

E-Z ROUNDS AND ROASA'S E-Z ROUNDS

In 1974 John & Dorothy Roasa were finishing their square dance lessons. Curly Roe encouraged them to enter a round dance class in Washington Court House. Their instructors were Bob and Velma Burton from Circleville. She encouraged them to go to the dances so they could do rounds. One day Curly Roe handed Dorothy a round dance record and asked her to learn it by the next dance so she could teach it at the next dance.. The name of the dance was Dancing Shadows. John and Dorothy worked hard and she did teach the dance and then Curly gave her another record to learn before the next dance. This is how Dorothy became a cuer, even before they finished their round dance class. Dorothy told John that if she was going to do this, she wanted to go to school. They attended a class in Turkey Run Indiana. There she learned the basics of becoming a round dance cuer. She was then cuing in Washington Court House, Hillsboro and Lebanon.

They felt that they needed to do more round dancing themselves so they came to Dayton and signed up in George and Mady D'aloiso's class. Eventually George found out that John & Dorothy were cuing in Lebanon and he asked if they would cue a round for him. Later at a dance in Hillsboro, Curly asked if they would be interested in cuing in Dayton. They thought about it for a while and agreed to cue at Date'N 8"s. They did not have many round dancers at that time. They were asked many times to have a round dance class. Dorothy did not want to go into competition with George and Mady but when George asked her to consider starting a club of easy rounds assuring her that it would not be in competition with him because he taught higher levels, she started a class at Ohmar Methodist Church in Dayton. This was in 1979. It was a nice large class and they all graduated from easy rounds. In their second class, Ken and Mary Carol Myers and Stuart Lewis and Fay Samborsky were some of the students.

Many people wanted to dance rounds but found that George's group danced too high so it was decided to start a round dance club. In 1980 E-Z Rounds was started. Dorothy eventually taught some Level III classics because that way the members could dance them at other clubs. John & Dorothy taught other classes throughout the Miami Valley also. In 1989, because of decreased attendance at E-Z Rounds, it was difficult to pay the rent at the Good Sheperd Lutheran Church in Kettering, a move was made to the pavilion and a club called Roasa's E-Z Rounds was started on Wednesday afternoon. John & Dorothy Roasa retired from cuing in September 1997 and have been sorely missed. At this time, the club was also dissolved.