



Texas Round Dance Teachers Association

From the President

Welcome back from the summer. Pat and I hope everyone has been able to spend some time with friends and family.

It's time to begin thinking about TRDTA leadership for 2023-2024. Even though the current term of office runs through the end of June 2023, we normally hold the election in the meeting closest to TRDTA's February Festival.

Pat and I will not be running for President again. We're not going anywhere, we hope, and we're willing to take another office. We simply believe it's time to turn the President position over to someone else.

If you are willing, interested in, or wish to nominate someone to any officer position, please contact the Ski's as the by-laws state the Vice President is the chair of the nominating committee. Also contact the Ski's if you just want to help with the slate of officer's for the next fiscal year.

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.

ICBDA Convention – Tulsa, Oklahoma and ICBDA Winston-Salem 2023 Information

Many Texas round dance cuers and dancers attended the Tulsa ICBDA Convention, Dance in the Heart of America, this past July. Three of our TRDTA teachers were scheduled to teach: JL and Linda Pelton taught their Phase 5 Waltz, *Lariat of Dreams*, Fred and Linda Ayres taught the Hall of Fame dance, *Solitude City* by Steve Gibson, and Kay and Bob Kurczewski who were scheduled to teach their Phase 6 Waltz, *Right Here, Right Now*, were home sick with Covid. Unfortunately, due to many Covid illnesses, the schedule changed frequently throughout the week. Tom Peck, a Texas dancer, does the ICBDA application accessed on mobile phones, and was kept busy all week making up-to-the-last-minute changes. The watch word for the convention quickly became *flexibility*.

Next year the ICBDA convention will be held in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and JL and Linda Pelton are the Assistant Chairs for that convention. We hope we will have some Texas dancers and cuers there next year. The convention will be held from July 5 to July 8 at the Benton Convention Center situated in the Twin City Quarter (<https://twincityquarter.com/>) of the city. Plan to arrive by Tuesday, July 4th, so that you can dance at the Trails End dance that evening and are ready to attend the first teaching sessions on Wednesday morning, July 5th.

The host hotel is the Marriott Winston-Salem on 425 Cherry Street, just across the street from the Benton Convention Center, and they are already accepting reservations for the convention at the special ICBDA rate! Here's the link for the ICBDA block rate – <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1658243173017&key=GRP&app=resvlink>. All the basic information is online at icbda.com. If you wish to extend your stay in North Carolina, the reduced group rate is available from June 30 to July 10, 2023, which is an added bonus.



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TRDTA Membership Report

The member directory on the website is now current listing all paid and honorary members of TRDTA.

Cuing News a-Round Texas

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 in this newsletter are hot links on each cuer's name.

Fred and Linda Ayres – Longview, TX

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Well this quarter was much better than the first half of the year. Another small surgery beginning of June but we were back in action by mid month. We were fortunate to still have George and Pam Hurd visiting so they taught two more dances to our classes. We were especially honored to teach the Hall of Fame Dance, Solitude City, at this year's ICBDA Festival and were glad to see that five of our couples from Longview and Shreveport attended the festival.

Phase 4-6 Class – now Tuesday Nights – Longview

- Jumpin' the Jetty, 4 JV, Johnson – taught by George and Pamela Hurd

We taught a number of dances in July and August:

- Count On Me, 4 STS, Shottling
- Cowboy Blues, 4 WC, Feneis
- Heartbreak Hotel, 4 WC, Parker
- Jesse IV, 4 WZ, Gloodt
- Pontoon, 5 WC, Ayres
- Solitude City, 4 FT, Gibson
- That Old Piano, 4 WC, Rotscheid

Advanced Class – Wednesday Nights – Bossier City, LA

- River Waltz, 6 WZ, Rumble – taught by George and Pamela Hurd
- All That Jazz, 5 FT, Sechrist
- I'm Beginning to See The Light, 6 FT, Preskitt
- Lariat of Dreams, 5 WZ, Pelton
- Truly, 6 BL, Foral

We hope to see some of you at the LRDA Festival Sept 16-17 which is now Phase 2 to 5. Also we are continuing to provide a dancing opportunity for all levels on the 1st Friday of each month at our dance location in Glenwood, TX.

