

## Nancy and Vic Ammons



Along with their love of square dancing, husband-and-wife team Nancy and Vic Ammons share duties in the NNJSDA: Nancy as 1st vice president and Vic as co-president.

The high school sweethearts started dancing in 1994 when Vic gave his wife the gift of lessons to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. “He heard about lessons at Bee Sharps from members of our church, Gene and Ann Carr,” Nancy recalls.

An electrician since age 11, Vic worked in his father’s contracting business, and is now a senior electrical engineer with Jacobs Engineering in Philadelphia. He is a true handyman who designed and built the couple’s house on 21 acres of woodlands in Hillsborough. His interests include beekeeping, woodworking, and Sudoku.

A certified public accountant, Nancy is the chief financial officer of the Kessler Foundation in West Orange. Unlike her husband, Nancy says she has no hobbies other than dancing. “I’m a workaholic and a night owl,” she quips.

After meeting in high school, Nancy and Vic married while in college and went on to graduate from North Carolina State University – Nancy with a degree in English Education, and Vic in Engineering Operations. Then Vic entered the Army, and their first child, Dan, was born in Heidelberg, Germany. Dan is now an emergency room doctor married to a pediatrician, and they have two children. Returning from Europe after three and a half years, Vic and Nancy completed MBAs at Rutgers University, and expanded their family with two more children: Becky, now a special education teacher and mother of two, and Jon, an attorney with an 18-month-old.

Nancy and Vic have a dog and many cats. They also care for a colony of feral cats, and Nancy recently worked with a local animal shelter to trap, neuter, and release 10 of them. In addition, she caught and found homes for nine kittens.

With their busy schedules, Nancy and Vic look forward to their dance time. Indeed, square dancing is a family affair; Nancy’s sister and brother-in-law, Jeanne and Dan Hart, are dancers, and they often spend Labor Day weekend at Cherry Ridge.

Nancy and Vic have held every office in Bee Sharps except class coordinator, and are currently presidents again. They also served as Bee Sharps delegates to Five Clubs, an association (now consisting of three clubs) that offers summer and New Year’s Eve dances. Later, they became coordinators of the group. In addition, they took Advanced lessons with Mike Jacobs and were members of Mountain Squares.

After square dancing for about five years, Vic and Nancy started learning rounds with Roy Gotta, and later with Mary Pickett, Steve Bradt, and Tom Denniston and Ellen McCabe. They were influenced by the graceful dancing of some Bee Sharps, especially Mary and Bob King and Irma Huhn and her late husband, John. Since they often partner with singles during squares, doing rounds allows them to dance together between tips.

“It’s an opportunity to do something together a few nights a week,” Nancy says of squaring and circling up with her husband. “In fact, it may be the only time during the workweek when we see each other!”

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