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Teaches and Reviews for Jefferson City MO:

- Besame Mucho (5R) Rumble
- Abrazame (5B) Worlock
- Lost (6STS) Preskitt

In closing we hope you and your close ones are “Safe and Healthy”. Please stay that way because we hate hearing news that someone is “Down and Sick”. Take care and hope to see you soon on the dance floor. In closing remember: Dancing is like riding a bike – IT COMES BACK!!

Take care
Ski's

Tammy and Marvin Lee – Friendswood, TX

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

We are back dancing at the county facility but attendance is still not up to normal. We're spending the time practicing a variety of rhythms, most at square dance level phases, and focusing on the “gotchas” in each dance.

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

We are continuing to teach beginner West Coast Swing steps. We've also been learning:

- Jesse, 4 WZ, Shibata
- Something Good, 5 JV, Goss/Figwar
- Better Place, 5 RB, Johnson

We've reviewed:

- Forrest Gump, 5 WZ, Moore
- Beauty and the Beast, 4 BL, Kincaid
- Blow The Wind, 4 WZ, Pelton

Mini-Ceni Afternoon of Dancing

Even though the 33rd Annual Centex Festival (PH 3-5), with clinicians TJ and Bruce Chadd from Boise, ID, was officially cancelled, we're taking advantage of those who had that weekend already booked in La Grange and holding a “Mini-Ceni” on Saturday only, Oct 10, 2020. We'll have requests during the morning and evening and an afternoon teach by the Kurczewskis. This dance is limited to 25 couples for social distancing.

JL and Linda Pelton – Dallas, TX

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Dance Arouns – Thursdays evenings – 5:45 to 8:45 p.m. – Plano, TX

The Senior Center where we dance is still closed for classes. The recreation center where we do lessons is only open for individual classes, so any couples classes are not being scheduled and that includes into the spring. We just got word last week that the Canadian Swing into Spring Festival, April 30 to May 2, 2021 weekend we were booked for has been cancelled. Meanwhile we do a lot of cooking. We've done a little dancing in our living room but that pretty much limits us to dances that don't travel.



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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

As with our last article, we are dancing. Since the City of San Antonio has allowed 50% occupancy for our category of gathering, we have just started a new beginning Rumba/Cha Cha class, and we do have new students. We've also seen the welcome return of some of our dancers who had stopped dancing for a while. This has resulted in a interesting mix of dance levels within the club. So we've continued working on the same dances as last quarter to bring all of our rejoining students up to the same level as those who continued dancing with us throughout the summer. And we're just starting intermediate Bolero Classes again.

- Adagio IV, IV WZ, Lamberty
 - All His Children, IV WZ, Smelser
 - Scheherazade IV, IV WZ, Gloodt
 - Exactly Like You, IV FT, Slater
 - Sleeping Beauty, V BL, Moore
 - The Sun, The Sea, & The Sky, IV WZ, Bradt
 - A Lady In Red, IV BL, Moore
 - Cuando Me Enamoro, IV RB, Gloodt
 - Carnival, IV RB, Rumble
 - I'm Accustomed to You, III BL, Oren
- Stay Safe, Be Well, and Hope to See You Round,

Please remember to use our gmail address ronpatdance@gmail.com or call us on our cell phones if you need to reach us.

Stay safe and stay well.

Ron and Pat

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.

- **CANCELLED – Harvest Holiday Pre-Festival and Festival**
60th Annual Harvest Holiday Festival, Phase 4-6, November 27-29, 2020, Dallas, TX
Curt and Tammy Worlock – Rounds only
Pre-Festival dances and teaches, November 23-25, Swingtime Center, Ft. Worth, TX
Swingtime is currently closed to all activities.
For more information see: www.harvestholiday.com
- **TRDTA South Festival**, Phase 2-4, February 26-27, 2021, La Grange, TX
TRDTA cuers – Rounds only