Fred and Linda



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Karen and Ed Gloodt – Ardmore, OK

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Carousel Club #386

Teaches for the last three months include:

- Reviews:
- Capone (Armstrong) 5 FT
- My Heart Will Go On (Vogt) 4 BL
- The Sun, the Sea, and the Sky (Bradt) 5 FT

Teaches:

- Pontoon (Ayres) 5 WCS
- Serenade (Heath) 5 WZ
- I Can Love You Like That (Johnson) 5 BL
- Me and My Sister (Read) 4 WZ
- Right Here Waiting for You (Preskitt) 5 RB
- Forrest Gump (Moore) 5 WZ
- Tu Solanto Tu (Fisher) 4 BL
- Alley Cat Blues (Davenport) 4 FT
- Onedin Line (Nolen/Wulf) 4 WZ

Karen and Ed

Christine and Theron Hixson – Garland, TX

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Carousel Club #342 – Tuesday and Wednesday

Monday – Intermediate Workshop – Garland, TX

- The Spinning Wheel, 4 WZ, Smith
- Fascination, 4 WZ, Crapo
- Rainbow Connections, 4 WZ, Childers
- Shadows of Paris, 4 WZ, Pewsey
- Theme from The Bible, 4 WZ, McGlynn
- Manuela, 4 WZ, Crapo
- The Girl With the Sun in Her Hair, 4 WZ, Hixson
- Return to Me Rumba, 4 RB, Buckmaster/Reigel
- Island Rumba, 4 RB, Pelton
- Hello Mexico, 4 RB, Woodruff
- My Heart is in Havana, 3 CH, Collins
- Don't Close Your Eyes, 4 BL, Kline
- Indiana Beach Swing, 4 JV, von der Heide

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

- No One But You, 4 FT, Grunder
- I Like to Lead When I Dance, 5 FT, Vogt (reviewed)
- Eternal Waltz, 4 WZ, Hicks
- Alley Cat Blues, 4 FT, Davenport
- Solamente Una Vez, 4 BL, Goss



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- Tu Soltanto Tu, 4 BL, Fisher
- It Makes No Difference Now, 4 WCS, Taylor
- Wild at Heart, 4 CH, Wilaby
- Cowboy Blues, 4 WCS, Feneis

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

- The Carousel Waltz, 6 WZ, Hicks
- I'm Beginning to See the Light, 6 FT, Preskitt
- Bla Bla Cha Cha, 6 CH, Garza
- Lariat of Dreams, 5 WZ, Pelton
- Dream, 5 FT, Shibata
- Four in One Rumba, 5 RB, Taylor

Christine and Theron Hixson

George and Pamela Hurd – Gilmer, TX

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Can't believe the summer is officially over this weekend. Crazy! It's been forever since we've been this busy. Our catastrophic front tire blowout on the RV rather messed up our usual relaxation time during this month, but it seems like we've survived. Our unexpected visit to Alabama and Mississippi should end on Tuesday and we'll be back in Texas. Of course we have to make a weekend trip to work with the Nolens and Robinsons in Albuquerque, but then we'll at least have two weeks in Texas! Then we will be working with Ron Rumble in Maryland before heading to Mesa for the start of the season. I'm tired just thinking of it! Here's where/what/when we've taught this summer:

Ayres Pairs, Glenwood TX, Jun 2022:

- All I Do is Jive (Hurd) 5 JV
- Fine Brown Frame (Hurd) 4 JV
- Havana (Goss) 6 CH
- Jumpin' the Jetty (Johnson) 4 JV
- River Waltz (Rumble) 6 WZ
- Tango the Night Away (Worlock) 6 TG

Sweden Event Week #1: 10–15 July, 2022 in Karlskrona, Sweden

- Cross My Heart (Bunn) 5 STS
- Remember When IV (Mee) 4 STS
- Small Planes (Goss) 4 WCS
- The Alligator Stroll (Gloodt) 5 WCS

Sweden Event Week #2: 17–22 July, 2022 in Karlskrona, Sweden

- Cross My Heart (Bunn) 5 STS
- Felicia Tango (Hurd) 5 TG
- Love's Gone (Hurd) 6 RB
- Remember When IV (Mee) 4 STS
- Small Planes (Goss) 4 WCS
- Tango the Night Away (Worlock) 6 TG



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Starfest, MN 29–31 Jul, 2022

- Come Away with Me (Chadd) 3 WZ
- Cross My Heart (Bunn) 5 STS
- Felicia Tango (Hurd) 5 TG
- Remember When IV (Mee) 4 STS
- Small Planes (Goss) 4 WCS

Roundarama at Purdue 6-11 Aug, 2022:

- Felicia Tango (Hurd) 5 TG
- I Dream of You (Hurd) 5 BL
- If I Didn't Have You (Hurd) 6 FT

August Weekend of Rounds 26 – 28 Aug, 2022

- I Dream of You (Hurd) 5 BL
- Eyes 4 You (Worlock) 4 CH

George and Pamela

Gloria Jackson – Beaumont, TX

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Dances taught over the last quarter include:

- Heartbreak Hotel, 4 WCS, Parker
- West Coast Swingin', 4 WCS, Nelson KB
- Cowboy Blues, 4 WCS, Feneis
- Jumpin' The Jetty, 4 jive, Johnson
- Java Jive, 5 WC, Childers
- Lariat of Dreams, 5, WZ, Pelton
- Dance With Me, 5, TG, Gomez
- I Can Love You Like, 5 BL, Johnson
- What Ch Got, 5 Ch, Lewis/Olson
- I'm Beginning To See The Light, 6, FT, Preskitt
- Only Time, 6 RB, Worlock
- Rock Boppin' Baby, 6 WCS, Johnson
- Tango The Night Away, 6 TG, Worlock

Gloria Jackson

Kay and Bob Kurczewski – Liberty Hill, TX

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Carousel Club #340

It is hard to believe that summer is over and we are starting into our fall weather pattern. What a welcome relief from the unbearable hot and dry weather we have been experiencing. This will be a summer we will remember for some time to come. The summer started off great but that was not to continue as summer progressed.

Now for the great part. It started with the State Square and Round Dance Convention in Belton, TX. It was nice to have the Convention just down the road from us. We had a great time during the Convention reuniting with old friends and making new ones. We were asked to teach during the convention and



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gladly accepted. We taught a Phase 4 Foxtrot we choreographed called “Dream Foxtrot.” The dance was well accepted by the dancers present.

After the State Convention it was time to prepare for the Nationals in Evansville, Indiana. Prior to the Nationals, we took a slight detour and headed up to the help Bob’s brothers who were settling his mother’s estate. After a few days with them, it was on to the Nationals. What a great time of dancing and teaching. We were asked, and obliged the Round Dance Coordinator, to teach twice during the Nationals. While there we taught our Phase 3 intro Tango – Jive called “Buona Sera Signorina” and a new phase 6 Waltz we choreographed called “Dreaming of You.” Needless to say, we enjoyed ourselves so much Bob registered us for next year’s National Convention in Mobile, Alabama. Kay had a hard time believing he did this because Bob will not even buy green bananas, and here he was registering for a dance a year away.

From the Nationals it was a quick trip home to unload the van and prepare for the Roundalab Convention in Tulsa. This was the first one we have attended in a long time, and it was very educational due to the many seminars that were presented. It was during the convention that Bob was not feeling well, with a sore throat and stuffy nose. Being safe he went to an Urgent Care Facility. He was afraid he might have contracted Covid. This was not the case. They said it was just a sore throat and head cold. We returned to Roundalab feeling relieved that it was not Covid and he should be back to normal for the ICBDA Convention the following week. We made a quick trip home between the two conventions since we were expecting a house guest from our days in Germany who were coming for an overnight visit.

Once home, Bob was still not feeling well on Sunday, so he tested with a Covid Test Kit. Unfortunately, he came back positive for Covid. This just broke our hearts since we were scheduled to teach at ICBDA. What a bummer! After a few phone calls we had canceled all our reservations, and hunkered down for the duration. Naturally, Bob being the very generous individual he is, decided to share his Covid germ with Kay and she tested positive on Monday. Thankfully we were able to stay away from the hospitals and suffered it out at home. Our main suffering was a lack of energy and tiring easily.

Our vacation with Covid put our home dance program on hold. Once we started feeling better, the heat decided to stay around 100 degrees. We could not cool the garage down enough for comfortable dancing, so we suspended all our classes and workshops until further notice. Now that the weather is starting to cool down we are looking forward to starting our dance sessions back up.

Due to our above adventures, we do not have any teaches to report, outside of the ones at the State and National Convention and the one we were to present at ICBDA, “Right Here, Right Now.” Looking forward on our calendar as we see there are numerous special dances and weekends scheduled. We would like to encourage all round dancers out there to support as many of these as possible. The only way we can keep these dances going is to have your support. Hopefully we will see you on the dance floor soon.

Take care and have a very enjoyable fall. It should be better than the hot weather we have been experiencing.

Kay and Bob “Ski’s” Kurczewski

Tammy and Marvin Lee – Friendswood, TX

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I attended Roundalab Convention in Tulsa in July while Marvin toiled in the dreadful heat back home. I met many people whose choreography I regularly cue, made new friends and got lots of practice doing the Man’s part. Occasionally, I danced with a partner. Of that week, my favorite was the teach of “Hit Me With A Hot Note” by Bill and Carol Goss. What fabulous choreographers and teachers!



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Marvin joined me at ICBDA the following week. Those of us from Gulf Coast Rounds who went to ICBDA especially liked the figure clinics as well as Pelton's "Lariat of Dreams" (5 WZ), Preskitt's "I'm Beginning To See The Light" (6 FT) and Johnson's "Rock Boppin' Baby" (6 WCS) teaches.

There were several good learning opportunities over the two weeks in Tulsa and many good routines I can share with both groups. We're looking forward to learning more from Randy and Marie Preskitt at Centex in La Grange, TX, in October.

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

We reviewed and/or taught the following dances:

- Scheherezade, 4 WZ, Gloodt
- Kindred Spirits, 4 BL, Gloodt
- Play Me a Simple Melody, 3 FT/JV, Gloodt
- Angel Baby, 4 FT, Kurczewski
- Weave Me The Sunshine, 2 TS, Gloodt
- Stash Stash, 3 RB, Woodruff
- I Wanna Quickstep 4 QS, Palmquist
- Andy's Fishin' Hole Song, 3 TS/QS, Lee
- Enjoy Yourself, 3 RB, Townsend-Manning

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

We reviewed and/or taught the following dances:

- Lariat of Dreams, 5 WZ, Pelton
- Black Tie Tango, 4 TG, Moore
- Hit Me With A Hot Note, 5 WCS, Goss
- Pontoon West Coast, 4 WC, Ayres
- The Last Blues, 5 FT, Scherrer
- Curame, 4 CH, Foral
- Right Here Waiting for You, 5 RB, Preskitt
- Better Place, 5 RB, Johnson
- Sunflower, 5 JV, Tonks
- Sugarcane, 5 WZ, Vogt

Tammy and Marvin

Tricia Morley and Dennis Artz – La Grange, TX

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Step 'N Style Rounds

Dennis and I have been very busy teaching in La Grange, Bastrop and Houston.

La Grange

June and July we finished up our Foxtrot class and then started a Two Step rhythm class.

- Go Away Little Girl, FT III, Kincaid
- My Shy Violet, FT III, Hudson
- Burgers and Fries, TS II, King
- Af en Af, TS II, Seurer
- Another Saturday Night, TS II, Little



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August 30th was our 5th Tuesday of the month special with a Blast class in Slow Two Step. This class was very well received. We taught:

- Wonderful Rain STS III, Young
- Girl Crush STS IV+1, Ahart
- Song Sung Diamond STS 111 Smith

Our next Quarterly Blast Class will be Nov 29th concentrating on the Tango rhythm.

We are starting a Waltz class September 13th which will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

As most dancers know, Dennis and I dance up to C3A square dancing and the Road Runners Square dance club has asked us to teach SSD (Social Square Dancing) in La Grange for their club. These lessons start September 13th at 7:00 p.m. and will take 12 weeks to complete. The lessons will run for 1½ hours and will be a fun-filled class.

Bastrop

June and July we decided to experiment with a social two step class (requested from dancers) to encourage the men to learn how to lead. This hopefully helped them in both social and round dance settings. We mainly concentrated on Two Step.

We are now working on Waltz and the members there are very enthusiastic. We are slowly growing this class. Still working on figures and we hope to be able to teach at least one Waltz dance by the end of September.

As you probably know we also teach in Houston at the Hey Lollies. June and July we taught all of the Phase II and III figures in Foxtrot/Waltz.

We are currently teaching Two Step. This class progresses very fast. Lots of talent! We have taught:

- Ohio Two Step TS II Kimberly
- World Mixer TS II Neitzel
- If I Could Bottle This Up TS II Houser
- Miss Frenchy Brown TS II Titziaff
- Louisiana Saturday Night TS II Tracey
- Turn Your Radio On TS II Baldwin
- Burger & Fries TS II King

We also have a new Waltz class starting October 6th. We are looking forward to all of our new classes in September and hope to have a full house!

Tricia and Dennis

JL and Linda Pelton – Dallas, TX

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Carousel Club #385

Dance Arouds – Thursdays Evenings – 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. – Plano, TX

Summer has just flown by for us. We were quite pleased to see our dance teach for ICBDA, Lariat of Dreams, tied for #1 in the Carousel Report for July. Plus as I am putting this newsletter together, I am seeing that many of you have also taught our dance. As usual we are keeping busy with many dance-related activities. Centex is coming up and we are looking forward to a great festival in La Grange, October 7-9. There's still room at the inn if you haven't yet made plans to attend, or didn't know earlier whether you could attend.



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If you're already registered for Centex you would have heard this information, but when making reservations at the Best Western, be sure to talk to the staff in La Grange. If your call is transferred to the national call center, they don't know about the block of rooms set aside for our dancers and might tell you there are no rooms. This fact will also be true for the TRDTA festival in February.

In August, we made a last minute decision to attend the Eureka Springs Festival with the Rotscheids and Johnsons. We were happy to get a teach on Rock Boppin' Baby, WCS 6, from Jeff and Pamela there as we were not able to take the teach at ICBDA. Eureka Springs is always a fun little festival if you get a chance to go to Arkansas in the summer.

Dances we taught or reviewed this quarter included:

- Lariat of Dreams, WZ 5, Pelton
- Am I Blue, FT 4, Slater
- All I Do Is Jive, JV 4, Hurd
- Solitude City, FT 4, Gibson
- Senorita Tango, TG 4, Rumble
- Laurann, WZ 4, Preskitt
- Tu Soltanto Tu, BL 4, Fisher
- So Glad You're Mine, WCS 4, Finch
- The Alligator Stroll, WCS 5, Gloodt
- Pontoon, WCS 5, Ayres

Happy dancing,

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

We were just starting our Waltz lessons when the unthinkable happened. I had one of those household accidents that only happen to other people; I fell down a flight of stairs. It stopped everything cold, as I spent over a month in the hospital, having surgery, and doing rehab. My rehab therapist stated that dancing prepared me for this recovery, and we even taught a few basic Rumba moves as my last therapy session (although my restrictions didn't allow any normal speed move demonstrations).

I'm home now and have even cued a square dance, but the doctors haven't released me to lift equipment or dance myself yet. We're hopeful that our students will come back around the middle of September as we restart our club. We're going to have to do classes on Monday night and club on Sunday, as the one dance I've cued has shown me that it may be a little while before I have the endurance to go three hours straight.

Thank you to everyone who has sent us well wishes and prayers. This has been a miracle as the surgeons state I will be dancing again with very little loss of back mobility. We hope to be attending festivals again soon, starting with Centex, and we look forward to seeing everyone out on the dance floor. In the meantime, be careful, even at home.

Hope to see you around,

Ron and Pat



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New Choreography by TRDTA Members

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

JL and Linda Pelton

- [Lariat of Dreams \(WZ 5+2\)](#)

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.

- **Canceled – Best Little Dance in Texas**, September 10, 2022, La Grange, TX – **Canceled**
Rounds only – Phases 2-4 – Kay & Bob Kurczewski and Tricia Morley & Dennis Artz
For more information, see the flyer at www.trdta.org/upcomingevents.html
- **Centex**, October 7-9, 2022, La Grange, TX
35th Annual Centex Festival, Phase 3-5
Randy and Marie Preskitt – Rounds only – Phases 3-5
For more information, see the flyer at www.trdta.org/upcomingevents.html
- **Harvest Holiday Festival**
62nd Annual Harvest Holiday Festival, November 25-27, 2022, Dallas, TX
Debby and Tim Vogt – Rounds only – Phases 4-6
For more information see: www.harvestholiday.com
- **TRDTA South Festival**, February 24-25, 2023, La Grange, TX
TRDTA cuers – Rounds only – Phase 2-4
For more information, see: <http://www.trdta.org/pdfs/TRDTA-13th-LaGrange-2023.pdf>
- **Wildflower Festival**, 15 April, 2023, Marble Falls, TX
Featuring Kay & Bob Kurczewski and Joe Saltel
Sponsored by the Country Cousins
- **Rockport Rounds**, April 21-23, 2023, Lagoons RV Park, Rockport, TX
Tammy and Marvin Lee – Rounds only – Phase 2-4
- **Eureka Springs Round Dance Vacation**, August 20-24, Eureka Springs, AR
Featuring Jeff & Pamela Johnson and Kay & Bob Kurczewski, Phases 3-6
Dance Sunday evening, teaches and evening dances Monday through Thursday
For more information, see <http://www.trdta.org/pdfs/2023-EurekaSprings.pdf